

VALLEY HAM NEWS

November 2015

Sac Valley Net, 7:00 P.M., 2nd Wed of the month 146.850 MHz – offset, 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 repeater: 146.085 MHz out, 146.685 MHz in, PL 127.3

CLUB STORE

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

1. Marine grade white RG8X coax, 13 feet. Cost is \$0.41/foot.
2. RG8X Black coax, 320 foot reel. Cost is \$0.41/foot.
3. PL295 coax connectors, 57 each. Cost is \$1.99 each.
4. RG8X reducers, 40 each. Cost is \$0.69 each.
5. Power Pole connectors, 119 red/black pairs. Cost is \$1.00 per pair.
6. 12 gauge red/black wire for power connections, 25 feet. Cost is \$1.00/foot.
7. Coax wrap, 2 rolls. Cost is \$4.00 per roll.
8. LMR 400 coax, 40 feet. Cost is \$0.90/foot.
9. RG8X strain relief boots, 14 each. Cost is \$0.50 each.

If you are interested in purchasing any of these items contact the club store manager, Curtis (KF6VFP) at (530) 743-3003 or on the air.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

The November meeting was the election of officers, board members and approval of the 2016 budget. The budget was approved. The following individuals volunteered to be board members and officers and were approved unanimously.

President: Chris Price (KD6CP)

Vice President: Eleanor Knox (KI6CSO)

Treasurer: June McJunkin (N6JEY)

Secretary: Vacant

Board Members:

Ron Murdock (W6KJ)

Kathy Burns (N7WVW)

Odolf (Matthew) den Hollander (AC6MF)

Manna Whelchel (KA6ETB)

Lester Allan (KK6SYV)

YSARC is still looking for a volunteer to be the club secretary.

VE TEST RESULTS AND TEST SESSION

At the November 7th VE session One general class exam was given. Congratulations to Joe Stafford (KK6SOX) on upgrading to general

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class. Thanks to the VEs who came and helped.

The next VE session will be 2 January 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. 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 all who are taking exams.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

The club will again be sponsoring a technician class. Classes will be held at the American Red Cross Center, 2125 East Onstott Frontage Road, Yuba City, Classroom 1. It will be taught from 6:30 to 8:30 Monday and Wednesday evenings from Jan 4th thru Feb 29th.

There is no cost for the classes, however you will need an up-to-date manual. You can obtain a Kindle version from Amazon or order one thru the instructor.

The instructors will be Curtis

(KF6VFP) and Ron (W6KJ).

Please get the word out to family, friends and anyone you know who is interested in getting their license.

More information can be obtained from Curtis at (530) 743-3003 or KF6VFP@arrl.net (preferred method of contact).

Curtis, K6VFP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew their membership for 2016. Application form for renewal is available on the club website.

(<http://ysarc.org/index.php/join-now>).

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

On November 11 at 11:00 a.m. the 2015 annual Veterans Day parade began with the National Anthem, taps and a flyover from Beale AFB. There were over 162 groups marching in the parade; forty more than last year.

Steve Sweetman (K6TAZ), Leroy Smith (KJ6DKM), Sheri Goforth Eby (K6AVW), Mark Peters (KA6FFM), Eleanor Knox (KI6CSO), Kevin Culbertson (KJ6TXZ) and Curtis Sylvester-Jose (KF6VFP) helped marchers and vehicles find their staging areas and marching order. YSARC volunteers started staging the marchers

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at 9:00 a.m. and finished lining up the last marcher at 12:30 p.m.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made this a success.

Below are some photos from the parade.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The club Christmas party will be held Wed. Dec. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Hometown Buffet in Yuba City (998 N Walton Ave, Yuba City by Sam's Club).

We have the back room reserved. Cost for the meal and drinks is \$11.00 per person. Just let the cashier know you are with the Yuba-Sutter ARC and pay as you come in.

Door prizes will be drawn with the top prize being a Ham Radio Outlet \$200.00 gift certificate. Tickets are \$2.00 each for the \$200.00 grand prize. A \$50.00 Ham Radio Outlet gift certificate will be given as the last prize

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for \$1.00 tickets. Look for Santa!

TECHNICIAN, GENERAL AND EXTRA CLASS QUESTION POOL REVIEW

From the Technician Class question pool:

T1E02 Who may a station licensee designate to be the control operator of an amateur station?

- A. Any U.S. citizen or registered alien
- B. Any family member of the station licensee
- C. Any person over the age of 18
- D. Only a person for whom an amateur operator/primary station license grant appears in the FCC database or who is authorized for alien reciprocal operation

The correct answer is D. In the US you must be licensed by the FCC or authorized for alien reciprocal operation to be the control operator. The FCC database tells who has been granted an FCC license.

From the General Class question pool:

G1E02 When may a 10-meter repeater retransmit the 2-meter signal from a station having a Technician Class control operator?

- A. Under no circumstances

B. Only if the station on 10-meters is operating under a Special Temporary Authorization allowing such retransmission

C. Only during an FCC declared general state of communications emergency

D. Only if the 10-meter repeater control operator holds at least a General Class license

The correct answer is D. On ten meters a novice or technician is authorized to operate SSB from 28.3 to 28.5 MHz and RTTY from 28.0 to 28.3 MHz. Repeaters in the 10 m band operate in the 29.5 to 29.7 MHz portion of the band. Therefore, the control operator of the 10 m repeater must have a general, advanced or extra class license.

From the Extra Class question pool:

E1F06 What is the National Radio Quiet Zone?

A. An area in Puerto Rico surrounding the Aricebo Radio Telescope

B. An area in New Mexico surrounding the White Sands Test Area

C. An area surrounding the National Radio Astronomy Observatory

D. An area in Florida surrounding Cape Canaveral

The correct answer is C. The National Radio Quiet Zone was created to minimize possible harmful

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interference to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) in Green Bank, WV and the radio receiving facilities for the United States Navy in Sugar Grove, WV. It is bounded by the meridians of longitude at 78d 29m 59.0s W and 80d 29m 59.2s W and latitudes of 37d 30m 0.4s N and 39d 15m 0.4s N, and encloses a land area of approximately 13,000 square miles near the state border between Virginia and West Virginia.¹

1. <https://science.nrao.edu/facilities/gbt/interference-protection/nrqz/>

Curtis (KF6VFP)