

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS 2020

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC
Vice Pres.: Mike Morris, KK6ISQ
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

11 Jul – VE Session, Location TBD
16 Jul – Board Meeting TBD

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

Wednesday mornings – Cancelled
until further notice

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Chris McLain, KK6VZD
Brandon Guthrie, KM6JID
Kevin Klatt, KM6WFW
Vandell “Bud” Myers, KK1BUD
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

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.

Sunday 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

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

02 Jun – General Club Meeting TBD
18 Jun – Board Meeting TBD
27-28 Jun – Club Field Day TBD

07 Jul – General Club Meeting TBD

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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.

CANCELLED/RESCHEDULED

Due to the COVID-19 virus going around the following have been cancelled or rescheduled.

Cancelled:

- General club meeting until the church facilities are reopened.
- Board meetings until the Red Cross Facilities are reopened.
- Weekly breakfasts at Dancing Tomato until further notice.

Rescheduled:

- Bike Around the Buttes has been moved to 26 Sep 2020.
- 3F Century Ride has been moved to 10 Oct 2020.

FIELD DAY 2020



WWW.ARRL.ORG

June 27-28, 2020

For those of you new to Field Day, the object of this two-day event is to work as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above.

Whether you work solo or as a group this year, check out the *Creative Approaches to Field Day 2020* PDF link below:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2020/Creative%20Approaches%20to%20Field%20Day%202020.pdf>

From the ARRL Letter for May 28, 2020 (email letter):

“Temporary Rule Waivers Announced for 2020 ARRL Field Day

With one month to go before 2020 ARRL Field Day, June 27 - 28, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee (PSC) has adopted two temporary rule waivers for the event:

1) For Field Day 2020 only, Class D stations may work all other Field Day stations, including other Class D stations, for points.

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Field Day rule 4.6 defines Class D stations as "Home stations," including stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations ordinarily may only count contacts made with Class A, B, C, E, and F Field Day stations, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows Class D stations to count contacts with other Class D stations for QSO credit.

2) In addition, for 2020 only, an aggregate club score will be published, which will be the sum of all individual entries indicating a specific club (similar to the aggregate score totals used in ARRL affiliated club competitions).

Ordinarily, club names are only published in the results for Class A and Class F entries, but the temporary rule waiver for 2020 allows participants from any Class to optionally include a single club name with their submitted results following Field Day.

For example, if Podunk Hollow Radio Club members Becky, W1BXY, and Hiram, W1AW, both participate in 2020 Field Day -- Hiram from his Class D home station, and Becky from her Class C mobile station -- both can include the radio club's name when reporting their individual results. The published results listing will include individual scores for Hiram and Becky, plus a combined score for all entries identified as Podunk Hollow Radio Club.

The temporary rule waivers were adopted by the PSC on May 27, 2020.

ARRL Field Day is one of the biggest events on the amateur radio calendar, with over 36,000 participants in 2019, including entries from 3,113 radio clubs

and emergency operations centers. In most years, Field Day is also the largest annual demonstration of ham radio, because many radio clubs organize their participation in public places such as parks and schools.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many radio clubs have made decisions to cancel their group participation in ARRL Field Day this year due to public health recommendations and/or requirements, or to significantly modify their participation for safe social distancing practices. The temporary rule waivers allow greater flexibility in recognizing the value of individual and club participation regardless of entry class.

ARRL is contacting logging program developers about the temporary rule waivers so developers can release updated versions of their software prior to Field Day weekend.

Participants are reminded that the preferred method of submitting entries after Field Day is via the web applet. The ARRL Field Day rules include instructions for submitting entries after the event. Entries must be submitted or postmarked by Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

The ARRL Field Day web page (www.arrl.org/field-day (added)) includes a series of articles with ideas and advice for adapting participation this year."

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 29 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 51 each.

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- Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 25 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 185 feet, 1 spool 210 foot 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, 644 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
 9. Dacron rope, 3/16" 770 pound pull strength. About 800 feet. Cost is \$0.15 per foot.
 10. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
 11. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
 12. BNC Male to Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
 13. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
 14. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
 15. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

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.

WEBSITES

Want to study for your Technician, General or Amateur Extra license – check out Dave Casler KE6OG you tube channel. His videos closely follow the ARRL manuals. He also has other videos of interest to hams; such as, ground, antennas, etc.

You tube channel Ham Radio Testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg7hejy7ObVY15JcWY4cpTA>

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Manna (KA6ETB) has again volunteered to coordinate the Monday Night Net Control operators. To date she has the following:

Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Robert	K6VNR
Mar	Joseph	K6JFP
Apr	Chris	KK6VZD
May	Manna	KA6ETB
Jun	Mike	N6MRB
Jul	Chris	KK6VZD
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Mike	N6MRB
Oct	Chris	KK6VZD
Nov	Mike	N6MRB
Dec	Manna	KA6ETB

Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Manna (KA6ETB)

GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Our next club meeting is to be determined. At present the First United Methodist hall we used is closed until

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further notice. Once things return to some semblance of normality the date will be in the VHN and announced on the Monday Night Net. Check in on Monday at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) for further information.

NEW ARRL MEMBER BENEFIT

Not an ARRL member and considering becoming one, or just curious or already a member? The ARRL just announced a new benefit for all ARRL members:

From an ARRL email received April 24th:

“ARRL members will now receive digital access to four ARRL magazines beginning with their latest issues. Joining QST and On the Air on a digital platform will be the bimonthly editions of QEX — The Forum for Communications Experimenters and NCJ — National Contest Journal. QEX includes articles, columns, and other features ranging from construction projects to more advanced technical information in radio theory and practice. NCJ targets radio amateurs active in radiosport, and includes scores, technical articles, contributions from top contesters, and advice for radiosport enthusiasts alike.

"All members can enjoy specialized content and a high-quality reading experience whether at their desk or on the go. Offering this suite of digital magazines is an opportunity for us to give members more of what they want while adding value to ARRL membership" said ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY.

ARRL's digital magazine editions

provide replicas of the printed editions with added functionality, allowing users to fully search issues, enlarge pages, share articles, and more. All four are easily accessible through any web browser from members-only links. The free ARRL Magazines app also supports downloading complete issues for offline reading. It is available for iOS and Android in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

For more information visit www.arrl.org/arrl-magazines ”

ARRL EXTRA CLASS LICENSE MANUAL

NOTE: The Extra Class (Element 4) current question pool is valid until June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1st the new question pool will take effect. That means if you plan on testing for Amateur Extra on July 11th you need to study the new question pool. The new questions are available at:

www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=356.

Be sure to download the diagrams also.

The new extra class license manual is available with shipping in mid June.

NEW CLUB MEMBER

David Ahart (KN6IWU), one of the new technicians from the last exam, joined the club.

FOR SALE

Herb (W6HBU) has for sale:

1. 2012 iMac for \$450.00. Operating system 10.11.6 OS X El Capitan,

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2.8 GHz, 4 GB RAM, 320 GB harddrive, 3 USB ports, 24 inch display, CD-DVD Superdrive, mini display port, 10/100/1000 ethernet, audio in/optical digital audio in port, headphone out/optical digital audio out port, firwire 400 port, firewire 800 port, keyboard and mouse.

2. MFJ1704 quad antenna switch for \$70.00
3. MFJ 1702 dual antenna switch for \$40.00



iMac for sale

Contact Curtis (KF6VFP) if you wish at KF6VFP@arrl.net to purchase these items.

JUNE QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

- June 7 – Kentucky QSO Party – CW, Phone, Digital
- June 7 – Dutch Kingdom Contest – CW, Phone
- June 13 – ARRL VHF Contest – CW, Phone, Digital
- June 20 – West Virginia QSO Party –

CW, Phone, Digital

- June 20 – ARRL Kids Day – Phone
- June 28 – His Majesty King of Spain Contest – Phone
- June 28 – ARRL Field Day

Many others can be found at: [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2020/June 2020 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest/Corral/2020/June%2020%20Corral.pdf)

VE TEST SESSION

The last VE session was held at the Yuba Sutter Rod and Gun Club, on May 2nd. Those taking tests were provided with at least 6 feet of distance.

A total of 18 people tested. Thirteen technician, 4 general and 2 extra exams were given. Thirteen new technician licenses were earned, 2 general and 2 extra upgrades. One extra upgrade passed the general exam and then the extra exam.

Congratulations to those earning their licenses.

Amateur Extra

Paul Lust (K6WAT)
Daniel Blake (KC6MWM)

General

Donald Campbell (KN6IJE)
Steve Shepard (KN6IJD)

Technician

Amrinder S Jassar (KN6IWR)
Jatinder Singh (KN6IWS)
Ramanpreet Singh (KN6IWT)
David Ahart (KN6IWU)
Edward Palma (KN6IWW)
Anothy Toglia (KN6IWW)
Bruce Schiek (KN6IWX)

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Darien Smith (KN6IWY)
Phillip Ott (KN6IWZ)
Nicki Burns (KN6IXA)
Jaskaran Hothi (KN6IXB)
Joshua Gilbert (KN6IXC)
John Forster (KN6IXD)

Thanks to all the VE's, who came out and made this a very successful VE session.

The next VE session is scheduled for July 2nd at a location to be determined.

VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered. **Please note: the new extra exam pool will be used.**

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.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our next board meeting is to be determined. At present the American Red Cross classroom we used is closed until further notice. Once things return to some semblance of normality the date will be in the VHN, an email from Daniel

(KM6RHC) and announced on the Monday Night Net. Check in on Monday at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) for further information. Guaranteed you cannot catch the virus via radio.

COMMENTS

✓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

✓For more information about QSO parties state by state: ysarc.net - Event - [State QSO Party Calendar](#).

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