

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

UPCOMING EVENTS

05 Aug – Board Meeting
09 Aug – Fox Hunt
16 Aug – ARRL Rookie Roundup
19 Aug – General Meeting

02 Sep – Board Meeting

06 Sep – VE Session
20 Sep – BBQ and Picnic

04-05 Oct – CA QSO Party
07 Oct – Board Meeting
10-12 Oct – PACIFICON
11 Oct – Fox Hunt
18-19 Oct – Jamboree On The Air
21 Oct – 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.

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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, 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, on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

POTA ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Parks on the Air (POTA) across the country by Paul W6PNH and Karla K6KDS.

We set out on our road trip to Washington D.C. in our camper van on June 8th. Equipped with a Yeasu FTDX-10, Chameleon Tactical Delta Loop, and a Wolf River Coil with a 102" whip, we made a goal to activate a POTA park in each state that we passed through. We achieved our goal and activated parks in 21 states. We made a little extra effort to

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find a park in Washington D.C. for a total of 22 activations. In Maryland we ran into a group of hams gathered for their own activation. We had a good visit with them and got to see one of them make his first satellite contact.

In D.C., we had a great time touring the White House, Capital, Library of Congress and several of the museums. Touring the monuments around the national mall at night was an amazing experience!

We were still on the road when Field Day arrived and we operated in both Colorado and Wyoming making a total of 49 contacts.

While the D.C. visit was the primary purpose of the trip, the POTA activity made the entire trip a lot of fun. It was a treat to make contact with a few of our club members along the way. Joe N9BD, Dave KC9EI, and Dan KN6DRN all helped us reach our activation goals.

We arrived home late on July 1st and logged over 6,600 miles in our converted Sprinter van. We still have a few states to activate so we look forward to a few more road trips ahead!



Paul - W6PNH and Karla - K6KDS



Paul - W6PNH Setting up the Chameleon TDL Antenna

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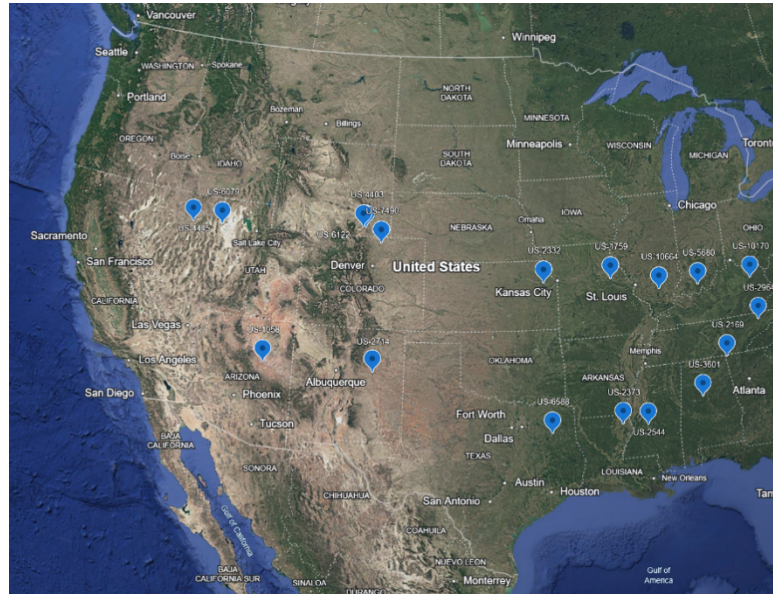
Karla - K6KDS Working FT8 POTA Stations



Paul - W6PNH Working Field Day



Hams in Maryland meeting for POTA



Map of POTA Activations

Paul (W6PNH) and Karal (K6KDS)

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Foxhunt

Our next fox hunt will be Sat., Aug 9th. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz.

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

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PACIFICON

PACIFICON is the West Coast convention for radio amateurs. There are forums, vendors and other activities.

Registrations for PACIFICON are now open.

<https://www.pacificon.org>

Changes in the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section

From ARRL Letter for 17 Jul 2025:

“Jay Ballinger, N6SAC, of Antelope, California, has been appointed Section Manager of the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section, effective July 16, 2025. He will serve the remainder of a term that expires on September 30, 2027.

He replaces Dr. Carol Milazzo, MD, KP4MD, who was appointed as Pacific Division Vice Director. Dr. Milazzo has served as Section Manager since 2015.

The ARRL Field Organization is the grassroots corps that makes up the 60,000 volunteers among ARRL membership. It is divided into 71 sections, each of which is led by a volunteer Section Manager who is nominated and voted on by the members

of the section. Section Managers serve two-year terms.”

Changes in the ARRL Pacific Division

From ARRL Letter for 17 Jul 2025:

“Dr. Carol Milazzo, MD, KP4MD, of Citrus Heights, California, has been appointed Vice Director of the ARRL Pacific Division, effective July 9, 2025. She replaces John Litz, NZ6Q, who acceded to the position of Director in May. She will serve the remainder of a three-year term ending December 31, 2025.

Since 2015, Dr. Milazzo has served as Section Manager of the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section. She is a Volunteer Examiner and an ARRL Life Member.

The ARRL Pacific Division is comprised of the ARRL Sections of East Bay, Sacramento Valley, San Francisco, San Joaquin Valley, Santa Clara Valley, Nevada, and Pacific.

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® is governed by an all-volunteer Board of Directors. Elections are held for five of the 15 ARRL Divisions each year, for terms of 3 years.”

Hams to the Rescue

From ARRL Letter dated July 24, 2025

Amateur Radio Helps Locate Missing Mother and Son

Amateur radio had a crucial role in locating a mother and her 9-year son lost in California’s Stanislaus National Forest, according to information from a Sheriff’s news release. On Friday, July 11, 2025,

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the pair was reported overdue from a day trip to Camp Wolfeforo, a popular scout camp in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

On Saturday July 12, the Calaveras County Volunteer Search and Rescue Team (SAR) was conducting its monthly training exercise along the Stanislaus River when members received notification that Tami and son Stirling had been reported missing since Friday afternoon and were not answering their cell phones.

The SAR team set up a command post at Black Springs Off-Highway Vehicle riding (OHV) Recreational Area and quickly began initiating a road-based search using four-wheel-drive vehicles and air support from the California Highway Patrol.

Joining the search was a Deputy and a Forest Service Law Enforcement Ranger who responded to 911 texts from campers in the area that a vehicle possibly matching the description of the pair's missing car had been found. The SAR team began to find handwritten notes posted near a remote Forest Service road and then another about a mile away that included a telephone number and the names of the missing individuals. Just before 6:00 PM, the car and the lost mother and son were found. But the rescue was not over.

SAR team members were unable to communicate with their command post using conventional frequencies and cell phones from their deep woods location. So they used an amateur radio frequency to report their emergency traffic. The call was immediately answered by a retired El Dorado County communications supervisor, who is also an amateur radio

operator, monitoring from his home. He contacted the El Dorado 911 center, which provided the information to Calaveras County Dispatch. The SAR command post was notified, and the mother and her son were transported to waiting family members.

Young Stirling also had a hand with the rescue. He used his scout whistle to blow SOS, the internationally recognized Morse code distress signal, to give searchers a better chance of locating their position."



The command post for the rescue mission. [Calaveras County Sheriff's Office, photo.]

Field Day Results

From Joe N9BD:

The following hams showed up for Field Day:

N9BD - Joe

KF6VFP - Curtis

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WY0M - Kramer
N6APX - Daniel
KK1BUD - Bud
KK6VZD - Chris
KN6WNR - Matthew
KK6ISQ - Mike
N6CNY - Buck
KN6IJD - Steve

Our total score submitted was 774 points

124 QSO Points
600 Points Emergency Power
50 Points for online submission

We operated 7 bands:

BAND	DIGITAL	PHONE
160	12	0
80	9	0
40	5	4
20	1	10
15	0	9
10	10	3
6	12	0
Total	49	26

73, Joe

From Paul:

Our total score submitted was 296 points

146 QSO Points
100 Points Emergency Power
50 Points for online submission

We operated 3 bands:

BAND	DIGITAL	PHONE
40	5	30
20	17	30
15	2	30
Total	24	90

ARRL Ham Radio Technician License Manual, 5th Edition

Are you or someone you know studying for the ham radio technician license?

As a reminder, the current 5th edition will expire next year on June 30, 2026.

Monday Night Net Control

Jun	Bob	N6BOB
Jul	Leonard	KO6DVV
Aug	Ryan	K6RCM
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct	Joe	AK6GN
Nov		
Dec		

Backup

	Mike	KK6ISQ
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Step up for the position of Net Control Operator for the weeks during November and December 2025! The club needs volunteers.

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

VE Test Session

At the last VE session one technician exam was given. Congratulations to David Jesse (KO6KAP) on obtaining his technician license.

The next VE session will be Sat., Sep 6th 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

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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 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 FCC \$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!

August QSO and other contests

02 Aug: North America QSO Party; CW

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09 Aug: Maryland DC QSO Party; CW, Phone

09 Aug: Kentucky State Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

16 Aug: ARRL EME (Earth Moon Earth) Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

16 Aug: ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

16 Aug: SARL (South Africa Radio League) QSO Party; Phone

16 Aug: ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY; Digital

23 Aug: Hawaii QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

23 Aug: Ohio QSO Party; CW, Phone

30 Aug: US Islands QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

30 Aug: Colorado QSO Party, CW

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Phone, Digital

30 Aug: Kansas QSO Party; CW,
Phone, Digital

30 Aug: ALARA (Australian Ladies
Amateur Radio Association) Contest;
CW, Phone

For more info, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest
Corral/2025/August 2025 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2025/August%202025%20Corral.pdf)
www.qrpfoxhunt.org
www.ncccsprint.com and
www.cwops.org.

General Meeting

At the July meeting, Mike Morris (KK6ISQ) gave a demo and discussion about his remote-controlled ham station.

During the meeting, we all enjoyed root beer floats. Thanks to Bud (KK1BUD) and Carol for the floats!



The next general meeting will be held Tues. Aug 19th at the Marysville First United Methodist Church, at the corner of 8th and D Streets, Marysville.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 1900 (7 p.m.), August 5th via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

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

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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 June 17, 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

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: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Karla Hyatt K6KDS, Mike Morris KK6ISQ

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 6, 2025 board meeting, Leonard/Joe, passed.
- No new member applications received this month.
- Karla will be taking minutes at the July 1st board meeting as Linda will be unavailable.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's Financial Reports for June 16, 2025, Joe/Bud, passed.

Old Business

- Field Day will be held in Dobbins. Joe is the contact person and would like to know who is coming and what radios they're bringing. Saturday evening meal will come from Pizza Roundup in Loma Rica. Mike will bring club equipment up. Curtis has offered gas.
- Motion to spend up to \$120 for food and drink for Field Day, Leonard/Bud, passed.
- Monday net control operator slots have been filled through October.

New Business

- July 15 Club meeting – Mike will talk about how he controls his radio remotely.
- Bud has offered to make root beer floats for everyone in attendance at the July 15 meeting.
- Robert K6VNR is stepping down as ARES EC (Emergency Coordinator).
- CalQSO Party is coming up on the 1st weekend of October.

Motion to adjourn at 19:33 hours, Joe/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary