

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

01 Jan --New Years Day

03 Jan – VE Session

043Jan – Kids Day

05 Jan -- 25 Feb – Technician Class

06 Jan – Board Meeting

20 Jan – General Meeting

03 Feb – Board Meeting

09-13 Feb – School Club Roundup

14 Feb – Foxhunt

17 Feb – General Meeting

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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

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

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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.

FOXHUNT

The last foxhunt was hosted by Devon (N0DVE). She hid the fox somewhere in Marysville. Photos from the hunt are below.

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From the clubs Facebook page: We're out looking for the Fox! If you are free, come on out and join us. Devon N0DVE has hidden it well somewhere in Marysville!



Gordon, James KO6AUB, Buck N6CNY, Jeff KN6MXB, Karla K6KDS & Paul W6PNH (Photo courtesy of Devon N)DVE).

Our next foxhunt will be Sat., Feb 14th. 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.

Joe and Curtis 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

Currently we have 5 people signed up for the class. There is room for 7 more if you know of anyone interested.

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

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

CHRISTMAS PARTY



The YSARC Annual Christmas party was held on Tuesday, December 2 at Marysville First United Methodist Church. It was a great potluck with more food

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that you could eat. Karla sang a Christmas carol accompanied by Steve on the piano.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Dec	Neil	N6CNY
2026		
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul	W6PNH
	Karla	K6KDS
Apr	Curtis	KF6VFP
	Marsha	KI6CSN
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep	Ernie	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
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

Club Dues

Now is the time to pay your club dues for 2026. Costs are:

\$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.

If you would like to renew your club membership electronically, please check out the new PayPal link for paying your club dues. You can find the link on our website or scan the QR code for access. When using PayPal there is a box for you to list how you want your payment to be used. For example:

Curtis (KF6VFP) ARRL Member \$30.00

Marsha (KI6CSN) ARRL Member \$5.00

Repeater donation \$20.00

ARES donation \$20.00

Other donations (please specify what the other donation is for) \$20.00.

Total: \$85.00

Of course, in person payments at club meetings are always appreciated!



VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., Jan. 3rd 2026 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at

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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 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!

January 2026 QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

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

03 Jan: ARRL RTTY Roundup; Digital

03 Jan: ARRL Kids Day; Phone

10 Jan: North America QSO Party; CW

17 Jan: North America QSO Party Single Side Band (SSB); Phone

17 Jan: ARRL January VHF Contest; Phone, Digital, CW

[www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2026/January 2026 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2026/January%202026%20Corral.pdf)

www.qrpfoxyhunt.org

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

BOARD MEETING

The next Zoom board meeting will be on Tues., Jan 6th 2026 at 1900 hours (7 p.m.), 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 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