

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS 2018

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Kevin Conde, K1KMC
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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

ARES: Andy Boone, KJ6IYM
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Oct – 7:00 P.M. General Club Meeting, Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville

06 Oct – CA QSO
27 Oct – Fox Hunt
15-19 Oct ARRL Fall School Club Roundup
17 Oct – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City
20-22 Oct – Pacificon, San Ramon, CA
13 Nov – 7:00 P.M. Club elections, Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville
21 Nov – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City
04 Dec – 7:00 P.M. Club Christmas Party, Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville
18 Dec – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

Wednesday mornings – Breakfast 8:30 A.M. at Dancing Tomato in Yuba City.

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Local Nets

Monday night at 7:00 P.M. – weekly net (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop and help sessions.

Monday night at 8:00 P.M. – **Butte County ARES net** (145.280–), PL 110.9

Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M – **GEARS Club net**, (146.850–), PL 110.9

Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. weekly – **ARES net** (146.085+) PL 127.3.

Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. – the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF) Net, on club repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 KHz LSB.

Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. – **OARS Net** (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.

Sunday at 1:00 P.M. weekly on 7278 KHz - California TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) net.

CLUB STORE

The club has the following items available for purchase at cost.

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 89

each. Cost is \$1.84 each.

2. RG8X reducers, 68 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.

3. Power Pole connectors, 35 red/black pairs. Cost is \$1.00 per pair.

4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 each. Cost is \$0.50 each.

5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 210 feet, 1 spool 210 foot feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.

6. BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, 6 each. Cost is \$3.50 each.

7. SO-239 bulkhead connector. 3 each. Cost is \$2.65 each

8. RG-213 Coax cable, about 265 feet. Cost is \$0.50 per foot.

9. LMR 240 Coax cable, 98 feet. Cost is \$0.25 per foot.

10. Red/Black Power Cable, 50 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items contact the club store manager, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-3003, by email at kf6vfp@arrl.net, on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

WANTED

Keith Edwards (WB6GCL) is looking for any 40 meter antenna element from a Cushcraft XM-240 for an antenna project he is working on. If you can help him he can be contacted at (530) 755-1149.

UPCOMING 2019 ELECTIONS

Elections for club officers and board members will be held, Tues., 13 Nov 2018 at the Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville. Volunteers are

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needed for board, officer, and committee positions for the upcoming year (2019).

To have a full roster we need 5 board members, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Remember, this is your club. It does not exist nor run without you. You are the spark plugs that make this a great club. Please volunteer and bring your great ideas.

As a side note, we will also be approving the budget for 2019 at the November meeting.

Volunteers are also needed for non elected positions such as: Newsletter, Club Prizes, Net Control Manager, Club Store, Christmas Party, Field Day, Veterans Parade, and Bike Around the Buttes.

Positions that need to be filled:

Elected positions:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD

V. Pres.: Daniel Weber KM6RHC

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Board Member:

John Rogers KI6UDF

Neil Bossard N6CNY

Daniel Weber KM6RHC

Mark Peters KA6FFM

Joe Visalli N9BD

Joe Peterson K6JFP

Non elected positions:

Nominating committee:

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP

VHN: Curtis KF6VFP, Marsha KI6CSN

Field Day Committee:

Bud Myers KK1BUD

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

Joe N9BD

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Christmas Party Committee:

CA QSO Committee:

Bike Around the Buttes:

John Rogers KI6UDF

Bud Myers KK1BUD

3F Century Ride:

Mark Peters KA6FFM

Veterans Day Parade:

John Rogers KI6UDF

Net Control Manager:

Club Prizes Joe Visalli N9BD

THE "PREZ" SAYS

I've had a few opportunities recently to see how much of a community the HAM radio world really is. Very good examples of what I consider to be a common trait among hams, willingness to help others. When K1KMC / Kevin put out the call for assistance disposing of years of accumulation in preparation for a "permanent change of station" to Arizona, club members responded with a vengeance. There were probably a good dozen helping hands there to help pull down the tower and antennas, empty out the garden sheds, go through the pile on the side of the garage to see what was really trash and toss it in the dumpster or identify items that were still useful and many times point them out to others who might benefit from having them. Thanks also Kevin for thinking of us in your period of transition. Many items still valuable enough to command

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a good price at a garage sale, swap meet or E-Bay went home with someone at no cost due to Kevin's generosity. All there were willing to do what needed to be done to clear away the excess so Kevin and Chris could concentrate on getting the rest of their possessions ready to pack up. All made sure Kevin and Chris knew they could call on us again if they felt they needed more assistance.

Another instance started when an e-mail I received from a woman whose father (Don Meadows / N6DM) had been a ham for sixty plus years but no longer has the capacity to operate. She had to empty his house in order to get it ready to sell and was looking for some advice on what to do with all his equipment and "stock" of spare parts. Knowing how long he was a ham you can imagine what kind a stash he had and how much there was. It didn't take much convincing to get Joe's help to evaluate what was there and what to do with it. Sadly, some of it made it to the dumpster but other equipment will be cleaned up, evaluated for condition and put up for sale so the family can recoup some of the value of his quite impressive collection. Don's family also generously offered some of the equipment to enhance the Sutter High School ARC program and benefit its members. You'll see some of the equipment show up at club meeting drawings and some of it will most likely make its way to Redding for their ham swap on October 13th. Joe, his wife Judy, Ron / N6IDL, and myself spent several hours there on Saturday disconnecting, organizing, boxing and moving all that equipment and supplies

A big impression that I took away was that the ham community is going to miss Don's knowledge and expertise. Much of the equipment we saw was built by him, including some high power amplifiers, transceivers, filtering equipment, and power supplies. He easily had enough spare equipment on hand to build several more projects to enhance his (and someone else's) shack. What a benefit if we could have had him as an Elmer for just a few more years. I think all of us there were more than glad to help out his family when they needed it. I'm glad they felt they could ask us for help and we would respond gladly.

This trait of generosity in groups is not limited to the ham community but I'm glad we are one of those groups.

Till next time, 73s.

Chris/KK6VZD

FOX HUNT

A fox hunt or hidden transmitter hunt will be held 27 Oct. Tentatively it will be at Sutter High School beginning around 8:00 A.M. There will also be a Barbeque with the hunt. Mark Peters (KA6FFM) is coordinating the hunt. Listen to the net for updates.

GOODBYE

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Kevin Conde (K1KMC) as he and Chris return to their home state of Arizona to be closer to family.

We wish Kevin and Chris a safe journey to their new home and a

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wonderful time with their families.

On Saturday, Oct 15th Kevin's antenna and tower was disassembled as he prepares for his move. Below is a photo of Joe (N9BD) working on taking down the antenna and tower.



(photo courtesy of Linda Maas (KK6SOZ))

HAMFESTS

San Diego Hamfest

Start Date: 10/06/2018

End Date: 10/06/2018

Location: Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Lakeside, CA 92040

Website:

<http://www.lakesidearc.org/sdhamfest/sdhamfest.php>

Sponsor: Lakeside Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.55

Public Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS
12207 Valhalla Drive Lakeside, CA
92040

Phone: 619-593-9445

Email: KC6QLS@cox.net

Redding CA Ham Radio Tailgate
Party/Swapmeet

Start Date: 10/13/2018

End Date: 10/13/2018

Location: Bentronics
141 Locust Street
Redding, CA 96001

Website: <http://www.stares.org/swapmeet2018.html>

Sponsor: Shasta/Tehama County ARES

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.640(-) PL 88.5

Public Contact: Bill Johnson, AI6DE
141 Locust Street Redding, CA 96001
Phone: 530-246-2227

Email: bentron@bentronics.com

ARRL MEMBERSHIP THRU THE CLUB

Need to renew your ARRL membership? Are you aware that if you renew thru the club, the club gets to keep a portion of the ARRL dues?

To join ARRL or renew your membership thru the club, complete the ARRL application (a copy can be found at:

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Membership>

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[/ARRL-Membership-Application.pdf](#)), attach a check or cash to your application and turn it into the club secretary or treasurer. They will deduct the portion of the dues the club gets to keep (\$2 for renewal, \$15 for new membership) and send the rest into ARRL.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Tues., Oct 2 at Marysville First United Methodist Church, 730 D Street, Marysville.

Ted (N6TBC) from OARS (Oroville Amateur Radio Society) will be giving a presentation and demo of WinLink. WinLink is used during emergencies to send and receive information at American Red Cross shelters. It is a program that uses the internet and/or via a radio network to send and receive emails.

YUBA-SUTTER RADIO CLUB HISTORY

YSARC's beginnings go back farther than many realize. Mike Zane, N6ZW a member of the Yuba-Sutter Radio Club in the 1950's, handed me a club roster and a photocopy of the *Radio Amateur Call Book Magazine* from 1955-56.

The Yuba-Sutter Radio Club met at Marysville Union High School. The club's call sign was K6KHE.

Mike, then KN6URI, said the Peach Bowl net met in the mechanic's building of the school. The club's 50-watt transmitter worked 80 meters at 3.440 MHz frequency using a dipole antenna.

Marsha KI6CSN

PACIFICON

Pacificon, an ARRL Convention, will be held October 19-21, 2018 at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA The Talk-In frequency will be on the Mount Diablo Repeater at 147.060 with a PL 100 Hz, or 224.780 with a PL of 77 Hz, call sign W6CX.

Pacificon gives you three great days of activities for one low cost: A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics, a large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits, an outdoor Swap Meet, great QRP activities, a Youth Forum, and great Youth Activities including electronics kit building and soldering classes, a One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license, a chance to hear about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders, a chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention, and perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance (thru Oct. 8th) or \$30.00 at the door.

Website: <http://www.pacificon.org>

For more information contact send an email to info@pacificon.org or call at (925) 288-1730.

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CA QSO

The club will be participating in the CA QSO on Oct 6th and 7th at Joe Visalli's (N9BD) in Dobbins. Contact Joe for directions to his place.

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 that are outside California 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.

For more information go to the California QSO Party website at [cq.org](#).

POSSIBLE 2019 ACTIVITIES

Much discussion has been going on about activities for 2019. Some that have been discussed include:

- Antenna construction
- Field day
- CA QSO
- Fox Hunt
- Bike Around the Buttes
- 3F Century Ride
- Veterans Day Parade
- Booth at Yuba City Stroll

- Booth at Peach Festival
- Social Get Together
- Soldering class
- Tech Night

It has also been proposed that the club get together with other local clubs (GEARS (Golden Empire ARS in Chico), OARS (Oroville ARS), PARS (Paradise ARS), and GARS (Glenn ARS)) for some events.

Which of these would you like to do? I for one would welcome activities involving other clubs; an excellent way to meet new hams and learn new skills.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Coming in January and February 2019 is 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.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross Center in Yuba City beginning Jan. 7, 2019. They will run through Feb 27th. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. We will be meeting in Classroom 2.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the American Red Cross Center, Classroom 1. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City.

The next board meeting will be Oct. 17th. Visitors are welcome.

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VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session 2 technician elements 3 general elements and 1 extra element were given. Congratulations to Robert Kelly (KM6VNR) and Kevin Beifus (KM6VNS) on getting their technician class license.

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., November 3, 2018 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City. A reminder, the new technician license question pool became active on July 1st.

VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered. If you are planning on taking an exam you will need two forms of ID, at least one of them must be a picture ID. A fee of \$15.00 is required. A calculator may also be used as long as it has had all of its memories cleared and there are no built in or preprogrammed formulas.

If you are upgrading to a higher class you need to 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.

Good luck to everyone taking exams.

COMMENTS

✓**Technician, General, and Extra Class** study guides are available at the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries. Call number: **621.384**

✓YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**.

Past and current issue's of the VHN are available on this website.

Click on the upper right-hand icon on the homepage to join the club's **Facebook** page.

✓Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures of ham shacks, antenna projects, antenna parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, etc. are appreciated KI6CSN@arrl.net or KF6FVP@arrl.net

✓If you have any ideas of what you'd like to see in this newsletter, please let us know.

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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 15, 2018
Red Cross Building, 2125 E W Onstott Rd, Yuba City, CA 95991



Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 1900 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD

Vice President: Kathleen Squires KM6BDQ

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

B M: Joe Visalli N9BD

B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM

B M: John Rogers KI6UDF

B M: Kevin Conde K1KMC

B M: Neil Bossard N6CNY

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Udell and Leroy Smith KJ6DKM, Judy Visalli, Shirley and David Wainer WA1NER

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept July 18, 2018 board meeting minutes as written, Joe/Mark, passed.
- Motion to approve new member WA6VJY Stanley Getsla of Plumas Lake, Joe/Mark, passed.
- We received a thank you card from Gretchen Cupp, President of Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Service, YSDADA, for a donation made on the passing of Eleanor Knox, KI6CSO.

Treasurer's Report: June presented the August Financial Reports. Motion to approve Financial Reports, Neil/Joe, passed.

Old Business

- We received a lot of donations for the August raffle. Spent \$63, collected \$151, made \$88.
- Paypal account paperwork is done. It should be up and running soon.
- Chris will start asking for volunteers to bring refreshments to the General Meetings.
- Chris will start asking for volunteers to run a 10 meter net following the Monday night 2 meter net.
- Methodist church has a projection screen, but it's quite old and not in good shape. Curtis will research possibilities, including sharing costs with the church on the purchase of a new one.

New Business

- Chris will send a letter to Yuba County asking them to donate surplus UPS batteries to us.
- Possible Technical Night at September general meeting – radio programming, power connectors, soldering, finishing up antenna kits, how to use volt & ohm meters, antenna analyzers.
- Possible October general meeting presentation on Winlink.
- Andy has a contact that might be able to offer an 8 hour training class on Winlink.
- Need to form a Nominating committee for the November elections.

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- Need to form a Christmas Party committee. Curtis will find out if the Methodist Church can provide catering. Udell will reserve Santa for December 4.
- Curtis will try to move November meeting date from 6 to 13, since CA General Election is Nov. 6.
- Motion to approve holding a technician class from January till March, Neil/John, passed.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 1 – Regular VE session
- Sept 4 or 11 (Curtis will check) – General Meeting at Methodist Church, 730 D St, Marysville.
- Sept 19 – Board Meeting at Red Cross building, 2125 E W Onstott Rd

Motion to adjourn at 2014 hours, Joe/Neil, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary