

# *The VALLEY HAM NEWS*

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club  
A California Non-profit Organization

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## CLUB OFFICERS

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Pres.: Mike Eby, KM6EBY  
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(2015)

Pres.: Dave Gipson, KC9EI  
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2014

Sheri Goforth-Eby, K6AVW  
June McJunkin, N6JEY  
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Don Elder, KC6PPX  
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2015

Don Elder, KC6PPX  
Kathy Burns, N7WVW  
Chris Price, KD6CP  
Mike Sangria, AG6IP  
Bob McClard, N6BOB  
Herb Pucket, N6HBU

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## REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## LIAISONS

ARES: Steve Sweetman, K6TAZ  
ARRL SM: Ron Murdock, W6KJ  
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 3, 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715 King Ave.  
Yuba City

Jan 4, Kids Day

Jan 6, 6:00 P.M., Club Meeting, 2-Bits Cafe,  
Yuba City

Jan 18-24: Quartzfest, 6 miles south of  
Quartzsite, AZ (for more information go to  
[www.quartzfest.org/php/Schedule1.php](http://www.quartzfest.org/php/Schedule1.php))

Jan 20, 6:00 P.M., Board Meeting, American  
Red Cross Building, Yuba City

Monday nights at 7:00 P.M. – weekly net  
with swap shop and help sessions.

Monday nights at 8:00 P.M. – Butte County  
ARES net, 145.280 MHz – offset, PL 110.9

Tuesday nights at 8:00 P.M. – GEARS Club  
net, 146.850 MHz – offset, PL 110.9

Thursday nights at 7:00 P.M. – weekly  
ARES net.

Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.  
– the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF)

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Net, on club repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 KHz LSB.

Other nets (From the GEARS Radiator Newsletter)

Sac Valley Net, 7:00 P.M., 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of the month 146.850 MHz – offset, 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.

Club repeater: 146.085 MHz out, 146.685 MHz in, PL 127.3

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## **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Board Meeting will be at the American Red Cross on January 20.

Visitors are welcome to come and join us. The meeting begins at 6:00 P.M.

Bring your suggestions, gripes and offers to help.

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## **TECHNICIAN CLASS**

Starting January 12<sup>th</sup> - the next technician class. Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a ham? Encourage them to attend and then become their Elmer. Help your hobby to grow.

Curtis Sylvester-José (KF6VFP) will be the instructor. The class will run from January 12<sup>th</sup> thru February 25<sup>th</sup>. The course book is *The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual*, third edition. The cost of the manual is \$22.46 if purchased through Curtis or \$29.95 if you purchase

from ARRL or through a book store.

Sign up no later than January 5<sup>th</sup> so Curtis has enough time to order and receive a manual for each student. Students can reimburse him for the manual at the first class session by cash or check. Class size is limited to 20 students.

Curtis can be contacted by email (preferred) [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net) or phone (530) 743-3003.

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## **CW CLASS**

January 9th is the proposed date of the first session starting at 6:30pm.

The frequency is 146.430 MHz FM simplex. Simplex is going to be used since most new hams will not have an all-mode transceiver capable of operating in CW mode.

I will be instructing from my location, in Sutter CA along with Lonnie from Williams, CA

Students will need some type of a practice oscillator to practice sending CW over FM during the classes. If they don't have said equipment, Lonnie and I will try to provide it. I have one paddle key left, but I don't have any oscillators.

All those that are interested in joining the class may send any questions to: [KC6MCI@ARRL.NET](mailto:KC6MCI@ARRL.NET)

Lee (KC6MCI)

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

It is that time of the year when we begin to remind members to renew their membership for the upcoming year

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(2015). Membership forms can be found on the club website YSARC.ORG <http://ysarc.org/index.php/about-us/join-our-club>. The form is a PDF that you can download, completed and mail in or turn in at a club meeting along with your dues.

A reminder, if your ARRL membership is coming due, renew thru the club. The club then gets a portion of your ARRL dues.

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## **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Tuesday, December 2nd YSARC held its annual Christmas party and dinner at the 2-Bits Café. Members and family enjoyed this yearly celebration with a nice dinner and dessert. Lots of prizes added to the fun. Two drawings were held. ARRL handbooks, tools and a toolbox, a Baofeng hand-held radio, tasty honey, beautiful embroidered placemats and hand towels, including two custom calendars were among the prizes. Claire KI6VWG, won the final prize in the one-dollar drawing – a \$50 gift certificate from HRO. Kathy N7WVW, was the winner of the final grand prize, a \$150 gift certificate from HRO.

Marsha, KI6CSN



Claire KI6VWG



Kathy N7WVW and Bob N6BOB

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## **DONNA DWORAK (K6DMD) SK**

Donna Marie (Balmino) Dworak passed away peacefully at home with her husband Jim and their children, Tolan, Heather and Cyrus.

There will be a small private mass with immediate family. Her wishes in remembrance of her are for us to pass on a small act of kindness, a peaceful

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moment of thought and honor her with a Rosary prayer.

Those of us who know Donna understand that she believed in kindness and led a simple and private life. She believed in anonymous giving and doing things for others. She loved to bake cakes especially for birthdays, her famous Christmas Sugar cookies, and going with her mom Leona for mint chocolate chip ice cream. Donna also enjoyed gardening and to share the rewards with the neighborhood herd of deer. She trained squirrels and raccoons to eat out of her hand. She named all of her cars and truly missed them when they were replaced. She always looked forward to visiting the lighthouses up and down the Pacific coast. She loved waterskiing on Clearlake with Family and Friends. A six a.m. water ski ride behind the Keaton meant the world to her. She had a great way with words and created birthday scavenger hunts. She also enjoyed amateur radio; her call sign was K6DMD.

She was closest to her children and her beloved husband, Jim "her hero," and adored her grandchildren Ethan and Emmit.

Her husband Jim, Sons Tolan and Cyrus, daughter Heather, grandchildren Ethan and Emmit, mother Leona, brother David, sister Deborah, nieces, nephews and family and friends, survive her.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Sutter Auburn Faith Foundation/Hospice- "a group of living Angels" 11815 Education St. Auburn, CA 95602.

Arrangements are under the care of

Chapel of the Angels Mortuary in Grass Valley<sup>1</sup>

She was a wonderful person, as all of you who knew her would certainly agree and someone who seemed to be always thinking of the other person before herself -- a model of kindness.

We certainly will miss her in the Nevada County club and I'm sure you will also. She leaves her husband Jim and three grown children who all live locally, which will certainly be a comfort to Jim (KI6OUX)<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>[theunion.com/news/obituaries/14158400-113/donna-dworak-family-husband](http://theunion.com/news/obituaries/14158400-113/donna-dworak-family-husband)

<sup>2</sup>Announced by Jon (WA6TNC) on the Monday Night Net

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## TRIVIA

Can you name the person these electrical units are named after, what the unit they measure and what the person was famous for. Answer after the editors comments.

Coulomb, Farad, Henry, Watt, Weber and Tesla.

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## INTERESTED IN CONTESTING

Major contests coming up in January.

Jan 1: New Year's Day ARRL Straight Key Night. Starts on the 31st (old gear and hand keys are usually used)

Jan 3-4: ARRL RTTY Roundup –

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Baudot RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK31, and Packet.

Jan 10-11: North American QSO Party – CW

Jan 17-18: North American QSO Party – SSB

Jan 23-24: CW World Wide 160 Meter Contest – CW

Jan 23-26: ARRL January VHF Contest

Bob McClard (N6BOB)

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## ***EDITORS MESSAGE***

Marsha and I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Curtis (KF6VFP) and Marsha (KI6CSN)

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## ***TRIVIA ANSWERS***

Coulomb Unit of electrical charge named after Charles-Augustin de Coulomb the French physicist who developed Coulomb's Law, the definition of the electrostatic force of attraction and repulsion.

Farad Unit of capacitance named after Michael Faraday an English scientist who contributed to the fields of electromagnetism and electrochemistry.

Henry Unit of Inductance named after Joseph Henry an American scientist who discovered the electromagnetic phenomenon of self-

inductance.

Watt Unit of power named after James Watt a Scottish inventor and mechanical engineer who worked with steam engines.

Weber Unit of magnetic flux named after Wilhelm Eduard Weber a German physicist.

Tesla Unit of magnetic flux density named after Nikola Tesla a Serbian American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, and futurist