

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **2025 CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: John Rogers KI6UDF  
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## **2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Bud Myers KK1BUD  
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## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

04 Jan – VE Session  
04 Jan – Kids Day  
07 Jan – 28 Feb Technician Class  
07 Jan – Board Meeting  
21 Jan – General Meeting  
  
01 Feb – Fox Hunt

04 Feb – Board Meeting  
10-14 Feb – School Club Roundup  
18 Feb – General Meeting

01 Mar – Bok Kai Parade  
04 Mar – Board Meeting  
08 Mar – VE Session  
18 Mar – General Meeting

## **Local Nets**

**YSARC Net:** Monday night at 7:00 P.M. (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop and help sessions.

**Butte County ARES Net:** Monday night at 8:00 P.M. (145.290-), PL 110.9

**GEARS Club Net:** Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M., (146.850-), PL 110.9

**ARES Net:** Thursday night at 7:00 P.M., (146.085+) PL 127.3.

**YL Net:** Sunday nights at 2000, (146.970- MHz) PL 123.0.

**ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF) Net:** Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.: on the WD6AXM repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 kHz LSB.

**OARS Net:** Sunday night at 8:00 P.M., (146.655-), PL 136.5.

Other nets (From the GEARS

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**Sac Valley Net:** 7:00 P.M., 2nd Wed of the month (146.850–), PL 110.9

**440 Wed. Night Net:** 8:00 P.M. each Wednesday, 440.650 MHz.

**Golden Bear Net:** 7:00 P.M. daily 3975 kHz.

**Willie Net:** 8:00 P.M. Mondays, 1930 kHz.

**CA Traffic Net:** 3906 kHz nightly at 6:00 P.M. for traffic listing and 6:30 P.M. for roll call.

**California TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) net:** Sunday at 1:00 P.M. weekly on 7278 kHz.

## CLUB STORE

The club has the following items available for purchase at cost:

1. PL259 Coax connectors, 21 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 83 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 103 red/ black pairs. Cost is \$1.09 per pair.
4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 at \$0.50 each.
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 85 feet, 1-spool 100 feet and 1 coil of 122 feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.
6. BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, 7 each. Cost is \$3.50 each.
7. Red/Black Power Cable, 34 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 500 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
9. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
10. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost

is 2.00 each.

11. BNC Male-to-Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
12. SO-239 to SO-239 2 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
13. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
14. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

There is a Power Pole crimper that can be checked out.

If you are interested in checking out the crimper or purchasing any of the club store items contact, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 713-9068, by email at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

## KIDS DAY

Kids Day runs from 1800 UTC (1000 PST) - 2359 UTC (1400 PST). Operate as much or as little as you like.

The event is designed to give on-the-air experience to young people, to foster interest in getting a license of their own, and give older hams a chance to share their stations and love for amateur radio with their children. You can share the excitement with your own kids, grandkids, a Scout troop, a church, or the general public!

All participants are encouraged to post their story and thumbnail photos to the [Kids Day Soapbox page](#). Tell the world about your operations, the fun you had, and the contacts you made! Remember, ARRL must have a completed [release form](#) in order to

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include youth photos (younger than 18 years of age) in ARRL publications.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party was held at Lee's Canton Restaurant in Yuba City on Sat., December 7th.



Santa with Leroy (KJ6DKM) and Udell Smith

## BOK KAI PARADE

The Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club will be providing communications and logistical support for the 145<sup>th</sup> annual Bok Kai Parade in Marysville on Saturday, March 1, 2025. We provided this service for the first time in 2024 and the committee was so impressed and grateful that they asked us to assist again this year.

Bud (KK1BUD) will chair this project and has recruited the assistance of the following club members: Curtis (KF6VFP), Buck (N6CNY), Chris (KK6VZD), Daniel (N6APX), Paul (W6PNH), Joe (AK6JN), and Todd

(KO6GRI). We would like to get a couple more volunteers to make sure we are sufficiently staffed. It would only require about 4 hours of your time 8:00 am to about Noon. It is easy and only requires that you have a reliable HT Transceiver. For new hams it is a good opportunity to get involved with club and to get to know some of the veteran HAMS. If you would be interested in helping out, you can either call or text Bud at (530) 933-9586 OR email at kk1bud@ yahoo.com.

Bud (KK1BUD)

## WINTER FIELD DAY

Winter Field Day will take place January 25-26, 2025.

Winter Field Day aims to help hams improve their preparedness for disasters and practice operational abilities in adverse conditions.

The 30-hour operational period starts at 1600 UTC on Saturday the 25th (8 am PST) and ends on Sunday the 26th (1:59 pm PST).

<https://winterfieldday.org/sop.php>

## TECHNICIAN CLASS

Starting Tuesday Jan 7, 2025, the club will be sponsoring a technician class. Classes will be held at the Red Cross Center, 2125 Onstott Road, Yuba City located in classroom 2. Sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The exam session is to be determined

We will teach all categories future hams need to know to pass the exam. Test taking hints will be provided. The class is free but students will need a copy of the *ARRL Ham Radio Technician*

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*Manual*, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Students may purchase a manual themselves or order one through one of the instructors at a 20% discount.

The instructors are Curtis (KF6VFP) and Joe (N9BD).

As of 27 Dec we have 2 people signed up for the class. If you know of anyone interested, have them contact Curtis by email at: KF6VFP@arrl.net.

## FOX HUNT

The next Fox Hunt is scheduled for Sat., February 1st. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz. When you find the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

Contact: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH. He will be available on the repeater.

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

### NET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS 2025

Month	Name	Call
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Fed	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul/ Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Devon	N0DVE
May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun	Bob	N6BOB
Jul		
Aug		

Month	Name	Call
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Backup

	Mike	KK6ISQ
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To sign up for net control, contact Chris on the net or email him at **KK6VZD@arrl.net**.

## VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Jan. 4th at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at 9:00 A.M. VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered.

The exam requires two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. A fee of \$15.00 is required. **Please Note: You must have a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) to take an exam and for any transactions with the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll complete. You will not be allowed to take the exam without this number. A FRN can be obtained at:**

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

A calculator may be used as long as it has had all of its memories cleared and there are no built in or preprogrammed formulas.

Upgrades to a higher class also

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require two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. Also, bring your license and a photocopy of the license.

If you take an exam and pass, you can take the next higher class exam at no additional cost.

If you do not pass and wish to try again an additional fee will be required.

Licensing fees will be the responsibility of the applicant regardless of filing method and must be paid within 10 calendar days of FCC's receipt of the application. For applications filed by a VEC, the period does not begin until the application is received by the Commission, a ULS file number assigned, and an email sent by the FCC directly to the applicant."

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not collect the \$35 fee at license exam sessions. New and upgrade candidates at an exam session will continue to pay the \$15 exam session fee to the ARRL VE team as usual, and pay the new, \$35 application fee directly to the FCC by using the CORES FRN Registration system.

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate who then will have 10 calendar days from the date of the email to pay. After the fee is paid and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license or explanation of other action. The link will be good for 30 days

Good luck to everyone taking exams!

## **DECEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

04 Jan: Kids Day; Phone

04 Jan: ARRL RTTY Roundup; Digital

11 Jan: North America QSO Contest; CW

18 Jan: North America QSO Contest; Phone

18 Jan: ARRL VHF Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

25 Jan: Winter Field Day; CW, Phone, Digital

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest\\_Corral/2025/January%202025%20Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest_Corral/2025/January%202025%20Corral.pdf)

[www.qrpxohunt.org](http://www.qrpxohunt.org)

[www.ncccsprint.com](http://www.ncccsprint.com) and

[www.cwops.org](http://www.cwops.org).

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. January 7th at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

At this meeting the new board and officers will be taking over.

## **COMMENTS**

- YSARC's web page is: [YubaSutterARC.org](http://YubaSutterARC.org). Check out more photos of foxhunts and public service events!
- Past VHN's are available on the [YubaSutterARC.org](http://YubaSutterARC.org) website.
- Thanks to our web master, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.
- Click on the upper right-hand icon "Join Now" on the YSARC

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homepage to become a member of the club. Mailing instructions are provided.

- Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures of ham shacks, antenna parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, Fox Hunt, etc. are appreciated. Send them to KI6CSN@arrl.net or KF6FVP@arrl.net

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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 5, 2024  
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June

Meeting called to order by Joe Visalli at 19:00 hours.

### Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD - absent

Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD - absent

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD

Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH

Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD

Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY - absent

Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT - absent

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG and Devon Goss NODVE.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from October 1, 2024 as presented, Bud/Paul, passed.
- Motion to approve new member applications from Wes Peterson WB6SWW and Joe Gerard AK6JN, Paul/Bud, passed.
- ARRL annual dues is \$59. If new ARRL members submit their application via the club, the club gets to keep \$20 of the \$59. The club gets to keep \$5 of ARRL renewals done through the club.
- Linda went through the big box of past secretaries' records, organizing and thinning items we no longer need, such as bank statements older than 7 years.

### Treasurer's Report:

- June provided Curtis with the insurance forms needed by the Methodist Church and the Red Cross.
- Motion to approve June's Financial Reports for September 30, 2024, Paul/Bud, passed.

### Old Business

- Christmas Party will be December 7 at Lee's Canton Restaurant again. Social 5-6pm, Dinner 6pm. Tickets will be \$25 and available for sale at the November club meeting.
- Motion to spend \$100 for Santa to appear at the Christmas Party, Bud/Paul, passed.
- Motion to spend \$200 on prizes for the Christmas Party, Paul/Bud, passed.
- Paul advised us on the status of the website and PayPal accounts, which still have Kevin as admin. Paul registered the domain name YubaSutterARC.org and will likely switch to it before year's end.

### New Business

- Paul is the new VE liaison. LeRoy Smith has stepped down after many years of service.
- Motion to donate \$300 to the First Methodist Church for use of Pioneer Hall next year, Bud/Paul,

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passed.

- Motion to keep the 2025 budget the same as the 2024 budget, Paul/Bud, passed.
- There will be no club meeting in December since we are having the Christmas Party instead.

Motion to adjourn at 19:44 hours, Paul/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary