

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC  
Vice Pres.: Steve Shepard, KN6IJD  
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

01 Nov – Board Meeting  
05 Nov – VE Session  
11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade  
12 Nov – Fox Hunt  
15 Nov – General Meeting

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
Mike Morris, KK6ISQ  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Robert Kelly, K6VNR  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

03 Dec – Club Christmas Party  
06 Dec – Board Meeting

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **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.

**OARS Net:** Sunday night at 8:00 P.M., (146.655-), PL 136.5.

Other nets (From the GEARS

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

01-02 Oct – CA QSO Party  
04 Oct – Board Meeting  
08 Oct – Fox Hunt  
14-16 Oct – Pacificon  
18 Oct – General Meeting

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**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.

## FOX HUNT



The next Fox Hunt will be Oct 8th. Beginning at 9 AM. The Fox will be transmitting from somewhere in Yuba City on 146.565 MHz. When you arrive at the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. We'll have some refreshments and a chance to share hunting stories. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

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

Bring your transceivers and antennas. Can you find the hidden transmitters?

Paul (W6PNH) and Karla (K6KDS)

## CLUB STORE

The club has the following items available for purchase at cost:

1. PL259 Coax connectors, 21 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 84 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 25 red/ black pairs. Cost is \$1.00 per pair.
4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 85 feet, 1-spool 100 feet and 1 coil of 125 feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.
6. BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, 7 each. Cost is \$3.50 each.
7. Red/Black Power Cable, 45 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 584 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
9. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
10. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
11. BNC Male-to-Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
12. SO-239 to SO-239 2 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
13. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
14. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

Also available are 25 Watt soldering irons that can be checked out for up to 1

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month.

If you are interested in checking out a soldering iron or purchasing any of the club store items contact, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-3003, by email at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

## HAMFESTS

### Redding, CA 2022 Hamfest

**Start Date:** 10/08/2022

**End Date:** 10/08/2022

**Location:** Bentronics  
141 Locust Street  
Redding, CA 96001

**Website:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YwbwBADQxsw7GlrD\\_mRTUUGe\\_kZ7jbvzIgyFUjdYm8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YwbwBADQxsw7GlrD_mRTUUGe_kZ7jbvzIgyFUjdYm8/edit?usp=sharing)

**Sponsor:** Shasta/Tehama  
ARES/Amateur Radio Club of Anderson

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.52

**Public Contact:** Bill Johnson, AI6D  
141 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001  
Phone: 530-246-2227

**Email:** bentron@bentronics.com

## ARES NEWS

As the year has progressed, our team has become more active in trainings, drills and public events. None of it could have happened with out the hard work and dedication of each of you!

This year, we have participated in the Be Prepared Fair (hosted by Yuba County OES) and the Nerves Gone Wild exercise by invitation of Sutter County Department of Health. Both events

yielded a great turn out of our team members as well as local Ham's. Let's keep it moving!

### Upcoming Events:

Yuba-Sutter ARES Team Meeting:  
Oct. 8, 2022 at 1130 Hours Local Round Table Pizza 1278 Stabler Ln., Yuba City  
Shakeout 2022 Exercise Oct. 20th, 2022 at 1020 Hours Local

Our meetings and exercises are open to ALL HAM's! Please feel free to join us!



NCS for the Nerves Gone Wild  
Brandon (KM6JID) Neil (N6CNY)

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## **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

The next general meeting will be Tues. Oct 18th. This meeting will be a potluck. The club store will be available if you need anything.

## **VETERANS DAY PARADE**

The Veteran's Day Parade is Friday, November 11 at 11 A.M.

Approximately 9 volunteers are needed for the annual parade in downtown Marysville. We need two people minimum on each street; 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and D streets.

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

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Coming up at the Nov. general meeting, our annual election of officers and board members and budget approval. Volunteers are needed for the various positions. Please step forward and help continue making the great club it is.

Positions needing to be filled:

President: Vacant

V President: Vacant

Secretary: Linda Maas (KK6SOZ)

Treasurer: June McJunkin (N6JEY)

Board Members: (5 needed)

Vacant

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Non-elected positions to be filled:

Nominating committee: vacant

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP

Field Day Committee: vacant

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

Joe N9BD

Elmers Vacant

Christmas Party Committee:

Vacant

CA QSO Committee: vacant

Bike Around the Buttes:

Vacant

Veterans Day Parade:

Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control Manager: Vacant

Club Prizes: Joe N9BD

Fox Hunt: Paul W6PNH and Karla K6KDS

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.

## **PACIFICON**

ARRL Pacific Division Convention

Start Date: 10/14/2022

End Date: 10/16/2022

Location: San Ramon Marriott

2600 Bishop Drive

San Ramon, CA 94583

Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

Sponsor: Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: None

Public Contact: Mike Patterson, N6JGA

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PO Box 31372 Walnut Creek, CA 94598  
Phone: (925) 288-1730  
Email: n6jga@arrl.net

**Pacificon<sup>SM</sup>** gives you three great days of activities for one low cost:

- \* A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics
- \* Gordon West
- \* A large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits
- \* An outdoor Swap Meet
- \* Youth Activities
- \* Electronics kit building and soldering instruction
- \* A One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license
- \* A One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to upgrade to the General Class level.
- \* Two days of License Testing
- \* A Special Events Station where you can operate and contact other hams worldwide, even if you don't have a General or Extra Class license
- \* A wonderful Banquet with Keynote Speaker
- \* Our annual Wouff Hong Initiation ceremony
- \* A chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders
- \* A chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention

Tickets in advance (until Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>) are \$25.00. At the door tickets will be \$30.00. More information is available at [pacificon.org](http://pacificon.org).

## **SILENT KEY**

Larry Murdock (K6AAW) was laid to rest at Sutter Cemetery on 22 Sep. He was born 29 Sep 1938 and died on 5 Sep. 2022. Larry was a former member of YSARC and had been a ham for over 50 years, his lifelong passion. His wife Alice and son Bert survive him.

## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

To date, Manna has the following hams volunteering for 2022. **A volunteer for November is needed. Net control positions are open for 2023.**

If you wish to sign up let Manna know.

2022		
Oct	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
Nov		
Dec	Neil Bossard	N6CNY
2023		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
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Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
Manna (KA6ETB)

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## **VE TEST SESSION**

At the last VE session three people tested. We have one new technician, one upgrade to general and one upgrade to extra class.

Congratulations to:

Jeffery Pearson (KN6VTN) who obtained his technician license, Alexander Hyatt (AJ) (K6AJH) who upgraded to general, and Charles G. Lunkley (K16HK) who upgraded to extra class.

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Nov 5, 2022 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.

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 can take the next higher class exam for no additional cost.

If you do not pass and wish to try again an additional fee will be required.

**Please Note: You must use 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. A FRN can be obtained at:**

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

**Also note: new licensing fees are in effect.** The 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 \$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 (CORES - Login).

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!

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## **SEPTEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

- 01 Oct: CA QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 01 Oct: Straight Key Century Club QSO; CW
- 01 Oct: Oceana DX Contest; Phone
- 01 Oct: Worked all providences of China DX Contest; CW
- 08 Oct: QRP Amateur Radio Club International; CW
- 08 Oct: Nevada QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
- 08 Oct: Arizona QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 08 Oct: Pennsylvania QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 08 Oct: South Dakota QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 15 Oct: ARRL EME (Earth Moon Earth) Contest; CW, Phone, Digital
- 15 Oct: New York QSO Party; CW, Phone
- 15 Oct: Work all Germany Contest; CW, Phone
- 16 Oct: Illinois QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital
- 17 Oct: ARRL School Club Roundup; CW, Phone, Digital
- 20 Oct: Netherlands Telegraphy Club; CW
- 22 Oct: YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League) DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

Many other contests can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest>

[Corral/2022/October 2022 Corral.pdf](#)

or in the October issue of QST Magazine.

## **BOARD MEETING**

The October board meeting will be held on Tues. Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed later.

## **COMMENTS**

✓YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**. Past VHN's are available on the club's website. Check out more photos of fox hunts and public service events!

Thanks to our webmaster, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.

Click on the upper right-hand icon on the club's homepage to join the YSARC's **Facebook** page.

✓Check out the [New England ARES Academy](#) channel on YouTube for a series of excellent ARES training videos.

✓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)

✓If anyone has ideas/suggestions for club activities that we can do online, in person or virtually please contact any club officer or board member or email your suggestions to [board@ysarc.net](mailto:board@ysarc.net).

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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 2, 2022 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul



Meeting called to order by President Daniel Weber KM6RHC at 19:01 hours.

### Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC

Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD –absent

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY - absent

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD

Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD – absent

Director: Mike Morris KK6ISQ

Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH

Director: Robert Kelly K6VNR

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG.

### Treasurer's Report:

- June emailed the financial reports to the board and officers a few days before the meeting. Motion to approve the July financial reports, Paul/Mike, passed.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from July 5, 2022, Joe/Robert, passed.
- We received the receipt for payment of the annual postal office box fee.
- Joe submitted a receipt for payment of \$30.25 for renewal of the eMailDodo account.

### Old Business

- Curtis volunteered to be Coordinator for the Veterans Day Parade.

### New Business

- August club meeting will be a tech “ham help” night. Motion to spend \$125 for drawing prizes for tech night, Mike/Paul, passed.
- Daniel proposed a potluck social at an upcoming club meeting, possibly in September.
- California QSO party is Oct 1-2. Robert will look into Alcouffe Center in Oregon House as possible location, parking lot if nothing else. We can promote club involvement by offering prizes. There are some new rules this year.

Motion to adjourn at 19:32 hours, Mike/Robert, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary