

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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2025 CLUB OFFICERS

Pres.: John Rogers KI6UDF

Vice Pres.: Steve Shepard, KN6IJD

Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

03 May – VE Session

03 May – Bike Around the Buttes

04 May – Star Wars Day

06 May – Board Meeting

20 May – General Meeting

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Visalli, N9BD

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

Bud Myers KK1BUD

Devon Goss N0DVE

Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

03 Jun – Board Meeting

14 Jun – Fox Hunt

17 Jun – General Meeting

28-29 Jun – Field Day

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

01 April – Board Meeting

12 April – Fox Hunt

15 April – General Meeting

16 April – Yuba County Prepared Fair

18 April – World Amateur Radio Day

26 April – CalDART Exercise

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

Other nets (From the GEARS Radiator Newsletter)

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. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 500 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
8. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 3 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

9. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
10. BNC Male-to-Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
11. SO-239 to SO-239 2 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
12. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
13. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 5 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, on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

FOR SALE

Devon Goss (N0DVE) is selling a short sleeve t-shirt with the club logo in vinyl on the back and your call sign on the front pocket area. \$20. Long sleeves are \$26. Profits go to the Club. Custom designs are possible. Send me your requests and we will try to make it happen. Email me with t-shirt color, size, style, call sign and any special requests. I can bring the finished shirts to the club meetings or you can pick up.

Devon can be reached at Devdzyn@me.com or N0DVE@arrl.net

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FOXHUNT

Unfortunately, the last Fox Hunt was cancelled due to the rain. So, no photos this month.

The next Fox Hunt is scheduled for Sat., April 12th. 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.

ARES NEWS

The Yuba-Sutter ARES will have a booth at Yuba County Be Prepared Fair. The fair will be held on Wed., April 16th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Foothills Lions Club 5667 Fruitland Road, Loma Rica, CA.

Fire trucks, First Responders, Food Trucks, the Reach Helicopter, Freebies, Go-Bags and more will be available. Lots of good information on getting ready for the upcoming fire season.

On Sat., April 26, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., California Disaster Airlift Response Team (CalDART) will be conducting a statewide disaster response exercise and the Yuba-Sutter ARES team will be participating.

The exact details such as local airport we will be supporting are yet to be decided. The exercise for CalDART will deliver a package of simulated emergency medical supplies to local airports across California and picking up a package to relay to the next airport on



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their list.

Yuba-Sutter ARES plans to operate a field station for simulated disaster response team on WD6AXM. All hams are welcome and encouraged to participate in the net. We will probably have a group picnic near the airport once we have a location.

Robert Kelly K6VNR
YS ARES Emergency Coordinator

YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) is sponsoring three scholarships:

- The Ethel Smith, K4LMB, Memorial Scholarship — \$2,500 award
- The Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, Memorial Scholarship — \$2,500 award
- The Martha “Marte” Wessel, KØEPE, Memorial Scholarship — \$1,500 award

To qualify, students must be female, have an amateur radio license, meet the requirements listed on the [YLRL website](#) and apply using the [online application](#).
<https://yrl.net/Scholarships>

Applications are due by April 30, 2025. Winners will be announced in July 2025.

HAMFESTS AND CONVENTIONS

International DX Convention

Start Date: 04/10/2025
End Date: 04/13/2025

Location: Visalia Convention Center

303 E. Acequia Ave.

Visalia, CA 93277

Website: <http://dxconvention.com>

Sponsor: Northern California DX Club

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: None

Public Contact: Paul Ewing , N6PSE
3052 Wetmore Dr. San Jose, CA 95148

Phone: 408-712-5513

Email: pauln6pse@gmail.com

Big Bear HamScape

Start Date: 04/25/2025

End Date: 04/27/2025

Location: Holiday Inn Resort
40650 Village Drive

Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

Website: <http://BigBearHamEscape.com>

Sponsor: Activate Big Bear, LLC

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In:

Public Contact: Dede Hermon , K6DDZ
Activate Big Bear, LLC PO Box 2849 Big
Bear Lake, CA 92315
Phone: 909 683-3231

Email: events@activatebigbear.com

BOK KAI PARADE

On March 1st, ten Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club members volunteered their time to assist in the 145th running of the Bok Kai Parade in Marysville. This was the year of the Snake.

YSARC provided organization, direction and control to more than 55 parade participants to insure smooth and orderly staging and entrance into the parade route. All of our volunteers were

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very well prepared and performed flawlessly. What a great group work with!! The weather was perfect and the Parade Committee was very organized, so everyone had a great time representing YSARC in our community. John Lim (Festival Director) and Heather Thompson (Parade coordinator) asked that we make this event part of our annual schedule.

Club volunteers included: Chris KK6VZD, Bud KK1BUD, Paul W6PNH, Steve KN6IJD, Matthew KN6WNR, Daniel N6APX, Curtis KF6VFP, and newcomers this year, Joe AK6JN, Wes WB6SWW and Devon N0DVE.

After the parade many of us met for lunch and comradery at Frosty's Chill and Grill, a fifties throwback hamburger joint in Marysville. It was great to visit with friends and share stories about the parade, ham radio, and life in general.

Thank you very much to all you guys and gals for a job well done!!!

Bud (KK1BUD)



Parade Participants Getting Ready



Miss Bok Kai

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

The annual Bike Around the Buttes (BATB) will be held

Sat., May 3rd, 2025. Ted (KN6TED) is heading up the event this year. All participation is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer, but cannot do a full day, that is perfectly fine! We can work things around. Packets will be going out soon, via email, to everyone who is participating.

BATB Supports the NorCal Lions Health Foundation. It has a 20-mile, 40-mile, -71-mile and 100-mile routes. The 100-mile riders start from 0600-0630, 71-mile riders start from 0630-0730, 40-mile riders start from 0730-0830, and the 20-mile riders start from 0830-1000 hrs.

Positions as of 25 Feb 2025

Position	Name	Call Sign
Net Control 1	Ted	KN6TED
Net Control 2	Curtis	KF6VFP
Runner		
Rest Stop 1	Robert	K6VNR
Rest Stop 1		

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Position	Name	Call Sign
Rest Stop 2	Chris	KK6VZD
Rest Stop 2		
Rest Stop 3	Joe	AK6JN
Rest Stop 3		
Rest Stop 4		
Rest Stop 4		
SAG 1	Bud	KK1BUD
SAG 2	Eric	KN6QQT
SAG 3	Ernie	KN6GTN
SAG 4		
SAG 5		
SAG 6		
SAG 7		
SAG 8		
SAG 9	Steve	KN6IJD
SAG 10	Daniel	N6APX
SAG 11		
Bike Path		
Victor 1		
Victor 2		

We are currently looking for 7 more SAG's, 1 more rest stop, and a net control runner. Anyone available to volunteer, please contact Ted at kn6ted@gmail.com or Text him at 530.844.0998 with your Name, Callsign, and email address

Remember, SAGs are to check in at Net Control by 0545 Saturday morning. At 0545, we will do a safety and information brief for any last-minute changes. Rest Stops can check into Net Control via radio. Rest stops please arrive on your post 15 minutes prior to its opening. If you are running late, please notify Net Control.

Ted Herman (KN6TED)

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Apr	Devon	N0DVE
May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun	Bob	N6BOB
Jul	Ryan?	K6RCM
Aug		
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct	Joe	AK6GN
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. We need people to sign up for Aug., Nov., and Dec. for this year.

VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session two technician exams were given. Congratulations to Daniel Bay (KO6IKE) and Henry Graves (KO6IJP) on obtaining their technician license.

The next VE session will be Sat., May 3rd 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**

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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 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!

APRIL QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

06 Apr: Georgia State Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

06 Apr: Florida State Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

06 Apr: Louisiana QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

06 Apr: Mississippi QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

06 Apr: Missouri QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Apr: Texas State Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Apr: North Dakota QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

12 Apr: Georgia QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

13 Apr: ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB; Phone

19 Apr: Nebraska QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Apr: Michigan QSO Party; CW, Phone

19 Apr: Ontario QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

19 Apr: Quebec QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

26 Apr: Florida QSO Party; CW, Phone

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For more info, visit:

www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/April 2025 Corral.pdf
www.qrpfoxhunt.org
www.ncccsprint.com and
www.cwops.org.

GENERAL MEETING

At the last club meeting in March, Joe (N9BD) gave a talk about coax cables and how to determine which one and how much you need for your application. He went over the characteristics of the three types coax the club store has on hand and also LMR400.

The next meeting on Tues., April 15th. Joe (N9BD) will be presenting and demonstrating antenna tuners.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. April 1st at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

COMMENTS

- YSARC's web page is: ysarc.net. Check out more photos of foxhunts and public service events!
- **YSARC is currently migrating to a new website: yubasutterarc.org**
- Thanks to our web master, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.
- Click on the upper right-hand icon “**Join Now**” on the YSARC 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 February 4, 2025

Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June

Meeting called to order by John Rogers at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President John Rogers KI6UDF

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: Devon Goss N0DVE

Director: Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from January 7, 2025 board meeting, Paul/Joe, passed.
- No new member applications received this past month.
- Linda will miss the April board meeting. Devon has graciously offered to write up the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's Financial Reports for February 4, 2025, Bud/Joe, passed.
- June needs the current value of our trailer and generator in order to complete form CT-TR-1. Government forms 990N, 199N, and SI-100 have been filed.

Old Business

- It was decided to show a video for the February club meeting. Paul will put some videos on a jump drive for John. Maybe Chris can bring a laptop? Curtis can make a presentation on coax and connectors after the tech class is over. Chris may be able to put together tape-measure yagi kits.
- Bud is coordinating the Bok Kai Festival on March 1. He has 11 volunteers.
- Paul noted that a VE session is on the same day as Bike Around the Buttes. He thinks 3 VE's will be enough and we'll leave schedule as is. Paul also reported progress moving toward online testing.

New Business

- Devon offered to make T-shirts and mugs for sale to club members if her equipment is still working. T-shirts would have club logo on back, call sign on front. Made to order. She would ask reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses only.

Motion to adjourn at 19:51 hours, Joe/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary