

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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Joe Visalli, N9BD
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LIAISONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

04 Nov – VE Session
07 Nov – Board Meeting
11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade
21 Nov – Election/Budget Approval

02 Dec – YSARC Christmas Partly

05 Dec – Board Meeting

09 Dec – Fox Hunt

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02 Jan – Board Meeting

03 Jan – 28 Feb – Technician Class

06 Jan – VE Session

13 Jan – Fox Hunt

16 Jan – General Meeting

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

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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, on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

FOXHUNT



The foxhunt for November is cancelled.

The next Fox Hunt will be Sat., Dec. 9th. 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

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be turned on.

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

Club Prizes: Joe N9BD

Fox Hunt: Paul W6PNH and Karla K6KDS

ELECTION

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: Chris McLain, KK6VZD
V Pres.: Steve Shepard, KN6IJD
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

Board Members: (5 needed)

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Bud Myers, KK1BUD
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH
Eric Walton, KN6QQT
Volunteer needed

Non-elected positions to be filled:

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP
Field Day Committee: vacant
Tech Class Instructors:
Curtis KF6VFP
Joe N9BD

Volunteer Elmers Vacant

Christmas Party Committee:

Vacant

CA QSO Committee: vacant

Bike Around the Buttes:

Vacant

Veterans Day Parade:

Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control Manager: Vacant

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.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Starting Jan 3, 2024 the club will be sponsoring a technician Class. Classes will be held at the Red Cross Center, 2125 Onstott Road, Yuba City, classroom 2. Sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesday evenings. The exam session will be on March 2, 2024.

We will teach you everything you need to know to pass your exam and well as test taking hints. The class is free but students will need a copy of the *ARRL Ham Radio Technician Manual*. Students may get the manuals themselves or order one through one of the instructor at a 20% discount.

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

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

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.

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

Month	Name	Call
Nov	Joe Visalli	N9BD
Dec		
2024		
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr		
May		
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep		
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the club will hold its Christmas Party at Lee's Canton Restaurant. The party will be from 6:00-8:30 P.M. on Dec 2nd. It will be held in the banquet room. Seating is available for about 70 people.

Lee's is located at the corner of Plumas and Bridge Street in Yuba City.

The entrance is facing Bridge Street. Parking is available in front of and at the side of the restaurant.

The cost of the dinner is to be determined.

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

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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!

VETERANS DAY PARADE

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

The club is looking for 3 more

volunteers for the annual parade in downtown Marysville. Two people, at a minimum, are needed on each street; 6th, 7th, 8th, and D streets.

To date the following have volunteered: Neil Bossard (N6CNY), Daniel Shelsta (N6APX), Paul Hyatt (W6PNH), Kala Hyatt (K6KDS), and Brandon Guthrie (KM6JID).

Curtis (KF6VFP) is the ramrod for this event. If you wish to volunteer please email him at KF6VFP@arrl.net and let him know. To date he has 5 volunteers.

NOVEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

04 Nov: ARRL Sweepstakes Contest; CW

16 Nov: ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB; Phone

16 Nov: NTC (Netherlands Telegraphy club) QSO Party; CW

25 Nov: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

[Many other contests can be found at:](#)

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2023/November 2023 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2023/November%202023%20Corral.pdf)

Curtis (KF6VFP)

BOARD MEETING

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

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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 September 5, 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 - absent
Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD
Director: Ryan Mather K6RCM

Members and Guests present: Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Neil Bossard N6CNY, LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from August 1, 2023 as written, Joe/Paul, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to accept June's Treasurer Report for September 5, 2023, Bud/Joe, passed.
- Umpqua Bank will provide a low-limit, no-fee credit card to non-profits. June has already submitted a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for proof of 501c3 status. Names on cards must be signers on the account. Currently Chris, Joe, June, and Linda are signers on the account. A Motion was made to apply for a club credit card for June and Joe, by Paul/Ryan, passed.
- ARRL notified us that our insurance expires in early November. Motion to pay ARRL \$200 for renewal of our liability insurance, Joe/Paul, passed.

Old Business

- Discussion of the details of the club BBQ on Sept 23rd at Sutter Youth Organization park in Sutter.
- Domain/PayPal – Paul will transfer domain once we get the credit card. Kevin informed Joe on how to transfer the PayPal administrator.

New Business

- An email was sent from Network Solutions regarding Apple device users needing to update settings. Paul believes this will not affect club members, so not to worry about it.
- Curtis emailed the Bike around the Buttes volunteer list to Linda and Steve on August 4.
- October club meeting – Neil will do a presentation on ARES including go kits. Bud will provide a 20' audio cable.
- November Election – We will need a new president and at least one new board member.
- Christmas Party set for Saturday, December 2 at Lee's Canton Restaurant in Yuba City. We need to find out meal costs this year so that ticket price can be set.
- Motion to adjourn at 19:48 hours, Bud/Joe, passed.

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Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary