

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

UPCOMING EVENTS

04 Jul – Independence Day
11 Jul – Board Meeting
08 Jul – VE Session
08 Jul – Fox Hunt
18 Jul – General Meeting

01 Aug – Board Meeting
12 Aug – Fox Hunt
15 Aug – General Meeting/BBQ

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 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.

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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.

next two weeks.

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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, 105
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 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, 500 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
month. There is also a Power Pole
crimper that can be checked out.

If you are interested in checking out
a soldering iron, the crimper or
purchasing any of the club store items
contact, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-
3003, 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.

GENERAL MEETING

A potluck is scheduled for the July
18th meeting. So far on the menu:
potato salad and macaroni salad.

There will be a show and tell about
common tools and maybe some not so
common ones a ham might want/use.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the
following hams volunteering for 2023.
Net control positions are open for 2023.

You can do a single net, several nets

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or a whole month. The choice is yours.

If you wish to sign up let John know. John can be contacted on the net or email him at KI6UDF@gmail.com.

Month	Name	Call
Jul	Joe Visalli	N9BD
Aug		
Sep	Joe Visalli	N9BD
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat. July 8, 2023 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-registration-system-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 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.

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.

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

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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!

JULY QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

08 Jul: IARU HF World Championship; CW, Phone

15 Jul: North American QSO Party; Digital

15 Jul: CQ Worldwide VHF Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

22 Jul: YOTA Contest; CW, Phone

29 Jul: MARAC US Counties QSO Party; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2023/July_2023_Corral.pdf and <https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Marsha (KI6CSN)

BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues., July 11 at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

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.

✓ How many of you have checked out the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section web page? There's lots of good information about what's happening with many of the different clubs in the Northern California area. Check it out!

<https://www.arrlsacvalley.org/home>

✓ 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

✓ Send your "Ask Curtis" questions to kf6vfp@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.

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 2, 2023

Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul

Meeting called to order by Chris McLain KK6VZD at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH
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Director: Ryan Mather K6RCM

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG and Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve corrected minutes from April 4, 2023, Joe/Ryan, passed.
- Motion to approve new member applications from Wes Hersey N6WWH and Matthew Anderson KN6WNR, Robert/Joe, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve June's verbally presented Financial Report for May 2, Paul/Joe, passed.

Old Business

- Antenna workshop on May 20 at Curtis's house – so far one person has expressed an interest in attending and building a Yagi.
- Sutter Buttes Day won't charge us a \$50 fee since we're a non-profit, but they would like us to provide a gift basket for their raffle. Motion to allow up to \$75 for the following basket items: tech class enrollment, technician manual, \$15 test fee, YSARC associate membership, club patch & decal, and a canned ham; Paul/Ryan, passed.
- Discussion of transfer of domain and Paypal account. Paul proposed we transfer ownership of Paypal account first, then transfer domain. He also proposed keeping website with Network Solutions for now. Discussion of using Paypal account to pay the Network Solutions bill. Paul and June will work on this.

New Business

- Foxhunt for May will be dropped due to conflict with Sutter Buttes Day.
- Gray Lodge Wildlife Area will allow us to host an event in parking lot 14 if we register as regular visitors. Chris will look into listing it as an official ARRL event – possibly in August or September, from 8am till 4-5pm. Decision to have QSL cards made after the event.

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- Motion to adjourn at 19:58 hours, Joe/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary