

# 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

04 Aug – Cancelled  
20 Aug – Board Meeting TBD  
  
05 Sep – VE Session, Location TBD  
08 Sep – Cancelled  
17 Sep – 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

**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 KHz LSB.

Sunday night at 8:00 P.M. – **OARS Net** (146.655-), PL 136.5.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

07 Jul – General Club Meeting  
Cancelled  
11 Jul – VE Session  
16 Jul – Board Meeting TBD

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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.

## **CORONA VIRUS STRICKS AGAING**

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.
- Weekly breakfasts at Dancing Tomato until further notice.
- Bike Around the Buttes
- Pacificon

Rescheduled:

- 3F Century Ride has been moved to 10 Oct 2020.

### **Pacificon**

COVID-19 Note Received from the Pacificon Committee (6-25-2020)

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March, the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club has been monitoring events,

hoping that the pandemic would come under control in time for Pacificon to proceed unaltered. But it is not to be. After full consideration, we simply could not find a practical scenario that would bring all the many factors together to produce a successful Pacificon this year. The government restrictions on travel and large group gatherings, continuing level of infections occurring in the pandemic, and the increased level of risk by a substantial portion of our attendees are just a few of the factors we considered. So with considerable regret, Pacificon 2020 will not be held as an in-person event.

Although we're very disappointed, we intend to focus our plans on making Pacificon 2021 the best ham radio convention in the western U.S. We look forward to seeing all of you in person at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel, Oct. 15-17, 2021.

All is not lost for this year, however. The Pacificon Committee is investigating the possibility of having a virtual convention, on-line. No details yet, but we hope to make some announcements next month. Please keep checking our web site at [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org); or send us an email with any questions to [info@pacificon.org](mailto:info@pacificon.org).

Thank you for your understanding.

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ARRL Sacramento Valley Section  
Section Manager: Dr Carol F  
Milazzo, KP4MD  
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### **Bike Around The Buttes**

On June 20th, 2020, I received word from the Event Coordinator of the Bike

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Around the Buttes that the event scheduled for September 26, 2020 has been cancelled. Next year (2021) they will be doing their 35th running of the ride. The Event Board canceled this year's event due to maintaining the safety and health of all participants and volunteers with the risk of illness in these Covid-19 times.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you, who volunteered your time and resources to help this event. You all are GREAT! Any questions, please contact Neil (N6CNY) via email. [n6cny@yahoo.com](mailto:n6cny@yahoo.com)

73,  
Neil E. Bossard

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**FCC:** N6CNY

**Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club**

**Yuba-Sutter ARES:** Assistant

Emergency Coordinator

**SKYWARN:** SU-34

## 3F Century Ride

Piggy-backing on Neil's announcement of the cancellation of Bike Around the Buttes I checked with the Lions Club and as of this date they still plan on going through with the 3F Century Bike Ride in Colusa on October 10th.

KK6VZD / Chris

## **FIELD DAY RESULTS**

I was able to log 21 contacts, 2 from KM6RHC on both 20 and 40 meters.

Chris (KK6VZD)

Bill (W6OHP) was able to make 4 contacts.

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Brandon, KM6JID and Neil, N6CNY met at the QTH of Daniel Weber, KM6RHC to partake in ARRL Field Day 2020. Amongst working field day, they enjoyed an awesome steak dinner.

Daniel's Icom 7800 contesting radio was used on 40M predominately. As Neil's Yaesu FT-840, was used on 20M and 80M. A total of 96 contacts were logged during the event including 4 DX contacts. A big Thank You goes out from Neil and Brandon to Daniel for inviting them join him!



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Photos by: Neil Bossard (N6CNY)

If anyone else has some results please email them to [KF6VFP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6VFP@arrl.net) or [K16CSN@arrl.net](mailto:K16CSN@arrl.net) for next months newsletter.

## **UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS**

Can these life altering three months of Pandemic 'stay at home' orders possibly have any unexpected blessings? The answer is a resounding yes! An informal survey from several of our church members revealed no negative feelings and more gratitude than you might expect.

Some of the blessings were similar, grandchildren seen smiling and blowing online kisses to Grandma and Grandpa, three members excited and proud at having beautiful great grandsons born, keeping up with Bible study online and a newfound appreciation for teachers as parents struggle with homeschooling.

There were responses of gratitude for the fact that this virus has not reached the care homes where many of our loved ones reside, and no cases at the dialysis center.

Time seemed to be something many

people referred to, time to get those projects done, time to work in the yard and time to reflect. One person has heard it being called Divine Interruption, allowing us to pause, to stop, to pay attention to relationships and come out of this a different and better person. For some a break from meetings, responsibility and stress, for others saving money and of course very few of those dreaded trips to the gas station.

It might seem odd to discover that you are healthier now than three months ago but daily walks, jogging with the dog and delicious fruit smoothies are bound to make a difference. Enjoying nature in the backyard, from watching the squirrels race up and down the trees to seeing how many different kinds of birds are dining at the bird feeder makes us all realize how we treasure the little things. Let's not lose sight of all that has been provided us in the beauty of God's handiwork. Take care until you can once more be personally embracing the view from the pew.

Written by Myra Wade of Marysville United Methodist Church. Thanks from Marsha and I for allowing us to use your article in the club newsletter.

## **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

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- 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.
  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

Want to study for your Technician, General or Amateur Extra license –

check out Dave Casler KE6OG you tube channel. His videos closely follow the ARRL manuals. He also has other videos of interest to hams; such as, ground, antennas, etc.

You tube channel Ham Radio Testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg7hejy7ObVY15JcWY4cpTA>

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

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

2020		
Jul	Chris	KK6VZD
Aug	Joe	N9BD
Sep	Mike	N6MRB
Oct	Chris	KK6VZD
Nov	Mike	N6MRB
Dec	Manna	KA6ETB
2021		
Jan		
Feb		
Mar		
Apr		
May		
Jun		

You'll notice that we have volunteers for the remainder of 2020. So, now is the time to start volunteering for 2021.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Manna (KA6ETB)

## GENERAL CLUB MEETING

Looking over the United Methodist Guidelines for Relaunching Worship and Ministry Activities I see no access to

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Pioneer Hall by YSARC for the remainder of this year. Specifically their guidelines state that **only** meetings for planning and implementation of worship and ministry services are allowed, following distancing, facemask, and capacity guidelines. Pioneer hall has a capacity of about 100 people, so even if we able to meet we would be limited to 25 people, 6 feet between family groups and everyone wearing facemasks. And then afterwards we would have to clean and sanitize.

Edited by: Neil B. (N6CNY)



## **RED CROSS DRILL**

May 30, 2020: Yuba-Sutter ARES members (AEC Neil N6CNY, Robert K6VNR and Brandon KM6JID) successfully participated in the Northern California aspect of a nationwide American Red Cross off grid emergency communications drill.

A major component of the drill was passing Red Cross documents via digital means such as Winlink. Messages passed were completed over RF waves, and not using telnet (through the internet). We were given 2 different scenarios in which we had to pass American Red Cross forms, which were saved to either a thumb drive or a computer, to [KA6ARC@winlink.org](mailto:KA6ARC@winlink.org).

All and all, it was an excellent drill, in which all three of us learned a great deal of information and correct procedures required to complete the drill.

Much appreciation to Robert, K6VNR, for allowing us to join him on this exercise at his QTH.

Write up by: Robert K. (K6VNR)

## **ARRL EXTRA CLASS LICENSE MANUAL**

NOTE: The Extra Class (Element 4) current question pool is valid until June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> the new question pool will take effect. That means if you plan on testing for Amateur Extra on July 11<sup>th</sup> you need to study the new question pool. The new questions are available at:

[www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=356](http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=356).

Be sure to download the diagrams also.

The new extra class license manual is available with shipping in mid June.

## **FOR SALE**

Herb (W6HBU) has for sale:

1. 2012 iMac for \$450.00. 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

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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.

## ***JULY QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS***

July 11 - ARU HF World Championship, CW, Phone

July 18 - North American QSO Party, RTTY, Digital

July 18 - CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, CW, Phone, Digital

Many others can be found at: [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2020/July 2020 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2020/July%2020%20Corral.pdf)

## ***VE TEST SESSION***

The next VE session is scheduled for July 11th at 715 King Ave., Yuba City at 9:00 A.M. Presently LeRoy (KJ6DKM) says three people are signed up to test.

VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered. **Please note: the new EXTRA exam pool will be used.**

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***

Our next board meeting is to be determined. At present the American Red Cross classroom we used is closed until further notice. Once things return to some semblance of normality the date will be in the VHN, an email from Daniel (KM6RHC) 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.

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## **COMMENTS**

✓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](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

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