

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

04 Oct – One Day Ham Cram

04-05 Oct – CA QSO Party

07 Oct – Board Meeting

10-12 Oct – PACIFICON

11 Oct – Redding Hamfest

11 Oct – Fox Hunt

18-19 Oct – Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

21 Oct – General Meeting

2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Visalli, N9BD

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

Bud Myers KK1BUD

Devon Goss N0DVE

Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

04 Nov – Board Meeting

11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade

18 Nov – Election of Officers, Budget Approval

27 Nov – Thanksgiving

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

02 Dec – Board Meeting

06 Dec – Christmas Party

13 Dec – Foxhunt

25 Dec – Christmas

LIAISONS

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY

ARRL SM: Jay Ballinger, N6SAC

VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Sep – Board Meeting

06 Sep – VE Session

20 Sep – BBQ and Picnic

20 Sep – WPARC Hamfest

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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 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.

Veterans Day Parade

The Veterans Day Parade is coming soon. I am looking for volunteers to assist in positioning parade participants. We will be working from 0900 to about 1300. Positions needing to be filled are:

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Shadow	Curtis	KF6VFP
D Street		
D Street		
6th Street		
6th Street		
7th Street		
7th Street		
8th Street		
8th Street		

Curtis (KF6VFP)

Foxhunt

Photos from the last Foxhunt.



Ernie KN6GTN, Paul W6PNH, Karla K6KDS, Devon N0DVE, Gorden, and A.J. K6AJH



Ernie demonstrating his Yagi Antenna

Our next fox hunt will be Sat., Oct 11th. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz.

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

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

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>

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Annual Elections and Budget Approval

At our general meeting, on Tues., Nov. 18th, the club will be electing board members and officers for 2026. The proposed 2026 budget will also need your vote. A quorum of 17 is required to be present to conduct the voting.

To date we have the following volunteers:

Officers		
President		
V. Pres.		
Secretary	Linda	KK6SOZ
Treasurer	June	N6JEY
Board Members		
Board Member		
Non-Elected Volunteers		
Club Store	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Marsha	KI6CSN
Field Day Chair		
Veterans Day	Curtis	KF6VFP
Bok Kai Chair	Bud	KK1BUD
CA QSO		
BATB*	Ted	KN6TED
Net Control		
Club Prizes	Joe	N9BD
Tech. Class	Curtis	KF6VFP
Tech. Class	Joe	N9BD
Fox Hunt	Paul	W6PNH
Fox Hunt	Karla	K6KDS

*BATB: Bike Around the Buttes

To continue making this a very successful club we need your participation and expertise. If you are willing to volunteer for a position, please

let any officer or board member know. You can do so by emailing to: board@ysarc.net.

Note: even if someone has volunteered for a position, you can still volunteer for that position.

Sacramento Valley Hamfest

09/20/2025

Location: McBean Park

65 McBean Park Drive
Lincoln, CA 95648

7:00 a.m. - Noon

Website: <http://wparc.us>

Sponsor: Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.300 (+) 67.0

Public Contact: Michael Buck , K6BUK
203 Brockman Court Lincoln, CA
95648-7720

Phone: 916-765-5910

Email: mrbuck@pacbell.net

Jamboree On The Air

The Boy Scouts Golden Empire Council will hold their Jamboree On-the-Air Sat., Oct 18-19. Neil (N6CNY) is looking for hams to set up stations and assist the scouts in making contacts. He can be contacted at: n6cny@outlook.com.

News Release and Invitation

One-Day Ham Radio Class

October 4, 2025

Once again, volunteers from the Benicia Amateur Radio Club will conduct a One-Day Ham Radio Class. This class is intended for those wishing

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to obtain an entry level Technician license, or existing Techs wishing to upgrade to General.

This class has been very well received by the greater Northern California community. We have helped Hams from Shasta to Santa Cruz, the San Joaquin Valley, and from the Peninsula to the Sierra Foothills.

Many of us know people that we'd love to see get into our exciting hobby but have faced opposition because they didn't have time to study. As we know, many people typically require one to two months to prepare to pass their test.

We have the answer: Earn a license or upgrade in **One Day!**

Historically over 90% of attendees pass the on-site FCC licensing exam. Our exams are administered by federally accredited Volunteer Examiners (VEs) immediately at the conclusion of the class. Our proven class pass rate easily exceeds home study results.

How your Organization Benefits

We have generated many very active Hams who have brought additional participation, dimension and interest to their local clubs and CERT Teams. We're seeing our successful attendees now volunteering for On-The-Air activities, Drills, Nets & Public Service Events, and accepting leadership roles on club boards and committees.

Expand your organization's success and its public service capabilities!

Please Share this announcement with your club members, friends, family, co-workers, and local CERT teams.

We invite all persons interested in obtaining a Ham license - or Techs wishing to upgrade - to enroll in this One-Day class.

One-Day Ham Radio Class

When: Saturday, October 4, 2025, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: Benicia Senior Center, 1201 East 2nd Street, Benicia, CA 94510 (map)

Cost: \$35. Includes all study material, venue, day-long refreshments, handouts, and the exam fee. All instructors, facilitators and examiners are volunteers. After the application is processed by the FCC, new licensees will need to pay a separate \$35 fee directly to the FCC.

Access: Our facility has full handicap access.

Info/Signup: Online at BeniciaARC.com/hamclass. Class size is limited and advance registration is required.

Questions:

hamradioclass@beniciaarc.com or class coordinator Bob Fentress (707) 742-3227.

(See the attached flyer on page 11.)

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.

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Monday Night Net Control

Jun	Bob	N6BOB
Jul	Leonard	KO6DVV
Aug	Ryan	K6RCM
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct	Wes	WB6SWW
Nov	Joe	AK6JN
Dec		
2026		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr	Curtis	KF6VFP
May		
Jun		
Backup		
	Mike	KK6ISQ

Step up for the position of Net Control Operator for the weeks during December 2025! Also volunteer for 2026. 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

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 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-registrationsystem-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

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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!

September QSO and other contests

06 Sep: Ohio State Parks on the Air; Phone

07 Sep: Tennessee QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

13 Sep: ARRL EME (Earth Moon Earth) contest; CW, Phone, Digital

13 Sep: ARRL VHF Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

14 Sep: North America Sprint; CW

20 Sep: ARRL 10GHz and Up Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Sep: New Jersey QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Sep: Texas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Sep: Iowa QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Sep: New Jersey QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Sep: Wisconsin Parks on the Air; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Sep: North America Sprint; Digital

27 Sep: Maine QSO Party; CW, Phone

For more info, visit:

www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest_Corral/2025/September%202025%20Corral.pdf

www.qrpfoxyhunt.org
www.ncccsprint.com and
www.cwops.org.

General Meeting

At the August meeting, Joe Visalli (N9BD) gave a demo and discussion on using grid dip meters to determine an antenna or antenna trap frequency.

During the meeting, we all enjoyed pizza. Thanks to Devon (N0DVE) and Gordon for the pizza!

Our next meeting will be a BBQ on Saturday, September 20th, at D & B Stables (3015 Everitt Road, Sutter). All members and guests are invited, but we need to have an accurate headcount. As Vice President Shepard is committed to another activity for the several weeks, he is asking that someone on the Net write down names and Callsigns for those planning to attend. The cost is \$5 per person, and each family group is asked to bring a side order of your favorite dish.

We are also asking for members to bring various fixins' for the hamburgers and hot dogs. Items include cheese slices, pickles, cucumbers, lettuce. Please either relay to the Net (or to officers at the August meeting), or text Steve at: 530 701-6257. Joe (N9DB) is bringing the burgers and hot dogs, Bud (KK1Bud) is bringing plasticware, paper plates, and plastic cups, and Steve (KN6IJD) will bring hotdog and hamburger buns.

It is important to have an accurate count of guests, and to make sure that everything is assigned to members to outstanding burgers and buns! Please

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plan on arriving between 10 am and 11:30 am to ensure that our chefs have all the necessary goodies.

Steve (KN6IJD)

Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at 1900 (7 p.m.), September 2nd 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 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 July 1, 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	Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD	Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ – Absent	Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD – Absent
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY	Director: Devon Goss N0DVE
	Director: Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV – Absent

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Marsha Sylvester-Jose KI6CSN, Karla Hyatt K6KDS, Mike Morris KK6ISQ, Neil Bossard N6CNY, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG.

Secretary's Report:

- In Linda's absence, Joe put motion on the floor to approve minutes from June 17, 2025 board meeting, Joe/Paul, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- No financial report due to low activity on account.

Old Business

- Joe reported that the club's Field Day event had 10 participants. They made 124 QSOs with 49 digital contacts, earning 774 total points including bonuses for emergency power and online submission.
- Joe is not seeking reimbursement for the food items from field day as not much was used.
- July 15 Club meeting topic will be presented by Mike. He will talk about how he controls his radio remotely.
- Bud will make root beer floats for everyone in attendance at the July 15 meeting.

New Business

- Curtis raised the issue of several unused 8x8 pop-up gazebos that belong to the club and were taking up space in his storage. The group agreed these gazebos were too small for current needs and had only been used a few times over the years. He will look them over to see if they are worth selling or donating and report back to the board.
- The club picnic was discussed with the possibility of having it on September 20th at Steve's employer's ranch. He will check dates and get back to us. It was also discussed about the club providing the meat, but asking for a small donation to cover some of the cost.
- Joe to troubleshoot the club's Yagi antenna. It had issues on Field Day.

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- Neil discussed the Jamboree on the Air event Oct. 17-19. He will send an email to Curtis for the VHN.
- Club members to start recruiting people for board positions for the upcoming November elections.
- June received a notice from the bank about a new fee schedule change. She will investigate if the club's bank account will be impacted.
- Club members to prepare for the California QSO Party on October 4th and 5th.

Motion to adjourn at 19:36 hours, Joe/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Hyatt K6KDS, YSARC Member.

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SATURDAY, October 4, 2025 - BENICIA, CA



AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE CLASS

Average 90% Pass Rate

Study Session followed by Exam



When: Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Test only: 1:00 PM \$14

Where: Benicia Senior Center
1201 East 2nd Street, Benicia

What: Technician Class (beginner's level)
General Class Upgrade *(for licensed Techs)*

Fees: \$35.00 *includes exam fee* - FCC \$35 Fee *(not included)*



Register: beniciaarc.com/hamclass

Questions: HamRadioClass@BeniciaARC.com
or 707-742-3227 Voicemail or Text



Class size is limited and fills quickly

Register and Pre-pay online for a guaranteed seat
No prep or prior study required

Reserve Your Space - Become a Ham in One Day!

Prospective Hams: Plan on attending local Get-On-The-Air Classes (TBA)
after passing their test to become familiar with Amateur Radio operations

Can't make the
upcoming class?

Capture the QR code
for future sessions



*Extra Class Testing ONLY
Only pay the test fee of \$14.
Study materials for Element 4
not provided.*

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W5YI
EXAM TOOLS by SignalStuff

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19th Annual Sacramento Valley



Hamfest!

Saturday, Sept 20, 2025



0700 to 1200 Hours



Presented by Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

65 McBean Park Dr. (Hwy. 193) Lincoln CA

Additional Sponsors

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