

Contra Costa Communication Club Communicator

April 2022

Repeater ID: WA6KQB 145.110, 224.300, 44.275 PL 82.5 Simplex 146.505

Packet "Node" CC4CC 145.05 Packet "Mailbox"

WA6KQB – 1 Home Page: <http://www.wa6kqb.org>

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CCCC's Club Mtg

June 12, 2022

Sunday at 10:00 am

On Zoom

A Non-Profit Club Dedicated to Service

CCCC President

Hello Everyone!!

The state is starting to open and that's a good thing. I'm hoping we will be able to have our club picnic in August or September.

It was so very nice to see all those that attended the Pizza Night we had. It was nice talking to everyone and seeing many of the club members and family.

I look forward to our Zoom meeting the second Sunday in June. Stay safe and we'll be seeing you soon.

Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

CCCC President

CCCC Membership Report

April 2022

Hello Members!

It's been great to hear from more members on the morning nets, every Monday through Friday ay 7:10 am. The Trivia questions by Jan, AC5RB, are fun and have been a great draw. It's amazing to see how much hams know about Trivia, especially DJ, KJ6DJ, who has a great following! Also, of interest to many members is the daily "chicken report" by Burgie, KE6MSF. We are getting weather reports from Kelly, WB6AAJ, in San Jose, and from Joe, N7TSQ, who lives on a vineyard in Sonoma. You can hear about Nancy's, KN6GTR, rescue of feral cats, Carrie, KK6BKR, world of cooking for the Eagles, and Doc's, W6OGX, world of orthopedic care. This is the PLACE to make connections and find out what your fellow hams are doing. Check it out at 145.110 MHz. You don't want to miss it!

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ

CCCC Membership Chairman

CCCC Treasurer's Report:

April 17, 2022

Checking Account:

Balance Forward: \$4477.32

Receipts:

Dues: \$470.00

Disbursements:

Website: \$179.99

New Balance: \$4767.44

Savings Account:

Balance forward: \$631.75

Total Funds: \$5399.19

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ

CCCC Treasurer

CCCC Minutes

April 10, 2022

The Zoom meeting was brought to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF, at 10:05 am. There were 9 members present.

Minutes published in the March Communicator, done by Audrey, W6BBQ.

Treasurer Report – Found in the March Communicator, by Audrey.

Membership Report – We have 64 members, many are life members that while not as active, want to continue to receive our Communicator and support our club. Taxes were filed, Audrey checked them out with Victoria who was our previous treasurer. It has been mailed and we owe nothing.

Net Controllers Report – Jan, AC5RB, mentioned that soon we will be needing a new net controller for Thursday mornings, as Gary, KK6RJA, will be moving out of the area. April 28 will be his last time.

Alvin, KK6UQX, said his Saturday morning nets are going great. That is on all three of our frequencies.

Trivia – Jan reported that since the last meeting, we had 24 different participants. She asked 24 questions, 4 of them everyone got correctly and one stumped everyone. Again, thanks to all of you good sports for participating.

Dj, KJ6DJ, mentioned that since we are not meeting in person, and we aren't doing any fund raising. He suggested that anyone can go to the website, www.WA6KQB.org, and click on the bright yellow banner, with black letters spelling out, Join Us!, to make a donation.

Technical Report – Roger, KE6SZG, mentioned that there has been a lot of activity going on around the repeater site, not by us, lots of gravel put down. We have no idea of their plans, but the grounds look a lot better with interlocking rocks and a black mesh underneath for weed mitigation.

Howdy, KE6BEE, climbed the tower to install a new packet antenna up higher for a network node, that was offered to us, to help build paths for nodes. He also built a data base, KELSO (K El Sobrante), we are CC4CC. Once you log in, find out which nodes to reach for a destination. It's not an email set up, it's to transfer emergency information. WA6KQB keyboard to keyboard, KBox to leave a message. Doug Slessor has something to put onto the node to keep it clean, with less interference, all the information will pass through. Al from Bethel Island has tuned up our setup which is great. Dj has also checked out Roger's station.

Howdy mentioned the coax has been approved to replace the feedline, still delayed in shipping. Maybe mid to late April. Red Cross has a monthly net to connect all 7 counties. Our information is now in there. Sunday night net around Tahoe, there were 24-26 people. Installation on tower for packet was also assisted by Mathison.

Alvin asked about Echo-Link. Roger stated it was still being worked on. Ham radio stations outside of our repeater range would be able to connect with our nets, with a delay in communications. The WCX repeater is tied to Echo-Link, and DJ said FL-Digi can help on our nets as well.

Roger said Chad, a member who is a police officer, patrols our area by our repeater. Thank you, Chad.

Burgie said she has set up our April 20th pizza night at Mountain Mike's in Pinole, on Fitzgerald Drive. We're back!

Wing asked about the investments needed for wireless connections. Howdy answered TNC units run between \$60.00 to \$150.00. Also software solutions to computer, don't need a new computer. Windows has software options for more information, ask Howdy later. There is a sound card design and the software is free.

DJ asked Howdy for information to put on our website, and Howdy said he would send it.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Kuhl, AC5RB

Secretary

Texting Codes for Seniors:

ATD - At The Doctor's

BFF – Best Friend's Funeral

BTW – Bring The Wheelchair

BYOT – Bring your Own Teeth

CBM – Covered By Medicare

CUATSC – See You At The Senior Center

DWI – Driving While Incontinent

FWIW – Forgot Where I Was

GGPBL – Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low

GHA – Got Heartburn Again

HGBM – Had A Good Bowel Movement

LMDO – Laughing My Dentures Out

LOL – Living On Lipitor

OMSG – Oh My Sorry Gas

TOT – Texting On Toilet

WAITT – Who Am I Talking To

GGLKI – Gotta Go Laxative Kicking In

Thank you, Xia, K2XIA, for your humorous contribution.

CCCC Editor

Hola miembros de radioaficionados,

Hello ham radio members, hoping everyone is happy and well.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Jay, KJ6WSS and Karen, KK6ZPM, for their endeavors of expanding radio use. Whether it's Ham, GMRS, and FRS radios, they are encouraging pushing communication boundaries in our unforgiving terrain in Richmond and 94803, in El Sobrante. Utilizing all the tricks and skills practicing what we would need for any emergency or natural disasters, a few times a month. Now, every Saturday has had between 12 and 16 check-ins on the 2 meter and 440. A big improvement which means more radio operators keeping their skillsets on tap, when needed. Eight to nine check-ins haven't changed for the 220.

The second Saturday of each month includes three North and East simplex nets, after the weekly repeater Saturday Nets. With Richmond simplex channel 147.440, a randomly selected GMRS frequency and a randomly selected FRS frequency, are experiencing a growing number of participants as well, thanks again to Jay and Karen Fenton.

A Big Thank You! to Jan, AC5RB, for researching and selecting some of the hardest "Question of the Day" stumpers I've ever encountered. Love it better than coffee!

Stay safe and 73's,

Alvin, KK6UQX,

CCCC Editor

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Contra Costa Communication Club Inc – Daily and Weekly Nets

Days	Net Controller		Repeater/net Name/Time
Monday	Audrey	W6BBQ	145.110 MHz – Over the Hill Net
Tuesday	Jan	AC5RB	
Wednesday	Roger	KE6SZG	7:10 am
Thursday	Gary	KG6RGA	
Friday	Alvin	KK6UQX	
Weekly - Tuesday By Arrangement	Dj	KJ6DJ Confirmation by Dj	444.275 MHz – Digital Net – 7:30 pm FI-Digi Net By Arrangement
Weekly - Tuesday	Net Control Rotates		224.300 MHz – Open Net – 7:30 pm
Weekly - Thursday	Members Rotates		145.110 MHz – West Contra Costa County Emcomm Net – 6:45 pm
Weekly – Thursday	1 st week: Audrey	W6BBQ	145.110 MHz – Club Net
	2 nd week: Audrey	W6BBQ	7:30 pm
	3 rd week: Jan	AC5RB	
	4 th week: Jeff	KJ6RHF	
	5 th week: Dj	KJ6DJ	
Saturday	Alvin	KK6UQX	0900 - 145.110 MHz Bay Shores Emcomm Net 0915 - 224.300 MHz 220 Net 0930 – 444.275 MHz 440 Open Net

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