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Dave Gartner, WD6AXM

LIAISONS

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

14 Dec – 7:00 P.M. Christmas Party,
Lee's Canton Restaurant, Yuba City

2020

04 Jan – 9:00 A.M., VE Test, 715
King Ave. Yuba City

06 Jan – Technician Class Begins

07 Jan – General Club Meeting,
Marysville First UMC

16 Jan – Board Meeting, American
Red Cross Classroom 2, 2125 E.
Onstott Rd, Yuba City

25-26 Jan – Winter Field Day

04 Feb – General Club Meeting,
Marysville First UMC

20 Feb – Board Meeting, American
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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 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 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.

VE TEST SESSION

At the last VE session two technician exams were given and passed. Congratulations to Gerald Jurgenson (KN6FNC) and James Bishop (KN6FND) on earning their technician license.

The next VE session will be 9:00 A.M., January 4th, 2020 at 715 King Ave., Yuba City.

VE's are needed to administer the exam. The elements for Technician, General, and Extra class will be offered. 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.

VETERANS DAY PARADE



My thanks to all who came out and helped at the Veterans Day Parade. Helping were Andy (KJ6IYM), Chris (KK6VZD), Ryan (KN6DAN), Mike Bell

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(N6MRB), Bill (WA6OHP), Mark Peters (KA6FFM), John (KI6UDF), Joe Peterson (K6JFP), LeRoy (KJ6DKM), Linda (KK6SOZ) and Bud Meyers (KK1BUD).

Curtis (KF6VFP)

CLUB STORE

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

1. PL295 Coax connectors, 40 each. Cost is \$1.84 each.
2. RG8X reducers, 44 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 190 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. Red/Black Power Cable, 50 feet. Cost is \$1.38 per foot.
8. LMR240 Double Shielded Coax, 720 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.

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.

ELECTION RESULTS

Elections for club officers and board members were held, Tues., 5 Nov 2019 at the Marysville First UMC, 730 D Street, Marysville. The results are:

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)
Vandell "Bud" Myers (KK1BUD)
Kevin (KM6WFW)

The 2020 budget and amendment to the club by-laws were approved.

BOARD MEETINGS

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

The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 16th, 2020. Visitors are welcome.

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CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the club will hold its Christmas Party at Lee's Canton Restaurant. The party will be from 6:00-8:30 P.M. It will be held 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, \$15.00 per person. Come and buy tickets for the drawing!

As before, we have asked Santa to attend.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

The old man sat in his gas station on a cold Christmas Eve. He hadn't been anywhere in years since his wife had passed away. It was just another day to him. He didn't hate Christmas, just couldn't find a reason to celebrate. He was sitting there looking at the snow that had been falling for the last hour and wondering what it was all about when the door opened and a homeless man stepped through.

Instead of throwing the man out, Old

George, as he was known by his customers, told the man to come and sit by the heater and warm up. "Thank you, but I don't mean to intrude," said the stranger.

"I see you're busy, I'll just go."

"Not without something hot in your belly." George said.

He turned and opened a wide mouth Thermos and handed it to the stranger. "It ain't much, but it's hot and tasty. Stew ... Made it myself. When you're done, there's coffee and it's fresh."

Just at that moment he heard the "ding" of the driveway bell. "Excuse me, be right back," George said. There in the driveway was an old '53 Chevy. Steam was rolling out of the front. The driver was panicked. "Mister can you help me!" said the driver, "My wife is with child and my car is broken." George opened the hood. It was bad. The block looked cracked from the cold, the car was dead.

"You ain't going in this thing," George said as he turned away.

"But Mister, please help ..." The door of the office closed behind George as he went inside. He went to the office wall and got the keys to his old truck, and went back outside. He walked around the building, opened the garage, started the truck and drove it around to where the couple was waiting. "Here, take my truck," he said. "She ain't the best thing you ever looked at, but she runs real good."

George helped put the woman in the truck and watched as it sped off into the night. He turned and walked back inside the office. "Glad I gave 'em the truck, their tires were shot too. That 'ol truck has brand new ones." George thought

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he was talking to the stranger, but the man had gone. The Thermos was on the desk, empty, with a used coffee cup beside it. "Well, at least he got something in his belly," George thought.

George went back outside to see if the old Chevy would start. It cranked slowly, but it started. He pulled it into the garage where the truck had been. He thought he would tinker with it for something to do. Christmas Eve meant no customers. He discovered that the block hadn't cracked, it was just the bottom hose on the radiator. "Well, shoot, I can fix this," he said to himself. So he put a new one on.

"Those tires ain't gonna get 'em through the winter either." He took the snow treads off of his wife's old Lincoln. They were like new and he wasn't going to drive the car anyway.

As he was working, he heard shots being fired. He ran outside and beside a police car an officer lay on the cold ground. Bleeding from the left shoulder, the officer moaned, "Please help me."

George helped the officer inside as he remembered the training he had received in the Army as a medic. He knew the wound needed attention. "Pressure to stop the bleeding," he thought. The uniform company had been there that morning and had left clean shop towels. He used those and duct tape to bind the wound. "Hey, they say duct tape can fix anythin'," he said, trying to make the policeman feel at ease.

"Something for pain," George thought. All he had was the pills he used for his back. "These ought to work." He put some water in a cup and

gave the policeman the pills. "You hang in there, I'm going to get you an ambulance."

The phone was dead. "Maybe I can get one of your buddies on that there talk box out in your car." He went out only to find that a bullet had gone into the dashboard destroying the two-way radio.

He went back in to find the policeman sitting up. "Thanks," said the officer. "You could have left me there. The guy that shot me is still in the area."

George sat down beside him, "I would never leave an injured man in the Army and I ain't gonna leave you." George pulled back the bandage to check for bleeding. "Looks worse than what it is. Bullet passed right through 'ya. Good thing it missed the important stuff though. I think with time your gonna be right as rain."

George got up and poured a cup of coffee. "How do you take it?" he asked.

"None for me," said the officer.

"Oh, yer gonna drink this. Best in the city. Too bad I ain't got no donuts." The officer laughed and winced at the same time.

The front door of the office flew open. In burst a young man with a gun. "Give me all your cash! Do it now!" the young man yelled. His hand was shaking and George could tell that he had never done anything like this before.

"That's the guy that shot me!" exclaimed the officer.

"Son, why are you doing this?" asked George, "You need to put the cannon away. Somebody else might get hurt.

The young man was confused. "Shut

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up old man, or I'll shoot you, too. Now give me the cash!"

The cop reached for his gun. "Put that thing away," George said to him, "we got 1 too many in here now."

He turned his attention to the young man. "Son, it's Christmas Eve. If you need money, well then, here. It ain't much but it's all I got. Now put that pea shooter away."

George pulled \$150 out of his pocket and handed it to the young man, reaching for the barrel of the gun at the same time. The young man released his grip on the gun, fell to his knees and began to cry. "I'm not very good at this am I? All I wanted was to buy something for my wife and son," he went on. "I've lost my job, my rent is due, my car got repossessed last week."

George handed the gun to the cop. "Son, we all get in a bit of squeeze now and then. The road gets hard sometimes, but we make it through the best we can."

He got the young man to his feet, and sat him down on a chair across from the cop. "Sometimes we do stupid things." George handed the young man a cup of coffee. "Bein' stupid is one of the things that makes us human. Comin' in here with a gun ain't the answer. Now sit there and get warm and we'll sort this thing out."

The young man stopped crying, and looked at the cop "Sorry I shot you. It just went off. I'm sorry officer." he said." Shut up and drink your coffee" the cop said.

George could hear the sounds of sirens outside. A police car and an ambulance skidded to a halt. Two cops

came through the door, guns drawn. "Chuck! You ok?" one of the cops asked the wounded officer.

"Not bad for a guy who took a bullet. How did you find me?"

"GPS locator in the car. Best thing since sliced bread. Who did this?" the other cop asked as he approached the young man.

Chuck answered him, "I don't know. The guy ran off into the dark. Just dropped his gun and ran."

George and the young man both looked puzzled at each other. "That guy works here?" the wounded cop continued.

"Yep," George said, "just hired him this morning. Boy lost his job."

The paramedics came in and loaded Chuck onto the stretcher. The young man leaned over the wounded cop and whispered, "Why?"

Chuck just said, "Merry Christmas boy ... and you too, George, and thanks for everything."

"Well, looks like you got one doozy of a break there. That ought to solve some of your problems."

George went into the back room and came out with a box. He pulled out a ring box. "Here you go, something for the little woman. I don't think Martha would mind. She said it would come in handy some day."

The young man looked inside to see the biggest diamond ring he ever saw. "I can't take this," said the young man. "It means something to you."

"And now it means something to you," replied George. "I got my memories. That's all I need."

George reached into the box again.

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An airplane, a car and a truck appeared next. They were toys that the oil company had left for him to sell. "Here's something for that little man of yours."

The young man began to cry again as he handed back the \$150 that the old man had handed him earlier.

"And what are you supposed to buy Christmas dinner with? You keep that too," George said. "Now git home to your family."

The young man turned with tears streaming down his face. "I'll be here in the morning for work, if that job offer is still good."

"Nope. I'm closed Christmas day," George said. "See ya the day after."

George turned around & found the stranger had returned. "Where'd you come from? I thought you'd left?"

"I have been here. I have always been here," said the stranger. "You say you don't celebrate Christmas. Why?"

"Well, after my wife passed away, I just couldn't see what all the bother was. Puttin' up a tree and all seemed a waste of a good pine tree. Bakin' cookies like I used to with Martha just wasn't the same by myself and besides I was gettin' a little chubby."

The stranger put his hand on George's shoulder. "But you do celebrate the holiday, George. You gave me food and drink and warmed me when I was cold and hungry. The woman with child will bear a son and he will become a great doctor."

The policeman you helped will go on to save 19 people from being killed by terrorists. The young man who tried to rob you will make you a rich man and not take any for himself. "That is the

spirit of the season and you keep it as good as any man."

George was taken aback by all this stranger had said. "And how do you know all this?" asked the old man.

"Trust me, George. I have the inside track on this sort of thing. And when your days are done you will be with Martha again."

The stranger moved toward the door. "If you will excuse me, George, I have to go now. I have to go home where there is a big celebration planned."

George watched as the old leather jacket and the torn pants that the stranger was wearing turned into a white robe. A golden light began to fill the room.

"You see, George ... it's My birthday. Merry Christmas."

George fell to his knees and replied, "Happy Birthday, Lord Jesus"

This story is better than any greeting card. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND GOD BLESS!

Now clear the lump from your throat, blow your nose, and send this along to a friend of yours or someone who may need a reminder as to why we celebrate Christmas.

Tomorrow is not promised, - Cherish today!

Thanks to Bob (N6BOB) for sending this.

TECHNICIAN CLASS

Coming in January and February 2020 is the next technician class. Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a ham? Encourage them to

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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. 6, 2020. They will run through Feb 26th. The Red Cross building is located at 125 E. Onstott Road, Yuba City. We will be meeting in Classroom 2.

So far we have 4 signed up for the class.

COMMENTS

✓**Technician, General, and Extra Class** study guides are available at the Sutter and Yuba County Libraries. Call number: **621.384**. Note: the technician study guides are not the latest.

✓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.

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Yuba-Sutter Amateur Radio Club

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 17, 2019
Red Cross Building, 2125 E Onstott Rd, Yuba City, CA 95991



Meeting called to order by President Chris McLain KK6VZD at 19:00 hours.

Officers and Board Members present unless noted:

President: Chris McLain KK6VZD
Vice President: Daniel Weber KM6RHC –
absent
Secretary: Linda Maas KK6SOZ
Treasurer: June McJunkin N6JEY

B M: Joe Visalli N9BD
B M: Mark Peters KA6FFM
B M: Joseph Peterson K6JFP
BM: Mike Morris KK6ISQ
BM: Bud Myers KK1BUD

Members and Guests present: Udell and LeRoy Smith KJ6DKM, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP

Secretary's Report:

- Motion to accept September 19, 2019 board meeting minutes as written, Mike/Joe, passed.
- Motion to approve new member application received from Michael Lester KC5DWF, Joe/Mike, passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- June presented the Financial Report for October 17, 2019. Motion to approve, Joe/Mark, passed.
- June reported that we will be able to use DocuSign instead of going to the bank in person to sign the new signature cards required after the election of new officers and board members.

Old Business

- Proposed membership definitions will be voted upon in November meeting. Joseph will investigate effective date. Categories and fees are: Full Membership \$20, Family Full Membership \$5, Associate Membership \$5, Associate Family Membership \$5.
- Elections – Curtis will create a ballot sheet with prospective Board & Officers and budget for 2020.
- Veterans Day Parade – Curtis has enough volunteers, Bud offered to bring reflective vests.
- Christmas Party – Curtis brought a menu from Lee's Canton Restaurant, a possible venue. Motion to advance Joe \$300 for Christmas Party prizes. Mark/Mike, passed. Motion to purchase a slot in the next WA6SFM Morse class (\$65 max) as a prize, Mike/Bud, passed. Discussion of moving the date to later in the week. Motion to allow Curtis and Joe to set the date for the Christmas Party, Mike/Mark, passed.
- Yuba Sutter Christmas Stroll – with a fee of \$150, participation was tabled until next year.

New Business

- Winter Field Day – January 25-26 – It was decided to hold it at Sutter High School. Mike will assist with organization.
- Curtis will set up our 2020 calendar with the Methodist Church and Red Cross. Board meetings

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will be on Thursdays.

- Motion to reimburse Joe \$26.54 for 2 tarps for the club trailer, Mike/Mark, passed.
- Sutter High School Report from Bud:
 - School Round-up is next Wednesday, October 23
 - Wants to thank everyone who came to S.H.S. yesterday and helped kids get on 2M.
 - Will send the Board the school schedule
 - They want to have an HF opportunity for the kids on a Saturday.
 - Could we invite high school students to the Christmas Party? Discussion ensued.
 - OARS website has a great 30 minute video “Amateur Radio: What it is and Why You Should Be Involved”

Upcoming Events

- October 23 - School Roundup at Sutter High School
- November 2 – VE Testing at Cornerstone Church, YC
- November 5 – Club meeting & Election at Methodist Church, Marysville
- November 11 – Veterans Day Parade in Marysville
- November 21 – Board Meeting at Red Cross building, YC

Motion to adjourn at 20:30 hours, Mark/Bud, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Maas KK6SOZ, YSARC Secretary