

VALLEY HAM NEWS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 Nov – 7:00 P.M. Club elections,
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

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

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

YSARC Weekly Breakfast

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

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

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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.

Sunday at 1:00 P.M. weekly on 7278 KHz - California TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) net.

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 89 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.

2. RG8X reducers, 68 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 210 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. SO-239 bulkhead connector. 3 each. Cost is \$2.65 each

8. RG-213 Coax cable, about 265 feet. Cost is \$0.50 per foot.

9. LMR 240 Coax cable, 98 feet. Cost is \$0.25 per foot.

10. Red/Black Power Cable, 50 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.

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.

ITEMS FOR SALE FROM THE ESTATE OF SK NQ6M

- 2 m Diamond X3200A Base Antenna
- Screw driven antenna
- Larsen 2 m antenna
- ICOM 706Mark II G HF, VHF, UHF radio
- Siris receiver
- MFJ Super Loop antenna
- Radio Shack Power Supply 19 Amp
- 2 each surge protectors
- Yaesu FT2800M mobile radio with mount and antenna
- Power Werx Power Supply
- Vertex Charger DC 16V 900 mAmp
- MFJ 1702 Antenna Switch
- Yaesu FT250 HT
- Vertex/Yaesu VX-150 HT
- Amplifier
- Yaesu FT-100D mobile radio with reed microphone
- Yaesu FT212RH mobile radio

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- ICOM IC-38A Mobile radio
- Palstar AT1KP antenna tuner
- Yaesu FTDX 400 Desktop Transceiver 10-80 m
- Yaesu FTDX 4000 VFO
- 220 SWR Watt Meter

Contact LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM at (530) 846-2285.

YSARC ELECTIONS



On Tuesday, 13 November 2018 at 7:00 p.m., we will be conducting our annual election board member and officer elections. In addition voting for the 2019 budget will also take place. Location: Marysville United Methodist Church, 8th & D Streets. Remember, we need a quorum in order to conduct business; that means, at least 24 members must be present for this meeting.

Volunteers are needed for board, officer, and committee positions for the upcoming year (2019).

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

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.

Volunteers are also needed for non elected positions such as: Newsletter, Club Prizes, Net Control Manager, Club Store, Christmas Party, Field Day, Veterans Parade, and Bike Around the Buttes.

Positions that need to be filled:

Elected positions:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD

V. Pres.: Daniel Weber KM6RHC

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

Board Members:

John Rogers KI6UDF

Neil Bossard N6CNY

Mark Peters KA6FFM

Joe Visalli N9BD

Joe Peterson K6JFP

POSSIBLE 2019 ACTIVITIES

Much discussion has been going on about activities for 2019. Some that have been discussed include:

- Antenna construction
- Field day
- CA QSO
- Fox Hunt
- Bike Around the Buttes
- 3F Century Ride
- Veterans Day Parade
- Booth at Yuba City Stroll
- Booth at Peach Festival
- Social Get Together
- Soldering class
- Tech Night

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It has also been proposed that the club get together with other local clubs (GEARS (Golden Empire ARS in Chico), OARS (Oroville ARS), PARS (Paradise ARS), and GARS (Glenn ARS)) for some events.

FOX HUNT



Manna KA6ETB searching for the hidden transmitter



Manna and Chris hunting for the hidden transmitter



Hidden Transmitter Hunts - Mark KA6FFM, Bob N6BOB, Linda KK6SOZ, and Kathleen KM6BDQ

It was a beautiful day for the fox hunt and barbeque. Everyone who participated says they had a wonderful time.

Photos courtesy of Bob N6BOB and Manna KA6ETB

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2019. The application form for renewal is available on the club website at:

<http://ysarc.net/join-now.html>.

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

FCC ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

FCC officials will enforce rules prohibiting the importation, marketing, sale or use of low-cost, two-way radios

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that do not comply with the agency's technical requirements, the FCC's Enforcement Bureau stated in an enforcement advisory released this week.

In the advisory, the FCC enforcement unit states that it has observed a "growing number" of retailers and web sites that advertise and sell noncompliant VHF/UHF radios, noting that they "frequently" are imported into the United States.

"Many of these radios violate one or more FCC technical requirements," according to the FCC advisory. "For example, some can be modified to transmit on public safety and other land mobile channels for which they are not authorized, while others are capable of prohibited wideband operations.

"Such radios are illegal, and many have the potential to negatively affect public safety, aviation, and other operations by federal, state, and local agencies, as well as private users. Because these devices must be, but have not been, authorized by the FCC, the devices may not be imported into the United States, retailers may not advertise or sell them, and no one may use them.

"Anyone importing, advertising or selling such noncompliant devices should stop immediately, and anyone owning such devices should not use them. Violators may be subject to substantial monetary penalties."

Specifically, violators of the FCC's marketing rules could be subject to fines as great as \$19,639 per day and as much as \$147,290 for an ongoing violation, according to the enforcement

advisory.

Non-certified radio equipment can be imported, sold and used in the United States, if the device can operate only on frequencies dedicated to amateur-radio services; however, the user must have an amateur license, according to the FCC advisory. If the radio can operate on non-amateur bands, it must be certified by the FCC, the advisory states.

In addition, radios may not be modified, except in "very limited exceptions, after being authorized," according to the enforcement advisory.

The FCC's enforcement advisory was released after numerous reports within the two-way-radio community of noncompliant radios—primarily devices manufactured in China that significantly exceed allowable power levels, creating interference concerns—being sold in the United States. Last month, the FCC issued a citation and order against Amcrest Industries, a Texas-based dealer that sold at least one model of a noncompliant radio.

One organization that has been outspoken in its opposition to the use of these noncompliant radios in the U.S. is the Land Mobile Communications Council (LMCC), which expressed support for the FCC's enforcement advisory.

"The members of the LMCC, which all have a stake in protecting the authorized use of spectrum, applaud the action taken by the FCC in this matter," LMCC President David Smith said in a prepared statement. "The LMCC encourages the Enforcement Bureau to follow this advisory with swift enforcement of those who continue to

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violate these established rules.”

Mark Crosby, Enterprise Wireless Alliance president and CEO, as well as LMCC secretary/treasurer, echoed this sentiment.

“It’s a pretty profound policy statement out of the enforcement bureau,” Crosby said during an interview with *IWCE’s Urgent Communications*. “I thought it was an excellent public notice. The next step is to catch somebody and issue a fine. I don’t care whether that’s a distributor or somebody that offers these [non-compliant radios] on their web site, I want somebody to get caught and get fined, because that’s the ultimate true test.

“I know that there are people out there that shouldn’t be using these things. And I know that there are people out there that say, ‘The FCC isn’t going to catch me.’ You know what? They will. All it takes is for someone to say, ‘Joe Schmo is using these things.’ Then, at the right time, the FCC will show up at your door.”

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Coming in January and February 2019 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. 7, 2019. They will run through Feb 27th. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. We will be

meeting in Classroom 2.

VETERANS DAY PARADE



John Rogers (KI6UDF) YSARC’s ramrod for the Veterans Day Parade needs more volunteers. About 12 hams are needed.

The parade will be held Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018, and begin 11:00 a.m. in Marysville. Let John know if you are willing to help out. YSARC hams will be needed to start at about 9:00 a.m. helping parade participants find starting positions.

John can be reached at KI6UDF@gmail.com.

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the American Red Cross Center, Classroom 1. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City.

The next board meeting will be Wed., Nov. 21st. Visitors are welcome.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Tuesday, 6 December 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Good food and prizes. Santa will stop by. Dinner ticket price TBA. Location: Marysville United Methodist Church, 8th & D Streets.

COMMENTS

✓ **Technician, General, and Extra Class** study guides are available at the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries. Call number: **621.384**

✓ 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

✓ If you have any ideas of what you'd like to see in this newsletter, please let us know.

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Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 19, 2018
Red Cross Building, 2125 E W Onstott Rd, Yuba City, CA 95991



Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 1903 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD

Vice President: Kathleen Squires KM6BDQ

Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ

Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

B M: Joe Visalli N9BD

B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM

B M: John Rogers KI6UDF

B M: Kevin Conde K1KMC – absent

B M: Neil Bossard N6CNY

Members and Guests present: Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP, Marsha Sylvester-Jose KI6CSN, Udell and Leroy Smith KJ6DKM.

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept August 15, 2018 board meeting minutes as amended, John/Neil, passed.
- We received a thank you card from Gretchen Cupp, President of Yuba Sutter Domestic Animal Disaster Service, YSDADA, for the FSR training done by Curtis. She also asks us to contact her regarding the tech class in January.

Treasurer's Report:

- Motion to approve the September Financial Reports presented by June, Joe/Neil, passed.
- June has the account # needed for a Paypal account and will give it to Kevin.
- Motion to approve payment of liability insurance premium due Nov 1, Joe/Mark, passed.

Old Business

- November Club meeting moved to the 13th due to Fed/State elections on the 6th.
- September's tech night was successful and well attended.
- Having a 10 meter net follow the Monday night 2m net was discussed.
- The request for Yuba County's surplus UPS batteries is still pending review by County Counsel.
- Upcoming elections: we're still collecting names of those interested in board, officer and committee positions, as well as what activities members would like to see the club do in 2019.
- Christmas Party: discussion of dinner options. Methodist Church does not provide catering services.
- Methodist church is not planning to replace their projection screen anytime soon. We have permission to use it.
- Foxhunt is tentatively set for Saturday, October 13 at 8am at Sutter H.S.
- Veterans Day Parade – John will be coordinator, but since he cannot attend, Curtis will assist on-site.
- Technician Class will be Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30pm, January 7 – February 27, 2019 at the Red Cross building.

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- Red Cross has approved use of their facility for Wednesday night board meetings for 2019.

New Business

- Curtis will request the following dates be reserved for club meetings at the Methodist Church: Jan 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 9, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug 6, Sept 10, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3 (+ kitchen use).
- Motion to approve \$200 payment to Methodist Church for use of their facility for club meetings for 2019, Joe/Mark, passed.
- Joe proposed the possibility of holding joint events, such as the Steak Bake and Christmas Party, with other radio clubs in our area: GARS (Glenn County), GEARS (Chico), OARS (Oroville) and PARS (Paradise). The Oroville Methodist Church is willing to provide catering for meetings held there.
- Chris proposed the club sponsor an HF event, possibly at one of the local festivals, such as the Bok Kai parade.
- Mark noted Neil's idea for a 2m FM simplex QSO Party, as seen in the most recent ARES newsletter.
- Member Badges were discussed. Magnetic backs are preferred by several, since they don't tear clothing. Bring your badge to the next board meeting so we can compare them.
- Motion to spend \$70 on drawing prizes for the October club meeting, Neil/Mark, passed.

Upcoming Events

- Club Meeting – Oct 2 at Methodist Church, 730 D St, Marysville. Winlink demo by Ted, N6TBC.
- Board Meeting at Red Cross building – Oct 17
- VE testing – Nov 3
- Elections – Nov 13

Motion to adjourn at 2031 hours, John/Joe, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary