

# 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

17-19 Oct – Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

20 Oct – General Meeting

01 Nov – VE Session

04 Nov – Election of Officers, Budget Approval

11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade

18 Nov – Board Meeting

27 Nov – Thanksgiving

02 Dec – Board Meeting

06 Dec – Christmas Party

13 Dec – Foxhunt

25 Dec – Christmas

## **2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

Bud Myers KK1BUD

Devon Goss N0DVE

Leonard Lanigan KO6DVV

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY

ARRL SM: Jay Ballinger, N6SAC

VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

**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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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## **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**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**

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. So far Curtis (KF6VFP) and Paul (W6PNH) have volunteered. I would like at least 7 more volunteers to help out. We will need people for the following positions:

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Shadow, 2 on D Street, 2 on 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 2 on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, and 2 on 8<sup>th</sup> Street

To volunteer contact Curtis at [KF6VFP@ARRL.NET](mailto:KF6VFP@ARRL.NET)

Curtis, (KF6VFP)

## FOXHUNT

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

The Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club presents PACIFICON 2025 hosting the ARRL Pacific Division Convention

October 10 -12, 2025

San Ramon Marriott Hotel: 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, California 94583

### General Admission\*

\$35 in advance online until October 1 – for all 3 days! Youth 17 and under admitted free and college students with a valid student ID (25 and under) \$5. Mail-in registrations must be postmarked by September 24.

\*Some events have additional cost

### Forums and Programs

Pacificon 2025 features a full slate of interesting forums and presentations from some of the most well-known and respected names in amateur radio.

### ARRL Youth Rally

Take part in the 2025 ARRL Youth Rally on Saturday, October 11. Stop by the ARRL booth to get a FREE Youth Rally t-shirt, for students who are 11 to 21 years of age (while supplies last).

For events, schedule and registration visit:

<https://www.pacificon.org>

### 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	Karla	K6KDS
V. Pres.	Steve	KN6IJD
	Bud	KK1BUD
Secretary	Linda	KK6SOZ
Treasurer	June	N6JEY
Board Members		
Board Member	Joe	N9BD
Board Member	Devyn	N0DVE
Board Member	Leonard	KO6DVV
Board Member	Paul	W6PNH
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

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Net Control	Chriz	KK6VZD
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](mailto: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](mailto:mrbuck@pacbell.net)

## JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

The Boy Scouts Golden Empire Council will hold their Jamboree On-the-Air (JOTA) 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](mailto:n6cny@outlook.com). So far Joe (N9BD), Paul (W6PNH) and Neil (N6CNY) have volunteered.

## 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 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

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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](http://BeniciaARC.com/hamclass). Class size is limited and advance registration is required.

## **Questions:**

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

(See the attached flyer.)

## **ARRL NEEDS YOU'RE HELP**

From the ARRL Letter for September 18, 2025.

### **“ARRL Launches Nationwide Grassroots Campaign to Pass Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act”**

ARRL has launched a nationwide grassroots campaign aimed at securing the passage of federal legislation that would grant Amateur Radio Operators the same rights to install antennas on their property as those enjoyed by users of TV antennas, wireless internet, and flagpoles.

The campaign, announced in an ARRL Member Bulletin on September 17, 2025, follows the reintroduction of the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act in February 2025 (see ARRL News 02/07/2025). The bipartisan bills -- H.R.1094 in the House and S.459 in the Senate -- are designed to prevent restrictive homeowners' association (HOA) rules that currently prohibit or severely limit the installation of amateur radio antennas, even when such antennas are hidden in trees, placed in attics, mounted on vehicles, or look like flagpoles.

“This legislation is about restoring equal rights to licensed Amateur Radio operators,” said ARRL President Rick Roderick. “These restrictions hinder not only the enjoyment of Amateur Radio, but also its vital role in emergency communication during disasters.”

## **Public Support Needed for Passage**

To advance the legislation, ARRL is calling on its members and all licensees of the US Amateur Radio Service to take

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action by sending letters to their congressional representatives. Through a dedicated online tool at hams can easily generate and submit pre-drafted letters with a few clicks.

Go to — <https://www.arrl.org/HOA>

— and help us by sending your letters to your Representative and Senators.

ARRL has emphasized that every letter matters. “Your Representative and Senators need to know that the passage of this legislation is important to you.”

For more information about the ARRL grassroots campaign to pass the bill, please visit [www.arrl.org/current-legislation](http://www.arrl.org/current-legislation)”

## ARRL ALERT

From ARRL Bulletin for September 10, 2025

### **“Please be Alert for Email and Text Scams**

We have heard from several members that Amateur Radio Operators and radio clubs are being targeted by scammers requesting gift card purchases. In one case, the scam message appeared to come from one club officer to another.

Please remember: No legitimate organization will ever ask for payment in the form of gift cards.

We also want to reassure you that we do not share your email address with third parties. If you receive a suspicious message, delete it and report it.

Stay alert and stay safe!

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ARRL Member Services

## HAMS NEEDED TO TRACK NASA MOON MISSION

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The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is seeking volunteers to passively track the 2026 Artemis II Orion spacecraft as the crewed mission travels to the Moon and back to Earth.

The Artemis II test flight will send NASA astronauts Reid Wiseman, KF5LKT; Victor Glover, KI5BKC; and Christina Koch, along with Canadian Space Agency (CSA) astronaut Jeremy Hansen, KF5LKU, on an approximately 10-day mission around the Moon.

Targeted for no later than April 2026, the mission will rely on NASA’s Near Space Network and Deep Space Network for primary communications and tracking support throughout its launch, orbit, and reentry. However, with a growing focus on commercialization, NASA wants to further understand industry’s tracking capabilities.

This collaboration opportunity builds upon a previous request released by NASA’s Space Communication and Navigation Program (SCaN) during the Artemis I mission in 2022. Ten volunteers successfully tracked the uncrewed Orion spacecraft on its journey thousands of miles beyond the Moon and back.

One of those volunteers tracking in 2022 was Scott Chapman, K4KDR, of Montpelier, Virginia. “Sometimes it’s what you don’t know that makes this kind activity interesting,” said Chapman. “All I had was a small S-band dish and receiver and wasn’t sure what I could or couldn’t hear...but when I started hearing

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the signals...it made everything worth it."

Chapman said he felt good about the whole process and, while it was interesting, it was also lot of fun!

If you're interested in volunteering for next year's event, all of the information can be found at SAM.gov. The response deadline is October 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM EDT.

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Jul	Leonard	KO6DVV
Aug	Ryan	K6RCM
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct	Wes	WB6SWW
Nov	Joe	AK6JN
Dec	Neil	N6CNY
<b>2026</b>		
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
May		
Jun		
Backup		
	Mike	KK6ISQ

**Step up and volunteer for 2026.  
Volunteers are what makes the club  
successful.**

To sign up for net control, contact Chris on the net or email him at [KK6VZD@arrl.net](mailto:KK6VZD@arrl.net)

## VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session 2 technician and 2 general exams were given. Congratulations to Treighton Mauldin, (KO6KVW) and Jesse Wheelock

(KO6KWK) on become technicians and David Jesse, (KO6KAP) who upgraded to general.

The next VE session will be Sat., Nov 1st 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

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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!

## ***October QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS***

- 04 Oct: Collegiate QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
- 04 Oct: Oceana DX Contest; Phone
- 04 Oct: California QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 11 Oct: ARRL EME (Earth Moon Earth) Contest; CW, Phone, Digital
- 11 Oct: Nevada QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
- 11 Oct: Oceana DX Contest; CW
- 11 Oct: Arizona QSO Party; CW, Phone

- 11 Oct: Pennsylvania QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 11 Oct: South Dakota QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 18 Oct: YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest; CW, Phone, Digital
- 19 Oct: Illinois QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
- 20 Oct: ARRL School Club Roundup; CW, Phone, Digital

These are but a few of the many contests held each month. For more information, visit:

[www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2025/October 2025 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2025/October%202025%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***

Photos from the club BBQ on 20 Sep. Thanks to Paul (W6PNH) for being our grill master.



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Our next meeting will be Tues., Oct 21st, 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.), October 7th via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed. If you do not already receive the email notices for the zoom meetings and wish to be notified please email Joe (N9BD) at [N9BD@ARRL.NET](mailto:N9BD@ARRL.NET) and let him know.

## **COMMENTS**

YSARC's web page is: [yubasutterarc.net](http://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.

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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](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 5, 2025

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 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: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Chris McLain KK6VZD.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from July 1, 2025 board meeting, Bud/Joe, passed.
- We received a Post Office box rental bill due July 31. June paid \$244 for the next 12 months usage.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to move \$300 from savings to the Special Event fund, Paul/Joe, passed.
- Umpqua Bank is changing their name to Columbia Bank. We can use our current checks until they run out. Umpqua Bank fee schedule has changed, but we will not be impacted.
- Motion to approve June's Financial Report for August 5, 2025, Leonard/Paul, passed.

### Old Business

- Motion to give the two pop-ups (frames OK, but fabric going bad) to Bud, Joe/Leonard, passed.
- Steve will be coordinating the club picnic to be held Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at 3015 Everett Rd, Sutter. Steve will provide grills. Bud will bring plasticware, paper plates, etc. Paul may hold a foxhunt. People will be encouraged to bring a side dish (and chairs, if possible). Motion to ask for a \$5 donation per person to cover cost of hamburgers & hot dogs, Joe/Bud, passed. The picnic will be discussed at next club meeting – head count needed.
- Joe fixed the club's Yagi – mainly it just needed connections cleaned.
- Need to start asking for volunteers for next year's board & officers.

### New Business

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- Joe will demonstrate the use of a grid dip meter at the August club meeting. Devon is planning to provide pizza.

Motion to adjourn at 19:45 hours, Bud/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary

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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](http://beniciaarc.com/hamclass)

**Questions:** [HamRadioClass@BeniciaARC.com](mailto: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.*

Character illustration courtesy ICOM USA

**W5YI**  
**EXAM TOOLS** by SignalStuff