

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD
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Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

18 May – Parks on the Air at Grey Lodge

21 May – General Meeting

26 May – Carmichael Ham Swap

31 May – Memorial Day

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Paul Hyatt, W6PNH
Eric Walton, KM6QQT
Bud Myers, KK1BUD
Neil Bossard, N6CNY

04 Jun – Board Meeting

08 Jun – Fox Hunt

15 Jun – Kids Day

18 Jun – General Meeting

22 – 23 Jun – Field Day

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

02 Jul – Board meeting

06 Jul – VE Session

16 Jul – General Meeting

LIAISONS

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

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.

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

ARRL Sacramento Valley Section

UPCOMING EVENTS

27 Apr – International Marconi Day

04 May – VE Session

04 May – Star Wars Day

07 May – Board Meeting

11 May – Armed Forces Day Cross-band Test

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(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.

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL259 Coax connectors, 21 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 83 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 103 red/ black pairs. Cost is \$1.09 per pair.
4. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 at \$0.50 each.
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 85 feet, 1 spool 100 feet and 1 coil of 122 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, 34 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 500 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 2 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.

There is a Power Pole crimper that can be checked out.

If you are interested in checking out the crimper or purchasing any of the club store items contact, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 713-9068, by email at KF6VFP@arrl.net, on the air, or at one of the club meetings. At most club meetings he has the club store available excluding cable.

ARMED FORCES CROSSBAND TEST

From the ARRL Letter dated 18 April:
“The US Department of Defense will host this year's Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test on May 11, 2024. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event, which is an interoperability exercise between hobbyist and

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government radio stations. The event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and will not impact any public or private communications. The AFD Crossband Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the Amateur Radio Service (ARS), as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111.

These tests provide opportunities and challenges for radio operators to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly controlled exercise scenario. Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies and announce the specific ARS frequencies monitored. All scheduled times will be in Zulu (Z), and all scheduled frequencies will be upper sideband (USB) unless otherwise noted.

Information on frequencies, times, and other technical information can be found at DoD MARS - Armed Forces Day. Information for QSL cards and contact information is available at Armed Forces Day QSL request form.

AFD is classified as an observance -- not a federal holiday. It will be celebrated on Saturday, May 18, 2024, and it will be a time of honor. The establishment of AFD was first announced on August 31, 1949, by then US Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson. It was meant to replace the separate Army, Navy, and Air Force Days. All branches were combined to create the US Department of Defense. The first Armed Forces Day was held on May 20, 1950. The day is celebrated with special events, tributes, observances, and parades.”

YSARC FOXHUNT

The next Foxhunt is scheduled for Sat., June 8th. The Fox will be transmitting on 146.565 MHz. When you find the location, you'll have an opportunity to find a second, low-power transmitter on foot. After about an hour the APRS will be turned on.

Photos from the last fox hunt courtesy of Karla (K6KDS):



I to r: Kevin KV6OTT, Neil N6CNY, Ernie KN6GTN, Paul W6PNH, Jeff KN6MXB, and Matthew KN6WNR



I to r: Ginger KN6JZW and Karla K6KDS

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

GENERAL MEETING

At the last general meeting Carol Milazzo (KP4D) our Sacramento Valley Section Manager and James Goldstene (AE6JG) the Affiliated Club Coordinator gave a presentation via zoom about ARRL and what they have to offer to ARRL members and affiliated clubs.

Photo from the last meeting:



REMINDER: The May club meeting will be held at Crossroads Community Church, 445 B Street, Yuba City.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

To date, John (KI6UDF) has the following hams volunteering for 2024.

You can volunteer for a single net, several nets, or a whole month. The choice is yours. Several net control positions are still open for this year:

Aug., Oct., Nov., and Dec.

John can be contacted on the net or

email him at KI6UDF@gmail.com.

Month	Name	Call
Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Bud	KK1BUD
Mar	Paul Karla	W6PNH K6KDS
Apr	Ernest	KN6GTN
May	Joe	N9BD
Jun	Curtis Marsha	KF6VFP KI6CSN
Jul	Matthew	KN6WNR
Aug		
Sep	Ernest	KN6GTN
Oct		
Nov		
Dec		
Backup		
	Steve	KN6IJD
	Smitty	WB1G

Thanks to all who have volunteered.
John (KI6UDF)

HAMFESTS RENO HAM SWAP

Start Date: 05/11/2024

End Date: 05/11/2024

Location: Cabela's Reno
8650 Boomtown Garson Rd.
Reno, NV 89501

Website: <http://renohamswap.com>

Sponsor: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.210 + PL 100.0

Public Contact: Wes Vick , KG7QXE

PO Box 7727 Reno, NV 89510

Phone: 775-453-4142

Email: info@snars.org

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CARMICHAEL ELKS LODGE ARC HAM SWAP

Sunday, May 26 from 7 am to 12 noon at the Carmichael Elks Lodge, 5631 Cypress Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608. Please stop by and say hello at our ARRL Section booth.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/463575526003158/>

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be Sat., May 4th 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. **Please Note: You must have 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. You will not be allowed to take the exam without this number. A FRN can be obtained at:**

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

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 at no additional cost.

If you do not pass and wish to try again an additional fee will be required.

Licensing 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.

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

BIKE AROUND THE BUTTES

The Bike Around the Buttes event

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was a cold, rainy day. Twenty-two Hams from the YSARC and YSARES provided communications and safety support for the event. Six-hundred and fifty riders signed up for the 20, 40, 70 and 100 mile rides. About 170 riders actually participated. A total of 7 riders were brought back to the finish, 4 of them needed to warm up to avoid hypothermia.

Thanks to the following who helped out.

Position	Name	Call Sign
Net Control 1	Mike	KK6ISQ
Net Control 2	Curtis	KF6VFP
Rest Stop 1	Robert	K6VNR
Rest Stop 1	Kim	KN6KIP
Rest Stop 2	Chris	KK6VZD
Rest Stop 3	Paul	KK0BGY
Rest Stop 4	Paul	W6PNH
Rest Stop 5	Linda	KK6SOZ
SAG 1	Bud	KK1BUD
SAG 2	Ed	KO6DZV
SAG 2	Jocelyn	KO6DVU
SAG 3	Ernie	KN6GNT
SAG 4	Andy	KJ6IYM
SAG 5	Ted	KN6TED
SAG 6	Matthew	KN6WNR
SAG 7	David	On GMRS
SAG 8	Leroy	KD6DKM
SAG 9	Steve	KN6IJD
SAG 10	Daniel	N6APX
SAG 12	Kevin	KV6OTT
Bike Path	Paul	W6PNH
Victor 1	Neil	N6CNY
Victor 2	Brandon	KM6JID

Photos from BATB courtesy of Steve (KN6JID), Paul (W6PNH), Linda (KK6SOZ) and Chris (KK6VZD)



Rest Stop 5



Net Control Mike (KK6ISQ) and Curtis (KF6VFP)

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SAG 1 Bud (KK1BUD)



Paul (W6PNH) at Rest Stop 4



Victor 1 Neil (N6CNY) while at Rest Stop 4

MAY QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

04 May: 7th Call Area QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

04 May: Indiana QSO Party; CW, Phone

04 May: Delaware QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

04 May: New England QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

11 May: Canadian Prairies QSO Party; CW, Phone

16 May: NTC (Netherlands Telegraphy Club) QSO Party; CW

18 May: His Majesty, King of Spain Contest; CW

18 May: Arkansas QSO Party; CW, Phone, Digital

Many other contests can be found at the following websites:

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2024/May_2024_Corral.pdf

<https://www.contestcalendar.com>

Curtis (KF6VFP)

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BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Tues. May 7th, 2024, at 1900 (7 p.m.) via zoom. Details for the zoom meeting will be emailed.

COMMENTS

✓ YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**. Past VHN's are available on the club's website. Check out more photos of fox hunts and public service events!

Thanks to our web master, Paul Hyatt, W6PNH.

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

✓ How many of you have checked out the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section web page? There's lots of good information about what's happening with many of the different clubs in the Northern California area. Check it out! **<https://www.arrlsacvalley.org/home>**

✓ 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 or 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

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024 Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



Meeting called to order by Joe Visalli at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD -
absent

Vice President: Steve Shepard KN6IJD -
absent

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD

Director: Paul Hyatt W6PNH

Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD

Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY - absent

Director: Eric Walton KM6QQT - absent

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

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve minutes from February 6, 2024, Bud/Paul, passed.
- Motion to approve new members: Jerry Willis, N6LAI, who was a member in the past; and new hams: Stanley Cleveland, Leonard Lanigan, Avery Lanigan, Ed Bischoff, Jocelyn Bischoff, and Jeremy Bischoff, who do not yet have call signs. Paul/Joe, passed.
- Paul has kindly volunteered to take minutes at the April board meeting as Linda will be absent.

Treasurer's Report:

- Repeater donations paid via PayPal need to be transferred to the Repeater Fund. Motion to authorize June to manage financial transfers as needed, Paul/Bud, passed.
- Motion to approve June's financial report for March 5, 2024, Bud/Paul, passed.

Old Business

- Bud reports that the Bok Kai parade committee is excited to have our help for the first time this year. Our 9 volunteers will meet at 9am at 7th and D streets in Marysville on March 9th.
- Seven people passed the technician test on March 2nd; six were from our tech class. Two of those people passed their general class test as well.

New Business

- We need to find an alternative site for our May club meeting as Curtis will not be available to open the church. Options were discussed, including Crossroads Community Church. Paul will check into it.
- Some members requested the main presentation at club meetings start shortly after the pledge, and equipment show-and-tell, recap of past events, upcoming events, etc. be afterwards.
- Joe will contact Carol regarding a possible April club meeting topic of ARRL -what they do and

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benefits of membership.

Motion to adjourn at 19:37 hours, Paul/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary