

# VALLEY HAM NEWS

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## **REPEATER TRUSTEE**

Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

## **LIAISONS**

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

04 Dec – Club Christmas Party  
07 Dec – Board meeting

2022

04 Jan – Board Meeting  
08 Jan – VE Session  
18 Jan – General Meeting

## **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** (145.290–), PL 110.9  
Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M.: **GEARS**

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**Club net**, (146.850-), PL 110.9

Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. weekly:

**ARES net** (146.085+) PL 127.3.

Sunday nights at 2000, **YL Net**,  
(146.970- MHz) PL 123.0 Hz

Third Thursday of each month at  
7:30 P.M.: the ARRL Sacramento Valley  
Section (VHF) Net, on the WD6AXM  
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  
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.

## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the club will hold its  
Christmas Party at Lee's Canton  
Restaurant. The party will be from 5:00-  
8:30 P.M. on 4 Dec. 5:00 to 6:00 will be  
a social get together with dinner to begin  
at 6:00 in the banquet room. Seating is  
available for about 70 people.

Lee's is located at the corner of  
Plumas and Bridge Street in Yuba City.  
The entrance is facing Bridge Street.  
Parking is available in front of and at the  
side of the restaurant.

The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 per  
person. Come and buy tickets for the  
drawing!

## 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, 86 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. RCA Male to BNC Female  
Adapters, 5 each. Cost is 2.00

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- each.
10. BNC Male Crimp 20 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  11. BNC Male-to-Male Adapter 3 each. Cost is 3.00 each.
  12. SO-239 to SO-239 4 each. Cost is 2.00 each.
  13. TNC Male Crimp 10 each. Cost is 2.50 each.
  14. 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.

## VETERAN'S DAY PARADE



YSARC Volunteers gathered at 0900 in the parking lot behind Bank of America, next to Forbes House on "D" Street. After receiving our assignments and checking our radios we got to work staging and lining up in marching order over 125 participates for this year's parade. The group used 146.445 MHz to communicate throught out this event.

My thanks to the following that helped at this years parade:

Steve Shepard, KN6IJD  
Brandon Guthrie, KM6JID

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH  
Karla Hyatt, K6KDS  
Neil Bossard, N6CNY  
Curtis, KF6VFP

## PHOTOS FROM VETERAN'S DAY PARADE



Neil Bossard (N6CNY) and his son David



L to R: Steve Shepard (KN6IJD), Neil Bossard (N6CNY) and Brandon Guthrie (KM6JID)

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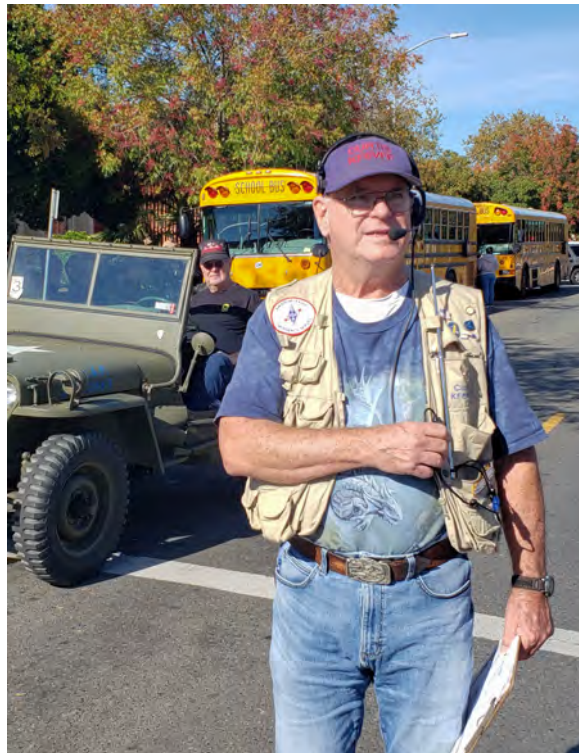
Paul Hyatt (W6PNH)



Neil Bossard (N6CNY) and Karla Hyatt (K6KDS)



Steve Shepard (KN6IJD)



Curtis (KF6VFP)

Photos by Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

## ***CLUB FIELD DAY RESULTS***

According to the December QST the Field Day results overall for the Club was 2816 points with 6 entries:

W6KJ 199 QSO's 1268 Points  
N9BD 207 QSO's 862 Points  
KK6VZD 15 QSO's 280 Points  
K6JFP 69 QSO's 188 Points  
K6VNR 6 QSO's 162 Points  
W6PNH 1 QSO 52 Points

This should show it helps to have more participants upload results. W6KJ points are much higher due to all extras like being in the public, having an official visit, emergency power, etc.

Joe Visalli, N9BD

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## GENERAL MEETING

On November 16<sup>th</sup> the YSARC approved the following members as our new board and officers. Also the budget for 2022 was approved.

Officers for 2022:

President: Daniel Weber (KM6RHC)

V Pres.: Steve Shepard (KN6IJD)

Secretary: Linda Maas (KK6SOZ)

Treasurer: June McJunkin (N6JEY)

Board Members for 2022:

Joe Visalli (N9BD)

Chris McLain (KK6VZD)

Mike Morris (KK6ISQ)

Paul Hyatt (W6PNH)

Robert Kelly (K6VNR)

In addition, members volunteered to fill the following positions and committees:

Nominating committee: vacant

Club Store: Curtis KF6VFP

Field Day Committee: vacant

Tech Class Instructors:

Curtis KF6VFP

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: Vacant

Summer Stroll

Neil Bossard N6CNY

Winter Stroll

Neil Bossard N6CNY

Club Prizes: Joe N9BD

More club members volunteering are greatly appreciated. Also, any ideas or suggestions for club activities should be brought to the officers or board members attention; be prepared to be on the committee to make your idea happen.

## MONDAY NIGHT NET CONTROL

To date, Manna has the following hams volunteering for 2022. Thanks to all those who signed up at the Nov. meeting. **We still need 3 volunteers for 2022.**

2021		
Nov	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
Dec	Joe Visalli	N9BD
2022		
Jan	Chris McLain	KK6VZD
Feb	Grant Mitchell	W6JIB
Mar	Steve Shepard	KN6IJD
Apr	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
May	Karla Hyatt Paul Kyatt	K6KDS W6PNH
Jun	Chris McLain	KK6VZD
Jul		
Aug	Neil Bossard	N6CNY
Sep		
Oct	Manna Whelchel	KA6ETB
Nov		
Dec	Neil Bossard	N6CNY

If you wish to volunteer for 2022 let Manna know.

Thanks to all who have volunteered.  
Manna (KA6ETB)

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## **VE TEST SESSION**

At the last YSARC VE session, 4 Technician and 4 General exams were given. There were 3 new technicians, 1 upgrade to General. Congratulations to the following people for passing the Technician Class exam:

Elijah Labosky (KN6RTJ)

Patrick Putney (KN6RTH)

Sylvester Felton (KN6RTI)

Also, congratulations to Ryan Mather (K6RCM) who upgraded to General.

The next VE session is scheduled for Sat. Jan. 08, 2022 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.

**Please Note: You must use a FCC Federal Registration Number (FRN) to take an exam, for any transactions with the FCC. You will need this number for the forms you'll**

complete. A FRN can be obtained at:

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/commission-registration-system-fcc>

Good luck to everyone taking exams.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It is getting to be that time of year again when we remind everyone to renew membership for 2022. Dues can be paid at any meeting by giving your application and dues to Linda Maas (KK6SOZ), by mailing or via PayPal.

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 can be downloaded on the club website: ysarc.net.

## **FOX HUNT PHOTOS**

Nov 13, 2021 Fox Hunt



Left to Right: Jeff Hyatt, KN6MXB, Paul Hyatt W6PNH, Daniel Weber, KM6RHC, Ryan Mather, K6RCM

Paul Hyatt, W6PNH

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## **DECEMBER QSO AND OTHER CONTESTS**

03 Dec: ARRL 160 m Contest; CW  
11 Dec: ARRL 10 m Contest: CW, Phone  
11 Dec: International Naval Contest; CW, Phone  
18 Dec: OK DX RTTY Contest; Digital  
18 Dec: ARRL EME Contest; CW, Phone, digital  
19 Dec: ARRL Rookie Roundup; CW  
30 Dec: YOTA (Youth On The Air) Contest; CW, Phone

Many other contests can be found at:  
[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2021/December 2021 Corral.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ContestCorral/2021/December%202021%20Corral.pdf)

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

Our next board meeting is Tues. 7 December. 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).

## **COMMENTS**

✓YSARC's web page is: **ysarc.net**.

The web page is currently updated. All of the past VHN's are available on the club's website.

Thanks to our webmaster, Kevin Conde, K1KMC.

Click on the upper right-hand icon on the homepage to join the club's **Facebook** page.

✓Check out the [New England ARES Academy](#) channel on YouTube for a series of excellent ARES training videos.

✓Send your ham related articles and pictures to share in your VHN. Pictures (antenna parties, field day, Bike Around the Buttes, etc. are appreciated. Send them to [KI6CSN@arrl.net](mailto:KI6CSN@arrl.net) or [KF6FVP@arrl.net](mailto:KF6FVP@arrl.net)

✓If anyone has ideas/suggestions for club activities that we can do online or virtually please contact any club officer or board member or email your suggestions to [board@ysarc.net](mailto:board@ysarc.net).

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**Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021  
Held on Zoom platform, hosted by June



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

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC	Director: Joe Visalli N9BD
Vice President: Mike Morris KK6ISQ – absent	Director: Chris McLain KK6VZD – absent
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ	Director: Neil Bossard N6CNY
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY	Director: Brandon Guthrie KM6JID
	Director: vacant

Members and Guests present: LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, Claire Schloenvogt KI6VWG, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP

Treasurer's Report:

- Financial reports for October 5, 2021 were presented. Motion to approve, Joe/Brandon, passed.
- Motion to renew ARRL club liability insurance which is due Nov. 1, Joe/Brandon, passed.

Secretary's Report (emailed ahead of meeting):

- Motion to approve minutes from September 7, 2021 as written, Brandon/Neil, passed.

Old Business

- Christmas Party December 4 – Joe will talk to Udell about a Santa. Lee's Canton restaurant will need \$100 deposit. Dinner fee of \$22/person includes unlimited non-alcoholic drinks and gratuity. (Each individual must purchase alcoholic drinks.) Motion to charge people an even \$20 with the remaining \$2 to be paid by the club, Joe/Brandon, passed. Motion to move \$600 from Club Meeting Prize budget to Christmas Drawing budget, Joe/Neil, passed. Motion to advance Joe \$600 for Christmas Party drawing prizes, Neil/Brandon, passed.
- Elections at November 17 club meeting – It appears we will need a new vice-president and 2 board members. Need to recruit more volunteers. June recommends the budget remain the same as last year.

New Business

- June will not be able to host the October club meeting; therefore it will be in-person only - unless something else can be worked out.

Motion to adjourn at 19:29 hours, Joe/Neil, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary

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The following article was received in a school newsletter I received this month. It is presented here with permission of the editor John Fry.

“I was going to save this until November 24th, when it would have been 55 years old, but sending it out on Veterans' Day sounds good too. John Burton graduated in 1963”

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**EVEN SOCKS**

# Many Items Make Good Viet Gifts

By RAY MEANS  
United Press International

Socks don't sound like much of a gift, but to my stepson in Viet Nam, Lance Cpl. John Burton, it was the Christmas present he wants most.

The old car he got while attending Crawford High School would not be a suitable gift now. It probably was capable of taking the dirt roads or plunging through the jungle, but it made enough noise to alert the Viet Cong snipers for miles around.

We gave him a 22-caliber rifle for hunting one year, but we understand the game is a little bigger than jackrabbit in Viet Nam and the Marines provide the proper equipment.

New clothes always are in demand by young men in the United States, but they are not so useful on patrol or in building airfields, one of his duties.

But clean, dry socks are always in demand: the heat and dampness ruin them in no time.

That's a different world over there, he tells us. Dec. 25 is just another day for the civilians, although for the troops it may be their most significant Christmas.

My wife and I were in a quandry as to what to send besides sock, but Maj. Edward Schultze of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot helped solve the problem by talking with some of his fellow Viet Nam returnees.

He offered this list of items the men in Viet Nam seem to need or desire:

- Homemade cookies.
- Recent hometown papers.
- Recent photographs of the family.
- 35 mm. film.
- Single-edge razor blades.
- Canned foods.
- Small butterfly can openers.
- Waterproof pouches for personal belongings.
- Plastic sunglasses.
- Needles and thread.
- Whetstones.
- Playing cards.
- Pocket-size chess sets.
- Pocket books.
- Twine.
- And wipers for glasses.

He explained the need for various items varies depending on whether the servicemen are near a good exchange or whether they are out in the field.

My wife, Mary Means, San

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Lt. Cmdr. Roy C. Osborn, a Navy chaplain who was in Viet Nam last Christmas, said the men held services and celebrations where they could.

A significant part of their celebration was passing out gifts to needy civilians. To many, it was their first real experience in the benefits of giving.

Thanksgiving is a day we take the time to remember a few things ourselves. Many of us are ex-servicemen who were in similar circumstances and can remember receiving packages at strange times and in strange places. They were a warming memory of home and often could be shared.

The Nov. 10 deadline for mailing packages by regular mail has passed, but the Post Office Department says air mail packages still will reach the troops if sent by Dec. 10.

Those who receive gifts later may not mind, because a person loses track of time anyhow — and to a soldier or Marine sitting in a rice paddy, any day could be Christmas if the spirit is there.

Diego Gas and Electric Co. home economics manager, also investigated the problem, especially since John, a 6-foot-4, 220-pounder, always has loved to eat.

She says that foods which are good for some places are not good for others because of climate differences. Foods and snacks which are processed in cans are good anywhere.

Fruit cake and persimmon and carrot cakes baked in loaves are good, as are nut breads, brownies and fruit bars.

Salted and candy-coated nuts should ship well, but chocolate covered fruits, candies and cakes will be a mess.

She says to wrap each item individually in foil. Ship them covered in their foil baking pans. As a novelty, use popcorn instead of crushed paper or cotton as packing. Many variety stores and hardware stores now carry large tins which make packing easier.

This stuff can make a heavy package to lug to the post office, but it's worth the effort.