

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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CLUB OFFICERS 2020

Pres.: Daniel Weber, KM6RHC
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Secretary: Linda Maas, KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin, N6JEY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2020

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

REPEATER TRUSTEE

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

ARES: Neil Bossard, N6CNY
ARRL SM: Carol Milazzo, KP4MD
VE Liaison: LeRoy Smith, KJ6DKM

UPCOMING EVENTS

01 Dec – Board Meeting 6:30 P.M.
via Zoom
01 Dec – General Meeting 7:00 P.M.
via Zoom

2021

02 Jan – VE Session
02 Jan – ARRL Kids Day
05 Jan – Board Meeting
19 Jan – General Meeting
30 Jan – Winter Field Day

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

Wednesday mornings – Cancelled
until further notice

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.

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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.

SILENT KEY (SK)

Alan Padgett (N6RNP) passed away on 28 Oct 2020. He lived in Chico California.

I first meet Alan on the air in 1999 after I got my Technician License. Later that year I got to meet him in person when I bought two Radio Shack handheld transceivers from him. He was a big, solidly built man with a booming voice and strong (putting it mildly) handshake.

Alan did not like to be called Al. It was always Alan. Alan was an avid CWer.

Alan would collect walnuts left over from harvesting and crack them by hand to sell as he listened to the radio. He was always willing to help. You could hear him join conversations with his "Inquiring minds want to know."

Curtis (KF6VFP)

From the Chico Enterprise-Record on Nov. 11, 2020.

"ALAN "ALLY BOO MAGOO" PADGETT 4/27/37 - 10/28/20 Son of Bill and Virginia, brother to Bobby, Nancy, Barbara and Gordon. Fantastic bowler in his youth. Life long ham radio operator. Forklift operator and chain puller by trade. He was an artist and storyteller and loved to share his work with others, which brought him great joy, sharing what little he had with those he met along the way. His little brother Gordy fondly recalls Big Al's advice, "If you're going to do something, do it right", which Gordy has followed all of his life. Alan was an expert walnut cracker (yum), and consumer of "Twinkies". He leaves to mourn his family, friends far and wide, best friend Carol Rudolph, his "Angel", and Bucky the dog. Bye, bye."

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Amateur Radio's Role at the Boston Marathon Bombing

Steve Schwarm, W3EVE

Amateur radio has played a significant role in public service communications for the Boston Marathon for several decades.

That role was put to the test in 2013 when two bombs were exploded near the finish line. This presentation will describe the role that ham radio played at the Marathon and how that role changed due to the bombing.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 10 AM PST / 1 PM EST (1800 UTC)

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Learn and Have Fun with Morse Code

Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE and Jim Crites, W6JIM

Morse code or "CW" is a popular ham radio activity. Learning CW does not have to be an arduous or lonely experience.

Learn, practice, and enjoy CW with the methods used by the Long Island CW Club.

Thursday, December 17, 2020, 5 PM PST / 8 PM EST (0100 UTC on Friday, December 18)

Past webinars can be viewed at the ARRL website.

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.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 584 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, on the air, or at one of the club meetings.

GENERAL MEETING

In place of our annual Christmas Party the next general club meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Dec 1st starting at 7:00 P.M. hosted by June McJunkin (N6JEY). It will be held after the Zoom board meeting. Dave Gipson (KC9EI) will be giving a short presentation on decibels (dBs).

FOR SALE

Herb (W6HBU) has for sale:

1. MFJ1704 quad antenna switch for \$70.00
2. MFJ 1702 dual antenna switch for

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\$40.00

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

A NanoVNA vector network analyzer (including carrying case and stylus) for \$40.00. Great for checking your antennas, feed lines and baluns. 50 Hz - 900 MHz capacity, 2.8 inch touch screen display. Purchased this mid-July this year, only selling because I upgraded to a larger screen and a wider frequency range, Would be a great addition to any go-box.

Check this Amazon page for more details:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07TLL8DGM/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o07_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1



NanoVNA vector network analyzer

Contact Chris (KK6VZD) at kk6vzd@arrl.net if you wish to purchase this analyzer.

MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

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

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|------|-----------------|--------|
| 2020 | | |
| Dec | Manna Whelchel | KA6ETB |
| 2021 | | |
| Jan | Chris McLain | KK6VZD |
| Feb | Joseph Peterson | K6JFP |
| Mar | Mike Morris | KK6ISQ |
| Apr | Grant Mitchell | W6JIB |
| May | Steven Shepard | KN6IJD |
| Jun | | |
| Jul | | |
| Aug | Bob McClard | N6BOB |
| Sep | | |
| Oct | Neil Bossard | N6CNY |
| Nov | | |
| Dec | | |

You'll notice that we have volunteers for the remainder of 2020. Volunteers for 2021 are needed.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.

Manna (KA6ETB)

DECEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

04 Dec – ARRL 160 Meter Contest; CW

12 Dec – ARRL 10 Meter Contest; CW, Phone

19 Dec – OK DX RTTY Contest; Digital

20 Dec – ARRL Rookie Roundup; CW

Many others can be found at: [http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2020/December 2020 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2020/December%202020%20Corral.pdf)

VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session there were 5 new Technicians, 1 upgrade to General and 1 upgrade to Amateur Extra.

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Congratulations to:

John Carter (KN6MCD)
Eric Westrom (KN6MCE)
Robert Dove (KN6MCF)
Andrew Wilson (KN6MCG)
Mitchell Chaney (KN6MCH)

Who passed their Technician exams.

Congratulations to:

Daniel Azevedo (KN6KWM) who upgraded to General and
Steven Shepard (KN6IJD) who upgraded to Amateur Extra.

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Jan 02, 2021 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.

The exam requires two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. A fee of \$15.00 is required.

A calculator may be used as long as it has had all of its memories cleared and there are no built in or preprogrammed formulas.

Upgrades to a higher class also require two forms of ID. At least one of them must be a picture ID. Also, 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 2 Dec. It will be an in-person (with social

distancing) and zoom meeting. Zoom details to be provided by email later. Note: Zoom meetings can be attended via computer Zoom application (app), mobile phone app, iPad, or Android app, or dial in (landline or mobile phone). The board meeting will be short; just long enough to approve the election results, budget results, new members, minutes, and treasurer's report.

2021 ELECTION RESULTS

During the Zoom meeting 17 Nov the following were elected as our officers and board members for 2021:

President: Daniel Weber (KM6RHC)
V President: Mike Morris (KK6ISQ)
Secretary: Linda Maas (KK6SOZ)
Treasurer: June McJunkin (N6JEY)

Board Member:

Joe Visalli (N9BD)
Chris McLain (KK6VZD)
Brandon Guthrie (KM6JID)
Kevin Klatt (KM6WFW)
Neil Bossard (N6CNY)

Non-elected positions that have volunteers:

Nominating committee:
vacant

Club Store:
Curtis KF6VFP

VHN:
Curtis KF6VFP
Marsha KI6CSN

Field Day Committee:
vacant

Tech Class Instructors:
Curtis KF6VFP

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Joe N9BD
Elmers: Vacant
Christmas Party Committee:
Vacant
CA QSO Committee:
vacant
Bike Around the Buttes:
Neil Bossard N6CNY
Veterans Day Parade:
Curtis KF6VFP
Net Control Manager:
Manna KA6ETB
Club Prizes:
Joe N9BD

People to do presentations at club meetings.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above positions, let a club Officer or board member know. Feel free to volunteer for a position you would like even if someone else is listed. None of us mind the extra help.

The budget for 2021 was approved.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2021.

You can also make a donation to the repeater fund at the same time if you are so inclined.

A copy of the club application form was included as an attachment to the VHN email sent to you.

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 or KF6FVP@arrl.net



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 6, 2020 First meeting held on Zoom platform



Meeting called to order by President Daniel Weber KM6RHC at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

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Vice President: Mike Morris KK6ISQ
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Director: Bud Myers KK1BUD
Director: Brandon Guthrie KM6JID
Director: Kevin Klatt KM6WFW

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to approve September 3, 2020 board meeting minutes amended with Virginia Gerrard's call sign KN6JZW, Bud/Kevin, passed.
- Correspondence: received an email from Paypal about changes to their legal agreements, forwarded to us by Kevin Conde.
- Motion to reimburse Linda \$44 for postage stamps bought, Joe/Brandon, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June emailed the Financial Report for October 5, 2020. Motion to approve, Chris/Joe, passed.
- Motion to approved renewal of club liability insurance for \$200, Joe/Kevin, passed.
- June will look into Paypal account, as to whether funds are deposited in our bank account or held in Paypal account.

Old Business

- 3F Century Bike Ride – Chris has enough volunteers and will be distributing information packets.
- Club meeting October 20 will be held on Zoom. Email notification to club members by October 13.
- Motion to advance Kevin up to \$400 for first year fees for a new website.
- Discussion of how best to hold November 17 Election and budget approval on Zoom. Budget for 2021 will be same as 2020. With 69 Full members, we need 23 (quorum is 1/3) for vote to be valid. Email notification to club members by November 7. Need volunteer to fill one board vacancy.

New Business

- Christmas Party and Jan/Feb Tech Class are on hold until venues open -- due to Covid19

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closures.

- Possibility of holding a Foxhunt and barbecue after the New Year.

Motion to adjourn at 19:50 hours, Joe/Chris, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary