

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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,
American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125
E. Onstott Rd, Yuba City

18 May – 9:00 A.M. Antenna Building
Day at Curtis and Marsha's home 12472
Krosens Road, Loma Rica, CA

17-19 May – Dayton Hamvention

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

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

22-23 Jun – Field Day

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

06 Jul – 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715
King Ave. Yuba City

17 Jul – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting,
American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125

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E. Onstott Rd, Yuba City

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.

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

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

A sunny warm day started the kickoff for the 2019 “Bike Around the Buttes” on April 27th.

During the event 4 riders were transported back to start/finish, 2 riders were assisted with minor first aid, 1 rider was assisted in reattaching a chain, 1 rider was assisted in replacing a tire and a small (car size) fire was called in. As an aside on how communications can get messed up the small fire we reported was received by the fire department as a large out of control fire and 5 fire engines were sent.

Thanks to all ham volunteers:

1. Mike (KI6ISQ) Net Control
2. Curtis (KF6VFP) Net Control
3. Bud (K1BUD) Net Control

4. Marsha (KI6CSN) SAG 1
5. Robert (K6VNR) SAG 2
6. Mark (KA6FFM) SAG 3
7. Andy (KJ6IYM) SAG 4
8. Michael (W6GRO) Joann SAG 5 (from Rancho Cordova)
9. Matt (N6JKU) SAG 6
10. Neil (N6CNY) SAG 7
11. Craig (KM6YOS) SAG 8
12. Chris (KK6VZD) SAG 9
13. LeRoy (KJ6DKM) SAG 10

14. Daniel (KM6RHC) and Mike (KM6MRB) Rest Stop 1
15. Brandon (KM6JID) Rest Stop 2
16. John (KK6JZL) Rest Stop 3
17. Bill (WA6OHP) Rest Stop 4

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A special thanks to John (KI6UDF) and Neil (N6CNY) for coordinating the volunteers.

From Neil:

I sincerely want to thank each and everyone of you that spent there time working Bike Around the Buttes. Everyone who volunteered showed up and did an outstanding job!!! Without you all...things wouldn't have been so smooth (on our end).

Now, is there room to grow and improve on this event...of course! That's what is going to make next year even better. If you seen something that can be improved on (once again, on our end), PLEASE bring it my attention so we can work on it.

I am really proud of our group and local hams that aren't members of our club. You are phenomenal!!! Thank you, once again and I hope to have you all on the crew next year!

73,
Neil
N6CNY

3F CENTURY RIDE

The 3F Century Ride will be held on May 4th this year. Mark Peters (KA6FFM) has again volunteered to be the ramrod for this event.

The 3F Century started in May of 2010. Initially the ride was a fundraiser to help pay for a wrestling mat for the Colusa High School Wrestling team. We met that goal last year. The ride is now

sponsored by the Colusa Lions Club and helps support youth activities in Colusa County. It is billed as a fun, fast, flat ride. There are 100-mile, 100-kilometer and 38-mile routes.

So far we have the following positions filled:

Rest Stop 1 - Neil N6CNY
Rest Stop 2 -
Rest Stop 3 - Brandon KM6JID
Rest Stop 4 - Joseph K6JFP

SAG 1 - Chris KK6VZD
SAG 2 - Mark KA6FFM
SAG 3 - Michael W6GRO & Joann
SAG 4 - Robert K6VNR
SAG 5 - LeRoy KJ6DKM
SAG 6 - Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control – Bill W6OHP

We could use a couple more SAGs, someone at rest stop 2 and a second net control.

ANTENNA DAY

If you have an antenna you would like to build, but are in need of help, come to the antenna building day Saturday, May 18th at Curtis (KF6VFP) and Marsha's (KI6CSN) home in Loma Rica. Their address is 12472 Krosens Road, Marysville (Loma Rica). The club store will be available to purchase coax, connectors, etc. Also tools and soldering equipment is available.

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FIELD DAY

Field Day this year will be June 22-23, the fourth weekend of the month. Joe (N9BD) and Bud (K1BUD) will co-chair Field Day this year.

Again W6KJ will be operating from Sutter High School same as Winter Field Day and Field Day last year.

I need some input from those who would like to bring rigs and or antennas. KC9EI is preparing four laptops which will be networked to help avoid duplicate contacts and to save time putting the reports together.

This year they are allowing FT-8 as a mode for Field Day. If you have an interface for your radio, please let know.

Daniel, KM6RHC will be smoking tri-tips for the meal on Saturday. We will also need some members to bring sides. Please drop me an email and let me know your wishes for the Field Day weekend.

I can be contacted at N9BD@arrl.net. Joe (N9BD)

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., May 4th at 715 King Ave., Yuba City. A reminder, the new general license question pool became active on July 1, 2019.

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Northwestern Division Convention
(SEA-PAC)

Start Date: 05/31/2019

End Date: 06/02/2019

Location: Seaside Civic & Convention
Center

415 First Avenue

Seaside, OR 97138

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

Sponsor: Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 145.45, 145.49 (both PL 118.8)
& 146.52 Simplex

Public Contact: John Bucsek, KE7WNB

PO Box 230216 Portland, OR 97281

Phone: 503-803-6134

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There are many interesting classes and great prizes at SEA-PAC. Last year KI6CSN and KF6VFP attended.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Tues., May 7th at Marysville First United Methodist Church, 730 D Street, Marysville. Joe (N9BD) will present a video of a DX Expedition. Bring your popcorn for the movie.

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 72 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, 740 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.

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., May 15, 2019. Visitors are welcome.

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

✓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 March 20, 2019
Red Cross Building, 2125 E W Onstott Rd, Yuba City, CA 95991
Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 18:56
hours.



Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Vice President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC – absent
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY - absent

B M: Joe Visalli N9BD
B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM – absent
B M: John Rogers KI6UDF
B M: Neil Bossard N6CNY
B M: Joseph Peterson K6JFP

Members and Guests present: Udell and Leroy Smith KJ6DKM, Repeater Trustee Dave Gartner WD6AXM, Mike Morris KK6ISQ

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept Feb. 20, 2019 board meeting minutes as presented, Neil/John, passed.
- New membership applications received from the following: Michael Bell KN6A00, Todd Dailey KN6A0N, and Paul Lust, who is planning to test in May. Motion to approve them, Joe/Neil, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June gave the March financial reports to an officer who brought them to the meeting. Motion to approve, Joe/Joseph, passed.

Old Business

- A committee comprising Joe, Joseph, and Neil will organize the sale of Clay Maynard's 60' high gain Telex antenna tower, the proceeds being donated to the club. Motion to allow up to \$100 for brochures to promote the tower sale, Neil/Joseph, passed. Udell reminded us of the importance of not using the term "raffle" in California.
- Joe has spoken with Kevin about getting the software from TechSoup that he uses for the website.
- Gmail account yuba.sutter.arc has been deleted. We will use ysarc.net. Joe will add info@ysarc.net for inquiries to club. Joe reminded us of the importance of adding ysarc.net to your email contacts, so it won't go into spam.
- Member badges – nothing to report yet
- Bike around the Buttes - Neil will be coordinator that day; John has other obligations. Still need 6 SAGs and 1 rest stop. Discussion of ways to recruit more volunteers. HF event during BatB will not take place – not enough volunteers for both.
- Joe bought 1000 QSL cards and passed samples around. Motion to reimburse Joe \$65.12 + \$15 for envelopes and postage, Neil/John, passed.
- Sutter HS looking for Elmers on the last Wednesdays of the month to help kids get on the air.
- Discussion of membership as defined by our bylaws, especially as it relates to the ARRL requirement of having 51% of voting members belonging to ARRL, in order to qualify as an ARRL affiliated club.

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New Business

- Joe took down 3 towers in past 4 days. Two were donated to the club for sale. Both are 45'-50', one is lightweight with 8' sections, one is ROHN 25g with 10' sections.
- Field Day – Chris will check with someone to see if they will be coordinator.
- Motion to allocate \$75 for club drawing in April, John/Neil, passed.
- Udell requests that LeRoy be able to give the VE report on the air and at club meetings without someone else jumping in first.

Upcoming Events

- April 9 – Club Meeting & drawing
- April 17 – Board Meeting
- April 27 - Bike around the Buttes
- May 4 – VE testing
- May 4 - 3F Century Bike Ride
- June 22-23 - Field Day

Motion to adjourn at 20:21 hours, Neil/Dave, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary