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UPCOMING EVENTS

05 Sep – VE Session
08 Sep – Cancelled
17 Sep – Board Meeting TBD

06 Oct – General Club Meeting

Cancelled

10 Oct – 3F Century Ride
15 Oct – Board Meeting Cancelled

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.

Other nets (From the GEARs
Radiator Newsletter)

Sac Valley Net: 7:00 P.M., 2nd Wed

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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.

FCC PROPOSES TO REINSTATE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE FEES

(From ARRL.org website)

“08/28/2020

Amateur radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each amateur radio license application if the FCC adopts rules it proposed this week. Included in the FCC’s fee proposal are applications for new licenses, renewal and upgrades to existing licenses, and vanity call sign requests. Excluded are applications for administrative updates, such as changes of address, and annual regulatory fees.

The FCC proposal is contained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the “Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act” of 2018 — the so-called “Ray Baum’s Act.”

The Act requires that the FCC switch

from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. In its NPRM, the FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service that had been excluded by an earlier statute. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees.

“[A]pplications for personal licenses are mostly automated and do not have individualized staff costs for data input or review,” the FCC said in its NPRM. “For these automated processes — new/major modifications, renewal, and minor modifications — we propose a nominal application fee of \$50 due to automating the processes, routine ULS maintenance, and limited instances where staff input is required.”

The same \$50 fee would apply to all Amateur Service applications, including those for vanity call signs. “Although there is currently no fee for vanity call signs in the Amateur Radio Service, we find that such applications impose similar costs in aggregate on Commission resources as new applications and therefore propose a \$50 fee,” the FCC said.

The FCC is not proposing to charge for administrative updates, such as mailing address changes for amateur applications, and amateur radio will remain exempt from annual regulatory fees. “For administrative updates [and] modifications, which also are highly automated, we find that it is in the public interest to encourage licensees to update their [own] information

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without a charge,” the FCC said.

The FCC also proposes to assess a \$50 fee for individuals who want a printed copy of their license. “The Commission has proposed to eliminate these services — but to the extent the Commission does not do so, we propose a fee of \$50 to cover the costs of these services,” the FCC said.

The Ray Baum’s Act does not exempt filing fees in the Amateur Radio Service. The FCC dropped assessment of fees for vanity call signs several years ago.

Deadlines for comments and reply comments will be determined once the NPRM appears in the Federal Register. File comments by using the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), posting to MD Docket No. 20-270. This docket is already open for accepting comments even though deadlines have not yet been set.”

QSO TODAY VIRTUAL HAM EXPO

Over 14,000 people attended the Expo during the live 2 days. In addition, 26,000 people registered and many of those will be dropping by the Expo during the on-demand period, which continues through September 9, 2020.

All speaker webinars and exhibit booth content is now available for anybody to view until September 9, 2020. So if you missed a particular speaker or want to visit another booth, just go to back to the Expo at <https://qsotoday.vfairs.com> Use only your email address to login.

Finally, please mark on your calendar our next Expo on March 13-

14, 2021 and make sure to tell all your fellow hams!

Marsha and I attended this expo. Enjoyed listening to the speakers and learn some new things.

UPCOMING WEBINARS

To register for these classes, sign in to: www.arrl.org. Click on: Webinars. Enter your call sign and password.

Getting Started with Summits on the Air

Brian Betz, W7JET

This is an introductory overview of Summits on the Air (www.sota.org.uk) a ham radio activity encouraging portable operating from mountainous areas. Brian is an experienced Activator holding “Mountain Goat” status and is particularly active from the Phoenix area.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 5 PM PDT / 8 PM EDT (0000 UTC on Thursday, September 17)

Kit Building Techniques For Success

Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB – ARRL Diamond Club Life Member, contributing author for The ARRL Handbook, and monthly Kit Building columnist for CQ Magazine. Amateur radio kit building is fun! Here are tips, tricks, and techniques for success when building your first kit or improving your kit-building skills.

Topics include soldering tools and other helpful items to have on hand; techniques for handling part such as diodes, toroids, and other components;

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parts sorting and storage; and test equipment.

Thursday, September 24, 2020,
12:30 PM PDT / 3:30 PM EDT (1930 UTC)

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.

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		
Sep	Mike	N6MRB
Oct	Chris	KK6VZD
Nov	Mike	N6MRB
Dec	Manna	KA6ETB
2021		
Jan		
Feb	Joseph	K6JFP

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Mar		
Apr		
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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)

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 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 to purchase these items.

SEPTEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS

- Sep 05 - All Asian DX Contest, Phone
- Sep 05 - Colorado QSO Party, CW, Phone Digital
- Sep 06 - Tennessee QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital
- Sep 07 - MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint, CW
- Sep 12 - ARRL EME Contest, CW, Phone, Digital
- Sep 12 - Texas QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital
- Sep 12 - Alabama QSO Party, CW, Phone
- Sep 12 - ARRL September VHF Contest, CW, Phone, Digital
- Sep 13 - North American Sprint, CW
- Sep 17 - BCC (Bavaria) QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital

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Sep 19 - ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, CW, Phone, Digital

Sep 19 - Iowa QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital

Sep 19 - Wisconsin QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital

Sep 19 - New Jersey QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital

Sep 19 - New Hampshire QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital

Sep 20 - North American Sprint, RTTY, Digital

Sep 26 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY, Digital

Sep 26 - Maine QSO Party, CW, Phone

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

VE TEST SESSION

The next VE session is scheduled for Sept 5th 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. **Please note: the new EXTRA exam pool will be used.**

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 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.

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

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