

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **CLUB OFFICERS 2020**

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC  
Vice Pres.: Mike Morris, KK6ISQ  
Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ  
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

16 Apr – Board Meeting TBD

02 May – VE Session  
05 May – General Club Meeting TBD  
21 May – Board Meeting TBD

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020**

Joe Visalli, N9BD  
Chris McLain, KK6VZD  
Brandon Guthrie, KM6JID  
Kevin Klatt, KM6WFW  
Vandell “Bud” Myers, KK1BUD  
Herb Puckett, W6HBU

02 Jun – General Club Meeting TBD  
18 Jun – Board Meeting TBD  
27-28 Jun – Field Day

## **YSARC Weekly Breakfast**

Wednesday mornings – Cancelled  
until further notice

## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **Local Nets**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2020

07 Apr – General Club Meeting,  
Cancelled

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KHz LSB.

Sunday 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.

## **CANCELLED/RESCHEDULED**

Due to the COVID-19 virus going around the following have been cancelled or rescheduled.

Cancelled:

- General club meeting until the church facilities are reopened.
- Board meetings until the Red Cross Facilities are reopened.
- Loomis Ham Fest
- Weekly breakfasts at Dancing Tomato until further notice.

Rescheduled:

- Bike Around the Buttes has been moved to 26 Sep 2020.
- 3F Century Ride has been moved to 10 Oct 2020.

## **FROM THE EDITORS**

Hopefully this newsletter finds all of you safe and healthy. Marsha and I have been staying around home. When we do have to go into town we have been practicing distancing, wearing masks and gloves. A lot of the little projects that keep getting put off are being done. We've also been keeping in touch with our children and family via phone and FaceTime.

I know that this is a scary time for all of us; but I also know that we will get thru this.

To stay busy, do things around the house you have been putting off. Learn something new. Study for your general or extra class license. Plant a garden. Exercise, read, etc.

## **CLUB STORE**

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 29 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 51 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 each. Cost is \$0.50 each.
5. RG8X Black Coax, 1 spool 185 feet, 1 spool 210 foot 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, 45 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.

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8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 644 feet. Cost is \$0.26 per foot.
9. Dacron rope, 3/16" 770 pound pull strength. About 800 feet. Cost is \$0.15 per foot.
10. RCA Male to BNC Female Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
11. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
12. BNC Male to Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
13. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
14. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
15. BNC Male to RCA Female Adapter 7 each. Cost is 2.00 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](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net), on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

## WEBSITES

Chris KK6VZD has found some websites that might be useful.

- <https://newhams.info/>  
dedicated to explaining ham radio concepts to new hams
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZnqKXRqyxbfXfN2TFNdJyjYtObvGpRzF/view?ts=5e7fc614>  
Understanding Antennas a Simplified Perspective Power Point Show.

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

Manna (KA6ETB) has again volunteered to coordinate the Monday Night Net Control operators. To date she has the following:

Jan	Chris	KK6VZD
Feb	Robert	K6VNR
Mar	Joseph	K6JFP
Apr	Chris	KK6VZD
May	Manna	KA6ETB
Jun		
Jul	Chris	KK6VZD
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep		
Oct	Chris	KK6VZD
Nov		
Dec	Manna	KA6ETB

If you are interested in being a net control or would like to work with or be mentored please contact Manna.

Manna (KA6ETB)

## GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Our next club meeting is to be determined. At present the First United Methodist hall we used is closed until further notice. Once things return to some semblance of normality the date will be in the VHN and announced on the Monday Night Net. Check in on Monday at 1900 (7:00 P.M.) for further information. Guaranteed you cannot catch the virus via radio.

## ARRL AUDIO NEWS PODCAST

Every Friday, the ARRL Audio News

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Podcast is aired.

One of the news items that caught my attention this week is the collaboration of Hams worldwide working with the University of Florida to assemble low cost ventilators. This particular newscast was aired March 27, 2020.

There are several ways to access this podcast:

A few California repeaters broadcast this 10-15 min podcast. Click the link below for a list of repeaters.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-audio-news>

To listen to the ARRL Audio News Podcast on your computer the URL is:

<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/>

On the latter URL site, you can subscribe via Apple Podcasts, RSS Feed, Android, Email, and Google Podcast.

## On the Air Podcast

As a reminder, the ARRL "On the Air Podcast," a companion to "On the Air Magazine," can be accessed at:

<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/>

or through Apple iTunes

or through Stitcher

The March 11, 2020 episode discusses SKYWARN training.

<https://www.weather.gov/SKYWARN>

73,  
Marsha, KI6CSN

## **FOR SALE**

Herb (W6HBU) has for sale:

1. 2012 iMac for \$475.00. Operating system 10.11.6 OS X El Capitan, 2.8 GHz, 4 GB RAM, 320 GB harddrive, 3 USB ports, 24 inch display, CD-DVD Superdrive, mini display port, 10/100/1000 ethernet, audio in/optical digital audio in port, headphone out/optical digital audio out port, firwire 400 port, firewire 800 port, keyboard and mouse.
2. MFJ1704 quad antenna switch for \$70.00
3. MFJ 1702 dual antenna switch for \$40.00



iMac for sale

Contact Curtis (KF6VFP) if you wish at [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net) to purchase these items.

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## **MARCH ARRL AND QSO CONTESTS**

April 4 - Nebraska QSO Party  
April 4 - Louisiana QSO Party  
April 4 - Mississippi QSO Party  
April 4 – Missouri QSO Party  
April 5 - North American SSB Sprint Contest – Phone  
April 11 – New Mexico QSO Party  
April 11 – North Dakota QSO Party  
April 11 – Georgia QSO Party  
April 18 – Michigan QSO Party  
April 19 – Rookie Roundup – Phone  
April 25 – Florida QSO Party

## **VE TEST SESSION**

At the last VE session, 10 technician tests and 2 extra class tests were given. Congratulations to Brendon Oates (KN6IIZ), Kevin Flanagan (KN6IJA), Gerald Mitchell (KN6IJB), Joseph Pacheco (KN6IJC), Steven Shepard (KN6IJD), Donald Campbell (KN6IJE) and David Clausen (KN6IJF) who earned their Technician license. Also, congratulations to David Stott (KN6FVM) and Gary Betner who upgraded to Extra Class.

The next VE session is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 A.M., 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.

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

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## **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

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the Buttes, etc. are appreciated  
[KI6CSN@arrl.net](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

✓For more information about  
QSO parties state by state: [ysarc.net](http://ysarc.net) -  
Event - [State QSO Party Calendar](#).

## ***JUST FOR FUN***

