

# 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

17 May – Hot RF Nights  
20 May – General Meeting  
30 May – 01 Jun – Sea-Pac  
Convention

## **2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Bud Myers KK1BUD  
Devon Goss N0DVE  
Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

03 Jun – General Meeting

14 Jun – Fox Hunt

17 Jun – Board Meeting

28-29 Jun – Field Day

01 Jul – Board Meeting

05 Jul – VE Session

15 Jul – General Meeting

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Robert Kelly K6VNR  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

03 May – VE Session  
03 May – Bike Around the Buttes  
04 May – Star Wars Day  
06 May – Board Meeting  
10 May – Annual Armed Forces  
Crossband Test

## **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

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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 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, 12 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 74 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, 300 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](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.

## ***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 [Devdzyne@me.com](mailto:Devdzyne@me.com) or [N0DVE@arrl.net](mailto:N0DVE@arrl.net)

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Chris (KK6VZD) has a couple of low end HTs that he recently (within the past month) bought for a project that didn't work out and is offering them up for sale (believe it or not). I have two (2) Radioddity GC-5 HTs that I will sell individually or as a pair for \$17 each. He will even program them for you if you wish. if you're interested contact him at KK6VZD@ARRL.NET.

EHAM.NET reviews

at <https://www.eham.net/reviews/view-product/15677>

## ***FOXHUNT***

We had a great fox hunt today! The first person to find the fox was Dave, WD6AXM with a record time of six minutes. Way to go Dave!



AJ K6AJH, Paul W6PNH, Dave WD6AXM, Jeffrey KN6MXB, Steven, and Caden

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Gordon, Devon N0DVE, AJ K6AJH  
and Dave WD6AXM

Our next fox hunt will be June 7th. 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.

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

## ***ARES NEWS***

Once again, the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) attended the Yuba County OES Preparation Fair. This semiannual event was held in Loma Rica at the Lions Club field and park. Many Disaster Relief Organizations and Governmental Agencies displayed their equipment, and answered questions for the public. YS ARES set up a voice ham radio, 2 meter packet Winlink and GMRS portable stations.

Every year the public seems to get more and more interested in amateur

radio and this is a great outreach event for us!



Front row: Robert K6VNR, Karla K6KDS, and Devon N0DVE. Back Row: Neil N6CNY, Daniel N6APX, Paul W6PNH and John KI6UDF



Robert K6VNR, Paul W6PNH and  
Karla K6KDS



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Robert K6VNR, Paul W6PNH and Devon N0DVE



Karla K6KDS



Robert K6VNR, Daniel N6APX and Devon N0DVE (in the background)



Paul W6PNH and Karla K6kKDS in front of the rescue chopper

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



Close up of Paul W6PNH

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•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://ylrl.net/Scholarships>

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

## **ARMED FORCES CROSSBAND TEST**

From ARRLX005: Special Bulletin

“ZCZC AX05  
QST de W1AW  
Special Bulletin 5 ARLX005  
From ARRL Headquarters  
Newington CT April 25, 2025  
To all radio amateurs

SB SPCL ARL ARLX005  
ARLX005 Annual Armed Forces Day  
Crossband Test scheduled for  
Saturday, May 10, 2025

The Annual Armed Forces Day (AFD)  
Crossband Test, hosted by the  
Department of Defense, is scheduled for  
Saturday, May 10, 2025.

The event will test two-way  
communications between military  
stations and amateur radio operators as  
authorized by the Federal  
Communications Commission in Title 47  
of the Code of Federal Regulations 47  
CFR 97.111. The test provides  
opportunities, and challenges, for  
operators to test their individual technical

skills in a controlled scenario that will not  
impact public or private communications.

The annual DOD message will be  
transmitted via RTTY on 14667.0 kHz at  
1400 and 2000 UTC. Military stations will  
transmit on selected military frequencies  
and announce the specific amateur radio  
service frequencies that will be monitored.

All scheduled times will be in UTC,  
and all scheduled transmissions will be  
upper sideband (USB), unless otherwise  
noted. Frequencies, times, and other  
technical information can be found at the  
DoD MARS - Armed Forces Day site  
at: [www.dodmars.org/mars-comex-  
information-website/armed-forces-day](http://www.dodmars.org/mars-comex-information-website/armed-forces-day).

Those who wish to document their  
contacts with a QSL card should  
visit [www.usarmymars.org/armed-  
forces-day-qsl-card-request](http://www.usarmymars.org/armed-forces-day-qsl-card-request) and  
complete the request form. For more  
than 50 years, military and amateur  
stations have taken part in this event.

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## **HOT RF NIGHTS**

Hot RF Nights, a carnival for all  
interested in radio and emergency  
services. The Sierra Foothills ARC is  
annual event is promoting the use of  
Amateur Radio on the go and in  
emergencies. This year it is being held at  
the William Jessup University Main  
Parking Lot; 2121 University Ave.,  
Rocklin, CA 95765 on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3  
p.m. to 8 p.m. Setup for those wanting to  
show off their mobile rigs, go kits, etc. is  
at 2 p.m. A flyer with more information is  
at the end of the newsletter.

I want to extend an invite to YSARC to

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attend Hot RF Nights next month in Rocklin. Would this be something you'd be willing to come down for? Please confirm whether or not you can make it.

73,Smitty (WB1G)  
Public Information Officer  
Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio Club  
w6ek.org

## HAMFESTS AND CONVENTIONS

### RENO HAM SWAP

**Start Date:** 05/10/2025

**End Date:** 05/10/2025

**Location:** Cabela's Reno  
8650 Boomtown Garson Rd  
Reno, NV 89501

**Website:** <http://renohamswap.com>

**Sponsor:** Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.210 + PL 100.0

**Public Contact:** Wes Vick, KG7QXE  
PO Box 7727 Reno, NV 89510  
Phone: 775-453-4142

**Email:** [snars@snars.org](mailto:snars@snars.org)

### SEA-PAC NORTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

**Start Date:** 05/30/2025

**End Date:** 06/01/2025

**Location:** Seaside Convention Center  
415 First Ave.  
Seaside, OR 97138

**Website:** <http://www.seapac.org>

**Sponsor:** Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC  
and Clark County ARC

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 145.45 (PL 118.8), 145.49 (PL 118.8), and 146.52 simplex

**Public Contact:** Wayne Schuler, AI9Q  
PO Box 5471 Beaverton, OR 97006-0471

Phone: 503-882-7388

**Email:** [info@seapac.org](mailto:info@seapac.org)

## BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

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

Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 26 Apr 2025

Position	Name	Call Sign
Net Control 1	Ted	KN6TED
Net Control 2	Curtis	KF6VFP
Runner		
Rest Stop 1	Chris	KK6VZD
Rest Stop 2	Robert	K6VNR
Rest Stop 3	Paul	KO6BGY
Rest Stop 4	Ahren	No Call
Rest Stop 5	Wes	WB6SWW
SAG 1	Bud	KK1BUD

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Position	Name	Call Sign
SAG 2	Eric	KN6QQT
SAG 3	Ernie	KN6GTN
SAG 4	Lester	KK6SYV
SAG 5	Brandon	KM6JID
SAG 6	Andy	KJ6IYM
SAG 7	Matthew	KN6WNR
SAG 8	Darren	N9RHG
SAG 9	Steve	KN6IJD
SAG 10	Daniel	N6APX
SAG 11	Jim	KI6LER
Bike Path		
Victor 1		
Victor 2		

We need a few hams to provide relief for lunch/emergencies.

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 30 minutes prior to its opening. If you are running late, please notify Net Control.

Ted Herman (KN6TED)

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

May	Curtis/ Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun	Bob	N6BOB
Jul	Ryan	K6RCM
Aug		
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct	Joe	AK6GN
Nov		

Dec		
Backup		
	Mike	KK6ISQ

To sign up for net control, contact Chris on the net or email him at [KK6VZD@arri.net](mailto:KK6VZD@arri.net). We need people to sign up for Aug., Nov., and Dec. for this year.

## VE TEST SESSION

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 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



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may 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!

## **MAY QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

03 May: 7<sup>th</sup> Call Area QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

03 May: Indiana QSO Party; CW, Phone

03 May: Delaware QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

03 May: New England QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

10 May: Canadian Prairies QSO Party; CW, Phone

17 May: His Majesty the King of Spain Contest; CW

03 May: Arkansas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2025/May 2025 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2025/May%2025%20Corral.pdf)

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

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

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

## **GENERAL MEETING**

At the club meeting in March, Joe (N9BD) demonstrated two different antenna tuners and how to set them up to work with your radio.

The next meeting is on Tues., May 20<sup>th</sup>. The club will be discussing and finalizing Field Day, which will be held on the fourth weekend in June.

**Please note: Due to a conflict with a church event the June General Meeting has been moved to the first Tuesday of the month, June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

**Board members and officers, please note that the June board meeting will be the third Tuesday of the month due to the**

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conflict with the church event and our normal general meeting.

## COMMENTS

- YSARC's web page is: **yubasutterarc.net**. Check out more photos of foxhunts and public service events!
- 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 March 4, 2025 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June

Meeting called to order by Steve Shepard at 19:00 hours.

### Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President John Rogers KI6UDF - absent  
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD  
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

Members and Guests present: Bill Duncan WA6OHP, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from February 4, 2025 board meeting, Joe/Bud, passed.
- No new member applications received this past month.
- The post office distributed letters to boxholders asking for email addresses and encouraging payment online. No action taken.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's Financial Reports for February 4, 2025, Bud/Joe, passed.
- All required government documents have been filed for the year.

### Old Business

- Devon has received one shirt order so far. The suggestion was made to advertise in the VHN.
- Joe and Curtis will make a presentation on coax and connectors at the March club meeting. If Curtis is not available, Paul says the meeting could be held at Crossroads Community Church.
- Bud had 10 volunteers at the Bok Kai Festival. While there, he was approached by someone interested in having a presentation on a local radio station.
- Paul reported ARRL is no longer publishing paper tests. The next test session will be digital, which also allows for remote testing. Our VE schedule is posted on ARRL and Hamstudy.org.

### New Business

- Possible topics for April meeting: antenna tuners, tape-measure yagis, slow scan TV, meteor scatter.
- Curtis reported that Ted still needs 7 SAGs, 1 rest stop and a runner for Bike Around the Buttes.

Motion to adjourn at 19:49 hours, Bud/Joe, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary

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## COOLER AND CLOSER FOR 2025

**MAY 17, 2025**

**WILLIAM JESSUP UNIVERSITY  
MAIN PARKING LOT  
2121 UNIVERSITY AVE,  
ROCKLIN, CA 95765**

SETUP BEGINS: **2PM**  
LOT OPEN: **3PM**  
END TIME: **8PM**

**WIN PRIZES!**



**MORE DETAILS**  
[hotrfnights.w6ek.org](http://hotrfnights.w6ek.org)

Hot RF Nights is a chance to show off mobile radio installs, POTA kits, emergency/special event setups, and build fellowship among Northern California amateur radio operators, enthusiasts, and clubs.

Think of Hot RF Nights as a carnival for all interested in radio and emergency services.

All in attendance will get a free ticket in our prize drawing. Fat Cat Catering will be serving up some good eats. Gerry and Theta are bringing back their famous ice cream floats for \$5 and we'll have free water available to all.

We'll continue in the tradition of collecting food donations for the greater Placer County region. We also encourage attendees to donate lightly used radio gear to be sold by the club to help fund the SFARC STEM Scholarship program.

This is a no cost event open to ALL individuals, enthusiasts, and clubs.

- Food by  
**FAT CAT CATERING**  
- Served Agencies from  
all across Northern  
California  
- Family Friendly  
- Easy Access from  
Highway 65 (Sunset Blvd  
Exit)  
- Gerry and Theta's  
Famous Root Beer and  
Orangesicle Floats

**PRIZES  
ANNOUNCED  
SOON!**

SPECIAL THANKS:

