

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

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

## **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 Dec – YSARC Christmas Party  
05 Dec – Board Meeting  
09 Dec – Fox Hunt

2024

02 Jan – Board Meeting

03 Jan – 28 Feb – Technician Class

06 Jan – VE Session

13 Jan – Fox Hunt

16 Jan – General Meeting

05 – 28 Feb – Technician Class

06 Feb – Board Meeting

10 Feb – Fox Hunt

20 Feb – General Meeting

02 Mar – VE Session

05 Mar – Board Meeting

09 Mar – Fox Hunt

19 Mar – 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

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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.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2024. Full membership is \$20. Second ham in same household is \$5. Associate (non-voting) membership is \$5.

You can also make a donation to the

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repeater fund or to YSARES at the same time if you are so inclined.

A copy of the club application form is available on the club website: ysarc.net.

## **SANTA NET**

For the 16th consecutive year, The 3916 Nets will be presenting The Santa Net on 3.916 MHz. Good girls and boys can talk to Santa Claus, via amateur radio, nightly at 7:00 PM (Central) starting Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, through Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Youngsters can talk to "Santa at The North Pole" via strategically placed operators who relay the voice of Santa. Thomson said that The Santa Net is a team effort that involves the efforts of a number of 3916 Net members. He said, "In our first year, we connected 10 kids to Santa on Ham Radio and it's grown steadily since. This year, we're expecting over 1,000 children to participate."

Prior to each night's Santa Net, pre-net check-ins can be made at [www.cqsanta.com](http://www.cqsanta.com).

## **FOXHUNT**



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 be turned on.

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

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

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  
Vacant

Non-elected positions filled:

Club Store:

Curtis KF6VFP

Field Day Committee:

vacant

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

Joe N9BD

Volunteer Elmers

Steve KN6IJD

Curtis KF6VFP

Christmas Party Committee:

Joe N9BD

CA QSO Committee:

vacant

Bike Around the Buttes:

Neil N6CNY

Veterans Day Parade:

Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control Manager:

John KI6UDF

Bok Kai Parade:

Vacant

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## Club Prizes:

Joe N9BD

## Fox Hunt:

Paul W6PNH

Karla K6KDS

## Valley Ham News (VHN):

Curtis KF6VFP

Marsha KI6CSN

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.

## TECHNICIAN CLASS

Starting Wed., 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 located in classroom 2. Sessions are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings. The exam session will be on March 2, 2024.

We 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*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Students may purchase a manual themselves or order one through one of the instructors at a 20% discount.

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

To sign up send an email to Curtis at: [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net).

To date we have 10 people signed up.

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the following hams volunteering for 2024.

You can volunteer for a single net, several nets, or a whole month. The choice is yours. Several net control positions are still open for the upcoming year.

John can be contacted on the net or email him at [KI6UDF@gmail.com](mailto:KI6UDF@gmail.com).

Month	Name	Call
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Ernest	KN6GTN
May	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jun		
Jul		
Aug		
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
John (KI6UDF)

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## **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 Sat., Dec 2nd. It will be held in the banquet room. Seating is available for about 70 people. Santa will be there.

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 \$20.00. Tickets are available from Joe (N9BD). Let Joe know if you are coming.

## **VE TEST SESSION**

The next VE session will be Sat., Jan. 6th 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

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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**



Thanks to Daniel Sheista (N6APX), Neil Bossard (N6CNY), Karla Hyatt (K6KDS), Paul Hyatt (W6PNH), Brandon Guthrie (KM6JID), Chris McLain (KK6VZD), Matthew Anderson (KN6WNR), and Steve Shepard (KN6IJD) for their help at the Veterans Day Parade.

Curtis (KF6VFP)

## **THANKS FROM EMMITT DAHLEN**

Thank you so much for helping me learn about how ham radio works and is used. With your help I was able to feel more confident about earning the radio merit badge. It was very fun to build a radio antenna and do the foxhunt. Thank you for showing me your ham radio stations that you have set up in your

house. I earned the radio merit badge thanks to you guys.

With all the things I have learned, I am looking forward to maybe being a ham radio operator in the future.

I have attached a picture from our court of honor where I received my radio merit badge.

Thanks again for all of your help.

Best Wishes,  
Emmitt Dahlen



Emmitt was at our BBQ where he participated in the foxhunt using the tape measure antenna he built as part of his merit badge requirements.

## **NOVEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

01 Dec: ARRL 160 m Contest; CW

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09 Dec: ARRL 10 m Contest; CW, Phone

17 Dec: ARRL Rookie Roundup; CW

30 Dec: YOTA (Youngsters On The Air) Contest; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

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

and

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Curtis (KF6VFP)

## **SILENT KEYS**

Victor Borgnis, WB6EVH/SK

Victor's family donated 2 boxes of ham equipment to the club.

Kevin Conde, K1KMC/SK

Kevin was a former club member, board member, and club webmaster. He started our Facebook page and redesigned the club website. Kevin passed on 31 Oct 2023 in Arizona. His wife posted a statement on the club's Facebook page.

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. Dec. 5th, at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will

be emailed. We will be approving the election results and welcoming new board members and officers

## **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](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 October 3, 2023  
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by Paul



Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain at 19:01 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 and Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP.

## Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from September 5, 2023 as written, Bud/Joe, passed.
- Linda was contacted by Ramie Acampora, whose father Victor Borgnis, WB6EVH, is now a silent key. She and her mom have donated 2 boxes of his ham equipment to the club. The main items are a Samtex RPS1220 power supply and an Alinco DR-610 VHS/UHF transceiver.
- We have 55 Full Members. A quorum of 1/3 (=19 members) is needed for valid Elections in Nov.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to move \$600 from the General Fund to the Special Event Fund, Joe/Ryan, passed.
- The credit cards arrived. There is a \$1000 limit, and no fees as a nonprofit. A credit card is to be used only with board approval.
- Motion to accept June's Treasurer Report for October 3, 2023, Joe/Paul, passed.

## Old Business

- The BBQ in Sept. was a success. The security deposit for the venue has not been refunded yet. Linda requested reimbursement for the bread for \$7.96.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> Election – We will need two new board members, as Ryan and Robert will be stepping down. Joe, Paul, and Bud are willing to serve again, as are June and Linda.
- No updates on the Christmas Party or the special event at Gray Lodge.

## New Business

- Curtis is coordinating the Veterans Day Parade and still needs 7 more volunteers.
- The Budget for 2024 will remain the same as this year's.
- Motion for YSARC to sponsor an in-person Technician Class in 2024, Joe/Bud, passed. The class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, from January 3<sup>rd</sup> till February 28<sup>th</sup>. Testing will be on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Red Cross building in Yuba City has not yet been confirmed as venue.



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- Motion to adjourn at 19:38 hours, Joe/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary