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UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Aug – General Meeting
16 Aug – Board Meeting

02 Sep – VE Session
05 Sep – General Meeting
20 Sep – Board Meeting

03 Oct – General Meeting
07-08 Oct – CA QSO
18 Oct – Board Meeting
20-22 Oct – Pacificon

04 Nov – VE Session
07 Nov – Election of Officers and
Budget Approval
11 Nov – Veterans Day Parade
15 Nov – Board Meeting

05 Dec – General Meeting/Christmas
Party
20 Dec – Board Meeting

Wednesday mornings – Breakfast
8:30 A.M. at Dancing Tomato in Yuba
City.

Monday night at 7:00 P.M. – weekly
net (146.085+) PL 127.3 with swap shop
and help sessions.

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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.

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.

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

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 coax connectors, 27 each. Cost is \$1.99 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 7 each. Cost is \$0.69 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 59 red/

black pairs. Cost is \$1.00 per pair.

4. Coax wrap, 1 roll. Cost is \$4.00 per roll.

5. RG8X strain relief boots, 5 each. Cost is \$0.50 each.

6. 10 AWG Red/Black Power Zip Cord, 22 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.

7. RG8X Black Coax, 245 feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.

8. 6 BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, \$3.50 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.

PACIFICON

Pacificon, an ARRL Convention, will be held October 20-22, 2017 at the San Ramon Marriott, 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon, CA The Talk-In frequency will be on the Mount Diablo Repeater at 147.060 with a PL 100 Hz, or 441.325 with a PL of 100 Hz, call sign W6CX.

Pacificon gives you three great days of activities for one low cost: A full slate of outstanding Forum presentations about a wide range of amateur radio topics, a large Vendor Expo filled with exciting products and exhibits, an outdoor Swap Meet, great QRP activities, a Youth Forum, and great Youth Activities including electronics kit building and soldering classes, a One Day License Prep Class to prepare you to pass the amateur radio Technician license examination and get your first amateur radio license, a chance to hear

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about and discuss important national amateur radio issues with top ARRL leaders, a chance to win radios and other great prizes throughout the convention, and perhaps the best part - a chance to interact and share information with lots of other amateur radio enthusiasts to further (or begin) your own knowledge and to advance the hobby. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance (thru Oct. 8th) or \$30.00 at the door.

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

For more information contact send an email to info@pacificon.org or call at (925) 288-1730.

GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held Tuesday, August 1st at the Caltrans Building in Marysville. Photos from field day and the antenna building party will be shown.

CA QSO

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in 1966. Since 1974, the Northern California Contest Club ([NCCC](#)) has sponsored CQP. CQP has traditionally opened the annual contest season by providing an opportunity for contesters to prepare for the ARRL November Sweepstakes since the format is similar.

Stations that are outside California

work stations in California only. The 58 counties of CA are the multipliers. California stations work all stations in or out of CA. The 50 US states and 8 Canadian areas are the multipliers. Stations outside of Canada and the US add to one's QSO total but do not count as multipliers. See the full set of CQP Rules for more details.

For more information go to the California QSO Party website at cqp.org.

ARRL REQUEST TO CONTACT YOUR US SENATORS

From an ARRL 27 July 2017 email:

"I am writing to you today because we are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of The Amateur Radio Parity Act.

Our legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when The Amateur Radio Parity Act, S. 1534 now moves to the Senate, where we need every Senator to approve the bill. This is the companion Bill to H.R. 555, which passed in the House of Representatives in January.

You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in the United States. Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!

- If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently allowed to do so by your Home Owner's

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Association, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

- If you already have outdoor antennas, but want to support your fellow hams, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

- If you want to preserve your ability to install effective outdoor antennas on property that you own, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!

We need you to reach out to your Senators TODAY! Right away.

Help us in the effort. Please go to this linked website and follow the prompts:

<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urg-e-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

Thank you.

73,
Rick

Rick Roderick, K5UR

President
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ANTENNA BUILDING PARTY

Eight people showed up to build antennas. Chris (KK6VZD), Curtis (KF6VFP), Marsha (KI6CSN), Neil (N6CNY). Brandon (KM6JID), Kathleen (KM6BDQ), Mark (KA6FFM) and John (KI6UDF). Everyone made 2-meter antennas. Copper J-poles, roll up twin lead J-poles (using TV lead in wire), and a tape measure Yagi were made.



Copper J-pole prep



Tape measure Yagi prep



Antenna tuning

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TV lead-in wire prep for 2-meter antenna



Soldering Copper Fittings



Tinning

I had fun and learned new skills while building my $\frac{3}{4}$ Copper folding J-Pole on July 15th. After tuning, it had a 1.2:1 SWR. Thanks to everyone who came, built antennas, and shared their knowledge and skills.

Curtis (KF6VFP)

TRIBUTE TO JOE STAFFORD (KK6SOX) SK

One of our club members and a personal friend of mine, Joe Stafford KK6SOX, passed on July 1st. I'd like to say a few words about my buddy SOX.

I met Joe in the technician class 2 years ago. His sly jokes and witty comments were an entertaining counterpoint to the technical material Curtis was presenting. Joe and Rosalyn & I became friends. We went hiking, hung out, tried to figure out how to manually program our Baofengs, joked around, went out to eat, and played cards with his daughter Sherlye.

Joe invited me over to help build his 2-meter copper J-pole. He didn't need my help, he was a retired pipefitter I found out. But he knew I liked to learn how to do stuff. I mistakenly called him a plumber, and he quickly explained there was a BIG difference between pipefitters and plumbers. Of course, then I had to teasingly call him a plumber a few more times. Joe wasn't only a pipefitter, but also a photographer, AutoCAD instructor, woodworker, camera repairman, tinkerer, slot-car racer (and more I'm sure)... but most importantly, Joe was an all-around nice guy – kind, generous, and humble. And did I mention his sense of humor?

Joe was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer a year ago. I told him if anyone can beat it, he could. After all, he had Lady Luck sitting on his shoulder – he'd won the grand prize at our Christmas Party two years in a row – first the

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mobile radio, then the generator. Joe put up a good fight. Even in his declining health he continued to support the club as much as possible – like volunteering for Bike around the Buttes (Sherlye had to do the driving for him), and studying for his Extra class – but in the end he just ran out of time & energy.

I truly believe Joe's spirit left his body on Field Day; perhaps he was just eager to get out and make QSOs of a new kind. Regardless, there's a new Ham in heaven now. Maybe he can look up Ron and get a few pointers.

Rest in peace, SOX. I'll miss you.

Linda Maas (KK6SOZ)
Monday, July 3, 2017

SUTTER HIGH SCHOOL TO START AN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Gary Mason (KE6VUR), a teacher at Sutter High School, will be starting a ham club this fall. They are in need of some used current Technician License Manuals for the club. If you have one you're willing to donate to them please contact Curtis (KF6VFP). About 8 more copies of the manual will be needed.

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., 2 September at 715 King Ave., Yuba City. 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.

At the July 8th VE session Gary Mason (KE6VUR) upgraded to general, Daniel Leon (KM6KVT) upgraded to Extra, and Andrew Altes (KM6LOG) and Christopher Gallion (KM6LOH) became Technicians. Congratulations to all.

EDITORS COMMENTS

✓YSARC's new web page is: **ysarc.net** - click on the upper right-hand icon on the homepage to join the club's Facebook page. Past and current issue's of the VHN are available on our new website.

✓The Sutter and Yuba County libraries have Ham Radio books ready for checkout. Technician, General, and Extra class study guides are available. Also included is *The ARRL Handbook For Radio Communications 2017*.

The call numbers for these books begin with 621.384.

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✓Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures of ham shacks, antenna projects, antenna parties, etc. are appreciated KI6CSN@arrl.net or KF6FVP@arrl.net

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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 21, 2017

Caltrans, Cedar Ridge Room #105, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901

Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 1904 hours.

Officers and Board Present: President Chris McLain KK6VZD, Vice President Eleanor Knox KI6CSO, Secretary Linda Maas KK6SOZ and Board Members: Joe Visalli N9BD, Manna Whelchel KA6ETB, Kathy Burns N7WVW, Mark Peters KA6FFM. Absent: Treasurer June McJunkin N6JEY, Board Member Matthew den Hollander AC6MF, Board Member Emeritus Herb Puckett W6HBU and Honorary Board Member Dave Gartner WD6AXM.

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Bob McClard N6BOB, Cindy Torlone KK6OIO

Secretary's Report: May 17, 2017 board meeting minutes were distributed. Motion to accept minutes as written: Joe/Mark, passed. New member application received from Gary Mason KE6VUR. Motion to accept him as a member: Joe/Manna, passed.

Old Business

- Event vests – Joe reported that North Valley Barricades sells vests for \$21-\$22, depending on size. They also do vinyl signs. Two dozen in larger sizes to fit over jackets was recommended.
- YSARC banner – Chris has not yet gotten a price.
- Club Trailer – Joe has completed most of the repairs. Trailer still needs a spare tire. Motion to advance \$100 to Joe for trailer spare tire and related parts & service. Cargo box on front has holes, water collects inside.
- Sutter High Amateur Radio Club – Jo Anne Murdock donated an FT-857 HF radio. Two towers were donated by someone else, will need help moving them. Discussion to *officially* sponsor SHARC. Need to meet with Gary Mason about what the commitment would entail. ARRL might have a sample agreement between a radio club and school for reference. Suggestions: ask for donations of current Tech manuals, get students involved in fundraising, making their own antennas.
- Field Day – Chris will pick up 2 Honda generators from Beale Rec Center Friday evening. Motion to reimburse Chris \$100 for rental of generators, Joe/Mark, passed. Field Day call sign will be N9BD. Cindy gave a food report, might need a few more food helpers on Saturday.

New Business

- Curtis presented a club store inventory. He would like to order 500' LMR 240 coax, 50' red/black wire and 10 more reducers. He will get a cost estimate. Bob suggested stocking ladder line. Curtis is ordering ten SO239 connectors (5 each: chassis mount \$4.50, in-line crimp \$2.70). Would anyone else like to order some, too? Need to tell Curtis before July 1.

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- Donations: Jo Anne has wire for the club. Dr Bui donated extension poles to the club.
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Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept June's Financial Report for June 19, 2017: Joe/Manna, passed.

Upcoming Activities

- Field Day June 24-25
- VE session: July 8
- Antenna Workshop July 15 – members need to bring supplies for the antenna they want to build.
- Christmas Party – it's not too early to start looking for a venue
- Kids Day – we should do more to promote this. Contact schools?

Upcoming Meetings

- General: Tuesday, July 11 - topic is antennas
- Board: Wednesday, July 19 – June and Linda will be absent. Bob offered to take minutes for Linda.
- Possible future topics include: DX Engineering via Skype, antennas by Dave in Browns Valley, DX by Dr. Bui, Echolink by Chris, Barbeque Social in August or September

Adjourned at 2030 hours, Kathy/Manna, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary