

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

02 Dec – Board Meeting
02 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

03 Jan – VE Session
05 Jan - 25 Feb – Technician Class
06 Jan – Board Meeting
20 Jan – General Meeting

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY
ARRL SM: Jay Ballinger, N6SAC
VE Liaison: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Nov – VE Session
04 Nov – Election of Officers, Budget Approval
11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade
18 Nov – Board Meeting
27 Nov – Thanksgiving

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.

VETERANS DAY PARADE Tuesday, November 11, 2025

The 2025 Veterans Day Parade is coming up on Tue., November 11 at 1100 a.m. Volunteers will meet at the Bank of America parking lot, in downtown Marysville, at 9 a.m. to receive assignments and begin positioning parade participants.

Eleven volunteers have signed up to assist in the annual parade. Our club needs one person minimum on each street; 6th, 7th, 8th, and D streets;

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however, two people on each street is preferred. So far, Daniel (N6APX), Neil (N6CNY), Karla (K6KDS), Paul (W6PNH), Chris (KK6VZD), John (KI6UDF), Matthew (KN6WNR), Steve (KN6JID), Joe (AK6JN), Michael (KI6UJX) and Curtis (KF6VFP) have volunteered.

Curtis (KF6VFP) is the ramrod for this event. If you wish to volunteer, please email him at KF6VFP@arrl.net and let him know.

Curtis, (KF6VFP)

FOXHUNT

Our next foxhunt will be Sat., Dec 13th. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz.

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

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Starting Tuesday Jan 5, 2026, the club is sponsoring a Technician Class. Classes will be held at the Red Cross Center, 2125 Onstott Road, Yuba City located in classroom 2. Sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings. The exam session is to be determined. Classes will run thru Feb. 25, 2026.

We will teach everything future hams need to know to pass the exam. Test taking hints will be provided. The class is free but students will need a copy of the ARRL Ham Radio Technician Manual, 5th ed. Students may purchase a manual themselves or order one through one of

the instructors at a 20% discount.

Students will also need to obtain a FRN (Federal Registration Number) from the FCC prior to taking the exam. FRNs can be obtained online at:

FCC.gov

The instructors are Curtis (KF6VFP) and Joe (N9BD).

To sign up send an email to Curtis at: KF6VFP@arrl.net.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND BUDGET APPROVAL

At our general meeting, on Tues., Nov. 4th, the club will be electing board members and officers for 2026. The proposed 2026 budget will also need your vote. A quorum of 18 is required to be present to conduct the voting.

To date we have the following volunteers:

Officers		
President	Karla	K6KDS
V. Pres.	Steve Bud	KN6IJD 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	Joe	AK6JN
Non-Elected Volunteers		
Club Store	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Curtis	KF6VFP
VHN	Marsha	KI6CSN
Field Day Chair		
Veterans Day	Curtis	KF6VFP

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Bok Kai Chair	Bud	KK1BUD
CA QSO		
BATB*	Ted	KN6TED
Net Control	Chris	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

The proposed budget for the next year is:

General Fund: \$1300

Club Meeting Prizes: \$500

Club Store: \$250

Office Supplies: \$150

Christmas Drawing: \$300

Special Events: \$500

Total: \$3000

Because several members have other commitments the night of the election, a pdf ballot has been emailed to all eligible voting members. Members may complete this ballot, save it and email the saved ballot to: kf6vfp@gmail.com by noon on 1 Nov. All ballots received by email will be verified that they are eligible to vote, the first page will be printed and brought to the meeting for counting. Alternatively, they can print the first page and bring it to the meeting on Nov. 2nd. Additional blank ballots will be available at the meeting for voting.

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.

CA QSO Party Results

We only had three people attend the QSO at the W6KJ location in Dobbins. N9BD, W6PNH and K6KDS. We had a rather slow Saturday and were a little late to start but still had fun. We had one, visitor Ken KO6GIT from Brownsville stopped by. We tested his new radio and made a contact with it.

We made 382 QSO's total.

330 CW

52 SSB

48 multipliers

52,512 Points

Operated all six bands: 160 thru 10 meters

Joe - N9BD

Club Dues

It is that time of the year to start thinking about paying your 2026 dues. The annual fee structure is now:

\$30.00 for first full voting member ham in the family.

\$5.00 for each additional full voting member hams in the same household.

\$5.00 for non-voting member hams or non-hams joining the club.

A pdf of the dues form is available at yubasutterarc.org under the join now tab at the top of the page. You can also obtain a form from the club secretary at the meeting.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

The YSARC Annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 2.
Location: Marysville First United Methodist Church
Time : TBA.
More details to follow in next month's VHN and Monday Night Nets.

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

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Nov	Joe	AK6JN
Dec	Neil	N6CNY
2026		
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul	W6PNH

	Karla	K6KDS
Apr	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Backup

	Mike	KK6ISQ
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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

VE TEST SESSION

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>

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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!

NOVEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

01 Nov: ARRL November Sweepstakes; CW

08 Nov: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone Digital

15 Nov: ARRL November Sweepstakes; Phone

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

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

GENERAL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tues., Nov 4th at the Marysville First United Methodist Church, at the corner of 8th and D Streets, Marysville. This will be our annual election of officers, board members and budget approval. We need a quorum of 18 members to have a valid election.

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held at 1900 (7 p.m.), November 18th via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed. If you do not already receive the

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email notices for the zoom meetings and wish to be notified please email Joe (N9BD) at N9BD@ARRL.NET and let him know.

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 September 2, 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 –
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

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Neil Bossard N6CNY.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from August 5, 2025 board meeting with Bud's correction of Linda being present, Paul/Bud, passed.
- One third of our 56 Full Members is needed for a valid election. Leonard pointed out 2 members who have moved away. We will need 18 Full Members (1/3 of 54) at our November club meeting. Devon suggested email reminders (to ysarc@ysarc.net) to increase meeting attendance. For quorum purposes we can suggest members who cannot attend meetings to apply as Associate Members.
- There will be no club meeting on September 16 since the picnic will be only 4 days later.

Treasurer's Report:

- June transferred funds from savings to the Special Event fund.
- Liability insurance will come due again in November.
- While people *can* pay dues via PayPal, Paul and Devon may be able to streamline the process.
- Motion to approve June's Financial Report for September 2, 2025, Joe/Devon, passed.
- EmailDodo says we're overdue to renew – Joe paid the fee.

Old Business

- We need volunteers for 2026's board & officers.

New Business

- Motion to switch the November club and board meeting dates, as Curtis will not be available Nov. 18th, Joe/Paul, passed. The Annual meeting will now be Tuesday, November 4th – Election Day.
- Curtis is looking for volunteers for the Veterans Day Parade, Tuesday, November 11.

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- Neil announced several upcoming events: ARES Be Prepared Fair on Oct 8 in Linda, Great American Shake-Out on the air Oct. 16, volunteers needed for Jamboree on the Air in Camptonville on Oct 18.
 - Christmas Party – looking for a new venue. The Methodist church is reserved for Dec 6 as an option.
 - Tech class starts in January – Devon will look into putting ads in the Appeal-Democrat.
 - Possible topics for October club meeting – elections, digital modes, antenna paths, club swapmeet.

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

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary