

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Robert Kelly, K6VNR  
Bud Myers, KK1BUD  
Ryan Mather, K6RCM

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

02 Sep – VE Session  
05 Sep – Board Meeting  
16 Sept – Sacramento Valley Hamfest  
23 Sep – BBQ and Fox Hunt

01 Oct – GEARS Auction

03 Oct – Board Meeting  
07-08 Oct – CA QSO  
14 Oct – Fox Hunt  
16-20 Oct – ARRL School Club  
Roundup  
20-22 Oct – Pacificon  
17 Oct – General Meeting  
28 Oct – ARRL EME Contest  
  
04 Nov – VE Session  
07 Nov – Board Meeting  
11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade  
11 Nov – Fox Hunt  
21 Nov – Election/Budget Approval

## **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

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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, 21 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 83 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 122 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](mailto: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.

## FOX HUNT



A fox hunt was held on Sat., September 23<sup>rd</sup> during the club's BBQ. Emmett, a Boy Scout, working on his radio merit badge participated. He had

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earlier built a tape measure Yagi antenna and then used it to find the hidden transmitter. Paul (W6PNH) guided him, showing him how to use the antenna and radio.



The next Fox Hunt will be Sat., Oct. 14th. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz. When you find the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

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

## ***HERB PUCKET W6HBU/ SK***



Herb Pucket (W6PNH), a long time member of YSARC, died September 8, 2023. Herb was a past President, Vice President, board member, VHN editor, technician class instructor, and mentor (elmer) to many hams in the club. Herb got the club involved in the Bike Around the Buttes, the Bok Kai Parade and started the VE testing the club sponsors.

Herbert Puckett's Obituary from the Appeal-Democrat

Herbert Ramie Puckett born January 23, 1928 in Vacaville, California to Herbert and Vera Puckett passed away in Yuba City, California September 8, 2023.

Herb was soon followed by two sisters, Alice Lucille and Ann Lynette. He grew up in Yolo County and attended Yolo County schools graduating from Woodland High School in 1946. After graduation he enlisted in the US Navy where he was a radio operator serving

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stateside. He married Agnes Irene Webb on April 2, 1957 and they were married 48 years until her passing in 2005.

After moving to Yuba City, Herb and Agnes raised three children and were actively involved in their activities. Herb could be found on the Little League field, campouts with the Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls and was a volunteer at Camp Me Wa Hi where he helped to maintain and repair the electrical wiring. Herb was also an active member of the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club. He volunteered for Bike Around the Buttes, the Bok Kai Parade and served as an Emergency communication station in both the 1986 and 1997 floods locally.

Herb was a retired Cal Trans employee who was instrumental in automating signal lights using computer software that he wrote. Many of the signals in District 3 still use software that he developed 34 years after his retirement.

Herb was predeceased by his parents Herbert and Vera Puckett, his sisters Ann Lynette Puckett and Alice Lucille Webb and son-in-law Geoff Kauffman.

Herb is survived by daughter Linda Perkins (Phillip), son Lane Puckett (Catherine) and daughter Lori Kauffman. Herb is also survived by his grandchildren, Charles, Michael, Rachele, David, Patricia and Megan as well as nieces and nephews.

Herb's family is grateful for the loving care that he received from the staff of The Courtyard Assisted Living Facility as well as the care he received from Dr. Rupinder Brar, Dr. Raghavender

Boothpur, and Josh Opperman FNP as well as their staff members.

Remembrances may be made to the Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio's Repeater fund, Beale Air Force Base's Operation Warm Heart or the Agnes Puckett Memorial Fund for the Yuba Sutter Counties 4-H Clubs.

Interment will be at Mary's Cemetery and Chapel, 12020 County Road 98, Woodland, California. A Celebration of Life will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at Cornerstone Church, 700 Washington Avenue in Yuba City, California with Pastor Jim Anderson presiding at 11 am. In honor of Herb's love of plaid please wear plaid if you wish.

## **GEARS AUCTION?**

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon, GEARS will be holding an action at the Chico Public Library, 1108 Sherman Ave, Chico. They have a large amount of equipment this year. Some items are sold yard sale style, some are free and some are by auction.

For more information contact:  
[GEARSW6RCH@gmail.com](mailto:GEARSW6RCH@gmail.com)

## **GENERAL MEETING**

At the last general meeting we had a fox hunt demonstration.



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The cooks for the BBQ hard at work.

The next General meeting will be Tues., Oct. 17th at Marysville First United Methodist Church, Pioneer Hall.

## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the following hams volunteering for 2023. Net control positions are open for 2024.

**You can do a single net, several nets or a whole month. The choice is yours.**

John can be contacted on the net or email him at KI6UDF@gmail.com.

Month	Name	Call
Oct	Chuck	KI6HK
Nov	Joe Visalli	N9BD
Dec	Filled	
2024		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr		
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		

Month	Name	Call
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

## **HAMFESTS**

### **REDDING HAM FEST 2023**

Start Date: 10/14/2023

End Date: 10/14/2023

Location: Bentronics

141 Locust St.

Redding, CA 96001

Website:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YwbwBADQxsw7GlrD\\_mRTUUgE\\_kZ7jb](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YwbwBADQxsw7GlrD_mRTUUgE_kZ7jb)

[evzIGyFUjdYm8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YwbwBADQxsw7GlrD_mRTUUgE_kZ7jb/edit?usp=sharing)

Sponsor: Bentronics/Amateur Radio Club Of Anderson/Shasta-Tehama

ARES

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.640 88.5

Public Contact: Bill Johnson, AI6D

141 Locust St. Redding, CA 96001

Phone: 530-246-2227

Email: bentron@bentronics.com

## **MAKERS FAIR**

Share the joy and fascination of Amateur Radio at the Rocklin Maker Faire ARRL Exhibit, Saturday, October 7, 10 am - 2 pm. DIY radio homebrew demonstrations, hands-on activities, and Get On The Air at our N6M Special Event Station!

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On the campus of Sierra College, 5100 Sierra College Blvd, Rocklin CA. The Maker Faire is family friendly and features many STEM and craft exhibits. Admission and parking are free.

Please contact Carol KP4MD [kp4md@arrl.org](mailto:kp4md@arrl.org) now if your club wishes to join those setting up our exhibits and Special Event Station operating positions. Drop-ins are also welcome.

## **VE TEST SESSION**

The next VE session will be Sat., Nov. 4th 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 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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## VETERANS DAY PARADE

Veterans Day Parade is coming up on Sat., November 11 at 11:00 a.m.

The club is looking for approximately 9 volunteers for the annual parade in downtown Marysville. Two people, at a minimum, are needed 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. To date he has 2 volunteers.

## CA QSO

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations outside of California, worldwide, work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the [multipliers](#). California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of [CQP Rules](#) for more details.

More information is available at:  
<http://cqp.org/>.

## PACIFICON

**The Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club presents**

### PACIFICON 2023

The ARRL Pacific Division Convention

October 20-22, 2023

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

General Admission\*

\$30 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 26.

Unique Forums and Programs

Pacificon 2023 features a long list of interesting forums and presentations from some of the most well-known and respected names in amateur radio.

**For events, schedules, and online registration visit [pacificon.org](http://pacificon.org)**

Come and Experience the Many Facets of Ham Radio!

- Meet ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and CEO David Minster, NA2AA
- Gordon West's Ham Instructor Academy
- Outstanding technical forums
- All day Friday antenna seminar
- Friday MDARC open meeting with topic "EmComm: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow"
- Amateur radio license testing
- One day Technician and General license prep classes

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- Saturday breakfast with Gordon West, WB6NOA
- Saturday banquet with keynote speaker ARRL Education and Learning Manager Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
- Electronics kit building for kids and adults
- Saturday and Sunday T-Hunts (Saturday beginner and Sunday advanced)
- Sunday swap meet
- Sunday "Ham Radio 101 and 201" seminar for new and newly upgraded hams
- Sunday Pacific Division ARRL Membership forum
- Scout JOTA-JOTI and merit badge classes
- Get-On-The-Air special events station
- Large vendor expo filled with the latest ham radio gear and accessories

\*Some events have additional cost

## **OCTOBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

07 Oct: Collegiate QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

07 Oct: California QSO Party; CW, Phone

14 Oct: Nevada QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

14 Oct: Solar Eclipse QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

14 Oct: Arizona QSO Party; CW, Phone

14 Oct: Pennsylvania QSO Party; CW, Phone

14 Oct: South Dakota QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

16 Oct: ARRL School Club Roundup; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Oct: Telephone Pioneers QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Oct: New York QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

21 Oct: YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

22 Oct: Illinois QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

28 Oct: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

Many other contests can be found at:  
[https://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2023/October\\_2023\\_Corral.pdf](https://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2023/October_2023_Corral.pdf)  
and

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands.

Curtis (KF6VFP)

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues., October 3rd at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

## **COMMENTS**

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



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

✓ Send your "Ask Curtis" questions to [kf6vfp@arrl.net](mailto: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](mailto:board@ysarc.net)

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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 1, 2023 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain 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  
Director: Robert Kelly K6VNR  
Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD  
Director: Ryan Mather K6RCM

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from July 11, 2023, Joe/Robert, passed.
- Motion to reimburse Joe \$30.25 for the annual email service bill he paid, Robert/Paul, passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to accept June's Treasurer Report for August 1, 2023 that was emailed out, Joe/Robert, passed.

### Old Business

- Members polled at the July club meeting preferred a BBQ in September over August. Discussion of holding it 10am-2pm on Saturday, September 23 at the Sutter Youth Center. Bud will look into restroom availability and costs. Discussion of having the club purchase the food with a nominal charge to attendees. A foxhunt with the small "fox" is a possibility. If we have a BBQ on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will not have a club meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Cal QSO party – discussion of having an informal gathering at Greenwood Park in Yuba City for those interested. This was done last year and it seemed to be a good location.
- Possible August club meeting topics: upcoming BBQ picnic, ARRL videos, future topics.
- Domain/PayPal – Kevin sent instructions on how to transfer the domain. June will check with Umpqua Bank about getting a credit card. Still need info on transfer of PayPal administrator.

### New Business

- Steve received a letter from Maureen Robinson of the Lions Club thanking us for our participation in Bike Around the Buttes. They were able to raise twice the funds in 2023 as compared to 2022, benefiting the Diabetes Society of Yuba-Sutter.
- Motion to adjourn at 20:02 hours, Joe/Ryan, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary