

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS 2019

Pres.: Chris McLain, KK6VZD
Vice Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

17 Oct – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting,
American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125
E. Onstott Rd, Yuba City

18-20 Oct – Pacificon, San Ramon
Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon,
CA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019

Joe Visalli, N9BD
Joseph Peterson, K6JFP
Vandel "Bud" Myers, KK1BUD
Mike Morris, KK6ISQ
Mark Peters, KA6FFM
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

02 Nov – 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715
King Ave. Yuba City

05 Nov – 7:00 P.M. Election of
Officers and Board Members, Marysville
First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville

21 Nov – 7:00 P.M. Board Meeting,
American Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125
E. Onstott Rd, Yuba City

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

03 Dec – 7:00 P.M. Christmas Party,
Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street,
Marysville

LIAISONS

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

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Oct – 7:00 P.M. General Club
Meeting, Marysville First UMC, 730 D
Street, Marysville
05-06 Oct – CA QSO Party

Local Nets

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

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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.

Saturday 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

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.

JIM DWORAK (KI6UOX)

Jim is now home from the hospital. If you wish to send him a get well card his address is:

11526 Wilson Road
Grass Valley, CA 95945

VE TEST SESSION

At the September 7th VE session 1 extra class exam, 3 general exams, and 1 technician exam were given. One new technician license, 2 upgrades to general, and 1 upgrade to extra were earned. Congratulations to Randell Pool (KN6EGW) who earned his technician license. Also, congratulations to Vandel “Bud” Myers (KK6BUD) and Lawrence Campbell (KN6DAO) who earned their general license and to Don Elder (KC6PPX) who earned his extra class license.

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., November 2nd 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.

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SPECIAL EVENT

San Diego Hamfest and
Preparedness

Start Date: 10/05/2019

End Date: 10/05/2019

Location: Lakeside Rodeo Grounds
12584 Mapleview Street
Lakeside, CA 92040

Website:

<http://www.lakesidearc.org/sdhamfest/sdhamfest.php>

Sponsor: Lakeside Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.55

Public Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS
12207 Valhalla Drive Lakeside, CA
92040

Phone: 619-593-9445

Email: KC6QLS@cox.net

RASPBERRY PI



At our August general meeting, Kevin Klatt (KM6WFW) and Lester Allen (KK6SYV) discussed programming Raspberry Pi and its benefits as a Wi-Fi hotspot program and use in APRS.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be Oct 1st at Marysville First United Methodist Church. The topic will be a tech night. Power pools connectors or PL-259 connectors put on, learn to solder, have you radio programmed using chirp. The club store will be available. There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 51 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 52 each. Cost is \$0.64 each.
3. Power Pole connectors, 35 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 190 feet, 1 spool 210 foot feet. Cost is \$0.39 per foot.
6. BNC Female to SMA Female Adapter, 6 each. Cost is \$3.50 each.
7. RG-213 Coax cable, about 125 feet. Cost is \$0.50 per foot.
8. Red/Black Power Cable, 50 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
9. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 750 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
10. Dacron rope, 3/16" 770 pound pull strength. About 800 feet. Cost is \$0.15 per foot.

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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.

HAMS HELP OUT AT A CRASH

On September 20th, Matthew Gilbert (N6JKU) came upon an accident. Neither his cell phone nor those of two others at the scene had service. Matthew was able to break in on a conversation between Chris (KK6VZD) and Dan (N6IRA) to request emergency services. Here is what Matthew posted on the clubs Facebook page.

“For those of you that were monitoring the repeater earlier, this is what the accident was. When I pulled up the woman was still in her vehicle, and we were able to get her out. She seems to be fine, but will be getting checked out at the hospital. There were 2 other people there and none of us had cell service. It just goes to show that anything can happen and we can't always rely on a cell phone to call for help. I think It was N6IRA's conversation that I broke in on. I just want to say thank you for calling for help.”



CA QSO PARTY

The California QSO Party (CQP) is held every year on the first weekend of October. The first CQP took place in

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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](#).

The club will be participating in the CA QSO on Oct 5th and 6th. The club will work as individuals and submit reports as individuals and as a club. So far Joe (N9BD), Daniel (KM6RHC) and Mike (KK6ISQ) will be participating. Joe says that he has a second station you can work from his location in Dobbins.

PACIFICON

Pacificon, an ARRL Convention, will be held October 18-20, 2019 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 224.780 with a PL of 77 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 One Day License Prep Class for the General exam, a chance to hear 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. 6th) or \$30.00 at the door. The theme this year is The Science of Radio.

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

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

UPCOMING 2020 ELECTIONS

Elections for club officers and board members will be held, Tues., 5 Nov 2019 at the Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville. Volunteers are needed for board, officer, and committee positions for the upcoming year (2020).

To have a full roster we need 5 board members, president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

To date we have the following nominees:

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President: Daniel Weber (KM6RHC)

Club Prizes: Joe N9BD

V President: Mike Morris (KK6ISQ)

Secretary: Linda Maas (KK6SOZ)

Treasurer: June McJunkin (N6JEY)

Board Member:

Joe Visalli (N9BD)

Mark Peters (KA6FFM)

Chris McLain (KK6VZD)

Brandon Guthrie (KM6JID)

Vandell "Bud" Myers (KK1BUD)

Non-elected positions to be filled:

Nominating committee:

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP

VHN: Curtis KF6VFP, Marsha
KI6CSN

Field Day Committee:

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

Joe N9BD

Elmers _____

Christmas Party Committee:

CA QSO Committee:

Bike Around the Buttes:

Neil Bossard (N6CNY)

3F Century Ride:

Veterans Day Parade:

Curtis KF6VFP

Net Control Manager:

Remember, this is your club. It does not exist nor run without you. You are the spark plugs that make this a great club. Please volunteer and bring your great ideas.

As a side note, we will also be approving the budget for 2020 at the November meeting.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the American Red Cross Center. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City.

The next board meeting will be Thursday., October 17th. Suggestions are needed for our annual **Christmas Party**. Visitors are welcome.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Coming in January and February 2020 is the next technician class. Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a ham? Encourage them to attend and then become their Elmer. Help your hobby to grow.

Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at the American Red Cross Center in Yuba City beginning Jan. 6, 2020. They will run through Feb 26th. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. We will be meeting in Classroom 2.

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CORRECTION TO AUGUST 2019 VHN

Jim Dworak call sign is KI6UOX not K6OUX. Thanks to Linda Maas for catching the error.

COMMENTS

✓**Technician, General, and Extra Class** study guides are available at the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries. Call number: **621.384**. Note: the technician study guides are not the latest.

✓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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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 22, 2019

Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 1901 hrs.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD

B M: Joe Visalli N9BD

Vice President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC

B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ-absent

B M: John Rodgers KI6UDF-absent

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY-absent

B M: Neil Bossard N6CNY

B M: Joseph Peterson K6JFP

Members and guests present: Udell and Leroy Smith/ KJ6DKM, Curtis Sylvester-Jose/ KF6VFP, Daniel Shelsta/ N6APX

Secretary's Report:

Linda absent, Daniel taking meeting notes for 8/22/19

Motion to accept July's board meeting minutes by Mark, 2nd by Neil. Passed

Error in financial report noted by Curtis/ Chris to handle

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to have Santa at Christmas party cost of \$100.00 motion by Neil 2nd by Mark, Passed

Motion to accept July Financial report Neil, 2nd by Joe. Passed

OLD Business:

Web page updates progressing by Joe

Daniel to check with local Twin Cities trophies for badge pricing

Adjustments to by-laws regarding membership discussed. Motion to accept made by Mark/ 2nd by Neil. Passed

Christmas Party discussed, no new progress

NEW Business:

Neil stepping down from board member due to work/time conflicts. This will be his last meeting as board member. Discussion for replacement. Chris to find replacement for rest of year.

Daniel to continue to work on new member packets, requested members to send favorite photos/ideas.

Kevin Klatt to demo raspberry pi hot spot at next club meeting.

Discussion of next years officers/ board members, Mike Morris recommended as interim board member.

CA QSO 1st weekend in October. Joe and Daniel both said they would host at their homes.

Talk about interest of students at Sutter High. Getting them licensed/ helping at school again.

Motion to sponsor Jan/Feb 2020 Tech Class made by Mark/ 2nd by Neil. Passed.

Discussed info about Veteran's Day parade

Motion to end meeting made by Mark, 2nd by Neil. Passed. Time: 20:22