

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS**

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC  
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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
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## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD  
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

02 Aug – Board Meeting  
13 Aug – Fox Hunt  
16 Aug – General Meeting  
  
03 Sep – VE Session

06 Sep – Board Meeting  
10 Sep – Fox Hunt  
20 Sep – General Meeting

01-02 Oct – CA QSO Party  
04 Oct – Board Meeting  
08 Oct – Fox Hunt  
14-16 Oct – Pacificon  
18 Oct – General Meeting

01 Nov – Board Meeting  
05 Nov – VE Session  
12 Nov – Fox Hunt  
15 Nov – General Meeting

03 Dec – Club Christmas Party  
06 Dec – Board Meeting

## **Local Nets**

**YSARC Net:** Monday night at 7:00 P.M. (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop and help sessions.

**Butte County ARES Net:** Monday night at 8:00 P.M. (145.290–), PL 110.9

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

**ARES Net:** Thursday night at 7:00 P.M., (146.085+) PL 127.3.

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**YL Net:** Sunday nights at 2000, (146.970- MHz) PL 123.0.

**ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (VHF) Net:** Third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.: on the WD6AXM repeater followed by an HF Net on 3987 kHz LSB.

**OARS Net:** Sunday night at 8:00 P.M., (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.



The next Hunt will be held Saturday August 13th in Yuba City. Beginning at 9 AM, the Fox will be transmitting from somewhere in Yuba City on 146.565 MHz. When you arrive at the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. We'll have some refreshments and a chance to share hunting stories.

Contact: Paul Hyatt, W6PNH. He will be available on the repeater.

Bring your transceivers and antennas. Can you find the hidden transmitters?

Paul (W6PNH)

## FOX HUNT



The July Fox Hunt had a great turnout. Participating were Jeff KN6MXB, Ernie KN6GTN, Myron ND6O, not pictured Grant W6JIB and A.J. K6AJH.

## CLUB STORE

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

1. PL259 Coax connectors, 23 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 86 each. 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
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 85 feet, 1-spool 100 feet and 1 coil of 125 feet. Cost is \$0.39

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- 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, 584 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
  9. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  10. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  11. BNC Male-to-Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
  12. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  13. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
  14. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 each.

Also available are 25 Watt soldering irons that can be checked out for up to 2 weeks.

If you are interested in checking out a soldering iron or purchasing any of the club store items contact, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-3003, by email at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

## **HAM FESTS**

### **Sixteenth Annual Sacramento Valley Hamfest**

**Date:** 09/17/2022

**Location:** McBean Park  
65 McBean Park Drive  
Lincoln, CA 95648

**Website:** <http://wparc.us>

**Sponsor:** Western Placer Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 147.300 (+) 67 Hz

**Public Contact:** Michael Buck, K6BUK  
203 Brockman Court Lincoln, CA 95648  
Phone: 916-765-5910

**Email:** [mr buck@pacbell.net](mailto:mr buck@pacbell.net)

## **QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO**

The next QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo, a full featured virtual ham radio convention, is September 17 -18, 2022. The online event includes speakers and presentations, fully interactive video lounges where participants can meet each other and chat, and an exhibit hall full of vendors and organizations.

While the Ham Expo was originally created in August 2020 as an alternative to canceled in-person ham radio conventions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has evolved into a regularly-held event for amateur radio learning through peer submitted presentations on nearly every amateur radio subject, lively discussion, and interaction.

The Expo uses virtual event technology using platforms produced by vFairs and Kumospace. "The Kumospace lounges were a fantastic

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edition to the Expo last March and were full of hams and conversation during the entire Expo weekend", said Eric Guth, 4Z1UG, the founder of the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo. Kumospace is a video chat platform for hosting and participating in immersive virtual events. Guth said there are new enhancements that will make the lounges even more enjoyable for attendees. Kumospace and vFairs are now supported by apps for Apple and Android. Expo personnel still recommend a fast internet connection and big screens for the best user experience.

New for this Ham Expo is a Poster Gallery Hall that includes a product showcase and interactive projects submitted by amateurs. The product showcase is as a way for vendors who may or may not have a booth to demonstrate individual products through videos, white papers, and slides. Each showcase is fully interactive through text chat and supports opportunities for vendors to follow-up with interested visitors. The Poster Gallery will also include an opportunity for individuals to submit papers, projects, and articles to be enjoyed by Expo delegates. Accepted gallery submission will include a free ticket to the expo.

The \$10 ticket for the Expo will go on sale in August. Anyone can attend the Expo from anywhere in the world, over the internet. For more information go to [qsocketodayhamexpo.com](http://qsocketodayhamexpo.com). ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® is a QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Partner.

## **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING**

The next general meeting will be Aug 16th. This meeting will be a tech night. The club store will be available if you need anything. Also there will be a soldering station(s) to use. If you need in technical help, this will be a good time to get it.

## **FIELD DAY**

### Field Day Totals

W6KJ - Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

1136 Points Total

134 QSO's on two bands 2 modes

26 Participants

N9BD - Joe- Dobbins

510 Points Total

116 QSO's on 6 bands (80 - 6) 3 modes

K6VNR - Robert - Sutter

485 Points Total

7 Phone QSO's on 2 bands

K6JFP - Joseph - Loma Rica

250 Points Total

84 QSO's

W6PNH - Paul & AJ (K6AJH)

342 Points Total

27 QSO's on 2 bands 2 modes

Joe (N9BD)

## **MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL**

To date, Manna has the following

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hams volunteering for 2022. **We still need 2 volunteers for 2022: November and December.** If you wish to sign up for 2023 let Manna know.

2022		
Aug	Neil Bossard	N6CNY
Sep	Steve Shepard	KN6IJD
Oct	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
Nov		
Dec		
2023		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr		
May		

If you wish to volunteer for 2022 or 2023 let Manna know.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
Manna (KA6ETB)

## VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 3rd, 2022 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at 9:00 A.M. VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered.

The exam requires two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. A fee of \$15.00 is required.

A calculator may be used as long as it has had all of its memories cleared and there are no built in or preprogrammed formulas.

Upgrades to a higher class also require two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. Also, 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.

**Please Note: You must use a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) to take an exam and for any transactions with the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll complete. A FRN can be obtained at:**

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

**Also note: new licensing fees are in effect.** The fees will be the responsibility of the applicant regardless of filing method and must be paid within 10 calendar days of FCC's receipt of the application. For applications filed by a VEC, the period does not begin until the application is received by the Commission, a ULS file number assigned, and an email sent by the FCC directly to the applicant."

VECs and Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not collect the \$35 fee at license exam sessions. New and upgrade candidates at an exam session will continue to pay the \$15 exam session fee to the ARRL VE team as usual, and pay the new, \$35 application fee directly to the FCC by using the CORES FRN Registration system (CORES - Login).

When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful

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candidate who then will have 10 calendar days from the date of the email to pay. After the fee is paid and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license or explanation of other action. The link will be good for 30 days.

Good luck to everyone taking exams!

## **AUGUST QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

06 Aug: North America QSO Party; CW

06 Aug: ARRL 220 MHz and up Distance Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

13 Aug: Kentucky State Parks On The Air; CW, Phone, Digital

13 Aug: Maryland-DC QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Aug: ARRL 10 GHz and up Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

20 Aug: North America QSO Party; Phone (SSB)

21 Aug: ARRL Rookie Roundup; Digital (RTTY)

27 Aug: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, Digital

27 Aug: Hawaii QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

27 Aug: W/VE Islands QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital (usislands.org)

27 Aug: Kansas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

27 Aug: Ohio QSO Party; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2022/August2022Corral.pdf>

or in the August issue of QST Magazine.

## **BOARD MEETING**

The July board meeting will be held on August 2nd at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed later.

## **COMMENTS**

✓YSARC's web page is: [ysarc.net](http://ysarc.net).

The web page is currently updated. Past VHN's are available on the club's website.

Thanks to our webmaster, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.

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

✓Check out the [New England ARES Academy](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) channel on YouTube for a series of excellent ARES training videos.

✓Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures of ham shacks, antenna parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, Fox Hunt, etc. are appreciated. Send them to [KI6CSN@arrl.net](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

✓If anyone has ideas/suggestions for club activities that we can do online, in person or virtually please contact any club officer or board member or email your suggestions to [board@ysarc.net](mailto:board@ysarc.net).



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## Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 7, 2022 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by President Daniel Weber KM6RHC at 19:01 hours.

### Officers and Board Members present unless noted<sup>1</sup>

President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC  
Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD  
Linda Maas KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD  
Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD  
Director: Mike Morris KK6ISQ - absent  
Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH  
Director: Robert Kelly K6VNR

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, and LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Transfer motions from last board meeting were completed.
- Motion to approve June's financial reports, Joe/Chris, passed.

### Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from May 3, 2022, Chris/Joe, passed.
- Motion to approve new member Victor Moreno (not licensed yet), Joe/Paul, passed.
- We received the PTI fee receipt from the DMV for the club trailer. It is good till 05-31-2027.
- We received a donation of \$200 from Linda Perkins to the repeater fund as a thank you for the club members who took down Herb W6HBU Puckett's "antennae" and weeded out 62 years of ham gear.

### Old Business

- Field Day will be the topic of the June club meeting, including proper logging. ARES will be operating from the Alcouffe Center in Oregon House as an alternative site for YSARC on Field Day.
- Summer Stroll – Daniel will contact Neil for an update.
- Curtis reports the club meeting venue will require gloves or designated servers for food distribution.

### New Business

- Motion to move the June club meeting from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> due to the church hall being unavailable on June 21<sup>st</sup>, Joe/Chris, passed.
- Motion to approve two \$50 gift cards for the drawing at the June club meeting, Robert/Paul, passed.
- Robert inquired about the possibility of ARES accepting donations & making payments via YSARC. June stated we cannot accept donations greater than \$40,000 and that she will need to

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know who has authority to draw funds from an ARES fund. Motion to allow Yuba-Sutter ARES to collect and distribute funds through YSARC, Joe/Chris, passed.

- Curtis suggested we have a barbecue in July or August. Discussion of time & day of week, and where.
- Paul is considering adding an APRS element to the next Fox Hunt.

Motion to adjourn at 19:50 hours, Joe/Paul, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary



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