



### *Sunshine Committee*

Everyone needs a little bit of sunshine!

If you are hail and hearty we rejoice with you! If you are not we want you to know you are in our thoughts.

If you know of anyone that needs some of our special sunshine let me know. Names are only published with permission. Club members far and near appreciate keeping up with news of their

Burgie, KE6MSF

### Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up

The cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 90 cents, from \$13.30 to \$14.20. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 9, 2011, the first day the new fee is in effect.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term.

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## Presidents Corner

Well we had a GREAT picnic. My part was a lot easier because I had my grandson without a ride home unless he helped. That seemed to work pretty well until he looked around and discovered that there was a girl in the area. He used to be a cute little kid that ran around and talked to everyone. But never fear Barbara was there. She discovered that our old site was taken and found us our first site. Then she started her mojo working and I stayed the heck out of the way. The only thing we didn't bring was less wind and the sun. But the sun did finally arrive just before the food. I sat on my stool, and every time I started to get up, some one would walk up and do my job. It got so good that one of my hecklers told me I needed a swivel on my stool so I could just spin around and bark orders. I guess I better give a big thanks to Audrey because without her help, you guys would have eaten at Micky-D's. She works pretty hard at the picnic, but most of her work is before and after. Before, she has to listen to me whine about what to serve. Then she has to clean up the mess. The day of the picnic she becomes truck loader and unloader, and then, loader and unloader again back at the house. Then she lugs the dirty stuff upstairs and starts washing dishes. Meanwhile I am hunting for a beer. I got a good deal 46 years ago, but every once in a while, I bet she wonders about how good her deal is. Thanks Kid.

You know that the food is really the small part of the picnic; the big part is the social part. There are about two hours of social before food, and then after food, the social hours continue. I usually get packed up by three with everyone carrying stuff to the truck, and head for the washing deal, but about half the crowd is still there. This year, Joe guy came which meant we got to see and talk to Alice. See, he isn't all bad.

The next Social will be the Christmas Party. You should be getting an invite to that in the real

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DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

| DAYS   | NET CONTROLLER  | REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME                         |
|--|---|--|
| MONDAY<br>TUESDAY<br>WEDNESDAY<br>THURSDAY<br>FRIDAY | MICHAEL K6CUG<br>BOB AB4AL<br>BOB W6WTJ<br>GARY KG6RJA ALTERNATE:<br>BARBARA KD6OKJ STAN-KB6SEI | 145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM                  |
| WEEKLY - TUESDAY<br>QRM                              | BARBARA KD6OKJ<br>BOB AB4AL<br>ROBBY N6MNL<br>MICHAEL K6CUG                                     | 224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM                   |
| WEEKLY - THURSDAY                                    | MEMBERS ROTATE  | 145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY RACES<br>6:45 PM |
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| WEEKLY - THURSDAY                                    | OPEN NET  | 145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM                  |
| WEEKLY - SATURDAY<br>& SUNDAY                        |   | 145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM               |

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Newsletter:

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mail, like delivered by a mail person. In the same envelop will be your bill for dues. The plan is you write one check and save on bank charges. We would like to get the roster out by the Feb. meeting, so that means don't put your dues off, but when you get the bill, sit right down and write the check. Thanks . You can't imagine how much worry and work Barbara has put into the party. With one business closing, and others wanting an arm and a leg, others wanted the party to start at 10:00 am and be over at 11:30, and most not even calling back. She promises a d..n good party and she doesn't break a promise.

See ya at the meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Need a wake up call? Let me know.

Fred, W6BBQ

**We need help**

We have an out of date web page and need help fixing it. Our webmaster moved. Now we need someone to take over the webmaster job or show one of us an easy way to run the page. I will be looking for the hand in the air at the meeting. If that doesn't work, I will be listening for my phone to ring, and when I answer it, I will hear "I can help." Here's the correct number to the chain on my belt, 510-367-6641. No, it is not me you are training; I am not asking for mission impossible.

Fred

**Membership**

Welcome new member:

Keith Nowell, KG6VLY, General License

Welcome back:  
Stephen Wilson W6SDY, Extra License

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, Advanced License  
Spouse Lillian

**ANNUAL PICNIC August 14**



| <b>Income</b> | <b>August</b>    | <b>Expenses</b> |                  |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 0             | Telephone       | \$ 34.90         |
| Membership    | <u>\$ 145.00</u> | Picnic          | <u>\$ 347.61</u> |
| Totals        | \$ 145.00        |                 | \$ 382.51        |



A huge THANK YOU to Fred and Audrey, with help-ers their Grandson and Barbara. Folks from EBARC, CCCC, the Marin Radio Club, and even good weather.



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**Next Regular Club Meeting: September 11, 2011**

Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito, CA 94530

**Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m. Board meeting at 8:45**