

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

05 Feb - 7:00 P.M. General Club Meeting, Potluck, & Drawing. Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville

02 Mar – 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715 King Ave. Yuba City

02–03 Mar – International DX–Phone

05 Mar - 7:00 P.M. General Club Meeting and Swap Shop. Marysville First UMC, 730 D Meeting Street, Marysville

20 - Mar – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City

09 Apr - 7:00 P.M. General Club Meeting, Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville

17 Apr – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting, American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City

27 Apr – Bike Around the Buttes

04 May – 3F Century Ride

04 May – 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715 King Ave. Yuba City

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

15 May – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting,

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American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125
E Onstott Rd, Yuba City
17-19 May – Dayton Hamvention

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

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

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

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.

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 83
each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 62 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. Red/Black Power Cable, 50
feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
10. LMR240 Double Shielded
Coax, 1000 feet. Cost is \$0.26
per foot.
11. Dacron rope, 3/16” 770 pound
pull strength. 1000 feet. Cost
is \$0.15 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.

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CONTESTING

You do not have to be an avid contester to enjoy some form of contesting. Some use the state QSO parties to gain states or even states on specific bands. Some expeditions are out for bigger DX contests such as CQWW DX and ARRL International DX contests. It is a great way to pick up new countries. N3FJP offers software to do all state QSO parties and most other contests. If you do not want to spend money on his software N1MM offers free software. It is not as friendly as the N3FJP software but is configurable for more contests.

Many of these allow for club competition. In club contesting the members operate on their own and the entries all list the club name. The scores count as individual and club points. We have done this for the California QSO Party in the past. Techs can get with a general class and higher and operate with them. If nothing else just get on and have fun!

Upcoming contests for March 2019:

ARRL International DX Contest – SSB

0000Z March 2nd to 2400Z March 3rd, SSB Only

160, 80, 40, 20 15 and 10 meters

Rules: <http://arrl.org/arrl-dx>

State QSO Parties have started for this year. They are great if you need certain states.

Oklahoma QSO Party – Phone, CW and Digital (No FT8)

80, 40, 20, 15, 10 & 6 Meters

1500Z March 9 to 0200Z March 10 and 1400Z to 2100Z March 10

Rules:

<http://k5cm.com/okqp2018rules.pdf> they haven't changed the rules since 2018

Idaho QSO Party – Phone, CW and Digital (No FT8)

160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, Meters

1900Z March 9 to 1900Z March 10

Rules:

<http://idahoarrl.info/qsoparty/rules.htm>

Wisconsin QSO Party – Phone, CW and Digital

All except WARC Bands

1800Z March 10 to 0100Z March 11

Rules: www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

Virginia QSO Party – Phone, CW and Digital

All except WARC Bands

1400Z March 16 to 0400Z March 17 and 1200 to 2400Z March 17

Rules:

www.qsl.net/sterling/va_qso_party/2019_vqp/2019_vqp_main.html

Louisiana QSO Party – Phone, CW and Digital

160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters

1400Z March 16 to 0200Z March 17

Rules:

www.laqp.louisianacontestclub.org/laqso_rules.htm

CQWW WPX SSB – SSB Only

160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters

0000Z March 30 to 2359Z March 31

Rules: www.cqwp.com/rules.htm

Joe Visalli (N9BD)

A NOTE TO THE CLUB FROM A NEW MEMBER

My name is Mike Smith and I've

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been licensed as an amateur radio operator for over 15 years. My first few years on the air, nearly turned me off on the hobby. I found that many repeaters in the area have a "good ole' boy club mentality" with disregard for new (and young - at the time) members. I only ever felt "welcome" on WD6AXM.

Fast forward about 11 years...

I'm in my 40's now and I only recently came back on the air. A buddy of mine (a fellow off road enthusiast) was blown away on how I relayed (and used auto patch) from the center of the Rubicon on an HT. When I got back from my trip, I dusted off my mobile rig, re-installed it, and returned to my "channel 1" memory (WD6AXM). L was instantly welcomed as if I never left. While I'm not incredibly active, I wanted to thank you for the culture you encourage on your machine and from the club. Which is why, in over 15 years of being licensed, I'm finally joining a club. :) I wish you all the best and thank you again for such a positive experience as I re-join the hobby.

All The Best,

Mike "Smitty" Smith (73's K9CCO)

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

Bike Around The Buttes will be held on Apr 27th this year. John Rogers (KI6UDF) has again volunteered to be the ramrod for this event. So far we have the following positions filled:

Mike (KI6ISQ) net control
Neil (N6CNY) net control
Marsha (KI6CSN) SAG 1
Curtis (KF6VFP) rest stop

3F CENTURY RIDE

3F Century Ride will be held on May 4th this year. Mark Peters (KA6FFM) has again volunteered to be the ramrod for this event. So far we have the following positions filled:

Mark (KA6FFM)
Chris (KK6VZD)
Neil (N6CNY)
Bill (WA6OHP)
Curtis (KF6VFP)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., March 2, 2019 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City. A reminder, the new technician license question pool became active on July 1, 2018.

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.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Amateur Radio Youth Outreach at Placer County STEM Expo

Saturday, March 2 in Rocklin the American Radio Relay League Sacramento Valley Section will sponsor a Special Event Station N6S from 9 AM to 3:30 PM, Saturday March 2 at William Jessup University.

For more info:

<https://sites.google.com/site/arrrlsacvalley/#stemexpo>

LOOMIS HAMFEST 2019



Start Date: 03/16/2019

End Date: 03/16/2019

Location: Historic Loomis Train Depot
Plaza

5775 Taylor Road

Loomis, CA 95650

Website: <http://w6ek.org>

Sponsor: Sierra Foothills Amateur Radio
Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.430, -06, 223.860 -1.6 (PL
162.2)

Public Contact: Carl Schultz, WF6J
29095 58th Street Sacramento, CA
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Phone: 916-862-6802

Email: info@w6ek.org

MORSE CODE CLASS



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The Samuel F Morse ARC will be running a 10-week CW for beginner's course. This course will be held once a week for 2 hours (7 PM until 9 PM) each Wednesday evening in Carmichael.

You do NOT need to be a licensed operator to join our class. We will begin Wednesday evening April 10th (ending June 12th).

Students will be taught the complete International Morse Code alphabet, numbers, pro-signs, how to adjust and send on a Morse Code straight. Please contact Mike, N6MQL for more information: admin@w6sfm.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Tues., Mar 5th at Marysville First United Methodist Church, 730 D Street, Marysville. This meeting will be a swap meet. Have items you want to sell or give away, bring them to the meeting.

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BOARD MEETINGS

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

The next board meeting will be Wed., 20 Mar 2019. Visitors are welcome.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2019. The application form for renewal is available on the club website at:

<http://ysarc.net/join-now.html>.

You can also make a donation to the repeater fund at the same time if you are so inclined.

COMMENTS

✓ **Technician, General, and Extra Class** study guides are available at the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries. Call number: **621.384**. Note: the technician study guides are not the latest.

✓ 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

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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019

Yuba County Sheriff's Office 720 Yuba St., Marysville, CA 95901

Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 18:49 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD	B M: Joe Visalli N9BD
Vice President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC	B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ	B M: John Rogers KI6UDF - absent
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY - absent	B M: Neil Bossard N6CNY
	B M: Joseph Peterson K6JFP

Members and Guests present: Udell and Leroy Smith KJ6DKM, Ron Naso KM6WYQ

New Vice President, Daniel KM6RHC, and Board Member, Joseph K6JFP, introduced. Leroy reports 4 new Techs, 1 new General and 3 new Extras at last VE testing.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept November 21, 2018 board meeting minutes as presented, Joe/Mark, passed.
- New membership application received from Lance Snead KK6TBJ, Mark/Neil, passed.
- Thank you card received from Dale Haymore K6DTH.
- For the record: two new members were approved by email since last board meeting:
 - Robert Kelly K6VNR on December 4, 2018, Mark/John, passed.
 - Steve Martinez KE6INW on December 10-12, John/Joe, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June sent with Linda two sets of financial reports: end-of-year for Dec 31, 2018 and the usual monthly one for January 16, 2019, which shows an additional deposit of \$180, Joe/Mark, passed.

Old Business

- Tech class going well, but small - one student from Colusa
- Christmas Party went well, 38 tickets pre-sold, ordered food for 50, approx 55 attended.
- PayPal account - Kevin has needed info, link isn't active yet
- Discussion of Club sponsored HF event. Bok Kai or Peach Festival venue? No need for special call, as we have club call. Daniel reports Dr Bui offered use of his antenna (if we have it at his place). Need to plan ahead to get it into QST magazine. Joe will get cost estimate for flyers and QSL cards.
- Member badges - nothing done

New Business

- Gmail account for club officers and board members for business and mass emailing to membership.
- February club meeting will be a potluck and drawing. March will have a swap shop.

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- Clay Maynard K6SAI is donating a Telex 60' crank-up tilt-over tower for the club to sell. It's never been used, has 20' sections, heavy. Discussion of best way to sell it.
- Club website – Kevin will share access with Joe, Chris has access to calendar
- Motion to allocate funds to buy another 1000' spool of LMR240 (\$236.99) and 1000' 3/16" Dacron rope (approx \$150) for club store, Mark/Neil, passed. Joe will be ordering these.
- Joe receiving \$50 advance for drawing prizes for next club meeting.
- Winter Field Day at Sutter HS needs to be announced
- Motion to donate the extra 2 solar panels to Paradise Amateur Radio Society, Neil/Joseph, passed.

Upcoming Events

- January 26 - Winter Field Day at Sutter HS
- February 5 - Club Meeting with potluck and drawing
- February 20 - Board Meeting
- March 2 – VE testing
- April 27 - Bike around the Buttes
- May 4 - 3F Century Bike Ride
- June 22-23 - Field Day

Motion to adjourn at 20:32 hours, Mark/Joe, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary