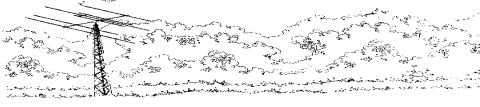


THE COMMUNICATOR

FEBRUARY 2007



Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc
An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group
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General Meeting Minutes :

January 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by our President Ken, KA6TUX @ 8:00 a.m. sharp.

Introductions were made around the room.

The previous minutes were approved as printed in *The Communicator*.

REPORTS: Treasurer: N/A

Technical Committee: N/A

Membership: 5 renewals were made this morning. (Report given by Robby)

Net Control: Stanley, KB6SEI, says we need more check ins on the morning net. We would like to thank Stanley for filling in when the regular morning net controllers are unable to run the net. Tech Net: Jack, K6JEB, asks if anyone has any info for the tech net, please let himself or Bob, AB4AL, know.

Unfinished business: None

New Business: T. Michelle, NJ6T, wanted to let us know that the 3rd Saturday in May, which is May 19, bay area hams and possibly others will be holding a Ham Radio Exposition. We will be giving out more information in the coming months. If you have any questions, please call

her. She will be glad to give you more information regarding this program. Ti also told us about something we may all be involved with. We are trying to get our Governor to recognize Amateur Radio Week and issue us a proclamation for this. We will also be having more information on this in the coming months. We will keep you all informed.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:19 a.m.

DRAWINGS: World Radio: Dan Kelley, KF6HQO, which was donated back to the club. Dan is currently receiving World Radio.

Free Breakfast: Claire Parker, daughter of Rich Parker, KD6JCT.

Progressive Raffle: Bob Gregory, AB4AL, who was not present. Rich Parker, KD6JCT, donated \$20.00 towards our next month raffle. **Therefore, our next progressive will be \$30.00. Thank you Rich!!!**

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

SUNSHINE OPPORTUNITIES

Hello Everyone!!!! I hope everyone is well and healthy. We have a few members who are under the weather. I'm hoping this message finds you feeling much better.

George Froberg NR6I

Howard E. Trites KA6CRG

Bill Cross WA6FNP

I hope you gentlemen get well real soon. We look forward to seeing you or hearing from you on the radio. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Burgie KE6MSF

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CRAB FEED

East Bay Amateur Radio Club will be sponsoring a Crab Feed on:

Saturday, February 17, 2007
at

The Salvation Army
located @ 4600 Appian Way El Sobrante. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. and serving begins @ 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$30.00 per person. We hope you

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Feb. 23

2007 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	DAN – KF6HQO (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BURGIE-KE6MSF, JAN-N6UYE [ROTATE] BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA BOB – AB4AL ALTERNATE STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY	ED-KA6OFR ALTERNATE ROBBY - N6MNL	224.300 QRM NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY – WEDNESDAY		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE THURSDAY NIGHTS IN ORDER ROBBY-N6MNL, ANDREW-KM6VT, ALTERNATE: FRED-KC6VLL, BARBARA-KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL, DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110/440.275 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers FOR 2007

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 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
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 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
 Director: Jack Burris, K6JEB (2008)
 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2007)

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(Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

Paul Henson KF6FMX

Assist. Technical:

Howard Burk, KE6PTT

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Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

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Repeater Controller's

[Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]

Robby.....N6MNL.....

Ed.....KA6OFR.....

Red.....N6UMG.....

Ken.....KA6TUX.....

Gabe.....WA6KQB.....

Howard...KE6PTT.....

Bob..... AB4AL.....

Board Meeting Minutes :

Jan. 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by our new President Ken @ 8:32 a.m.

The previous minutes were approved as printed in The Communicator.

Our regular scheduled April meeting falls on Easter Sunday this year. A motion was made to hold our April meeting on April 15; the third Sunday of the month. It was approved by all board members present.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:39 a.m.

The meeting was re adjourned @ 8:44 a.m. A motion was made for Jack, K6JEB, to be in charge of The Contra Costa Communications Club web site with the cooperation of Rich Parker, KD6JCT.

It was approved by all board members present. Meeting was adjourned @ 8:46 a.m. Those present at the board meeting: Ken Miller KA6TUX Don Hamma KE6ZFP Ed Caine KA6OFR with the exception of the second re adjournment. Jack Burris K6JEB Robby Robinson N6MNL Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Treasurers Report for Jan. 2007

CD—\$3,589.11

Checking—\$1,608.84

Savings—\$2,031.12

Repeater Fund Collected at Jan.

Meeting—\$ 34. 00

Visalia International DX Convention 2007

The 2007 International DX Convention will take place **April 27, 28 & 29, 2007** at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned convention that is sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club. It is expected to draw visitors from around the World and will feature programs from recent DX-Peditions and contest operations.

The Convention theme this year is, **Elmering New DXers is Job Number One!** Accordingly, a portion of the programming will be devoted to helping new DXers learn about how to be noticed in a pile-up, snag a 'new one' and get that elusive QSL card.

Other Convention offerings will include: DX, Top Band and Contest Forums, technical talks, many door prizes, both Friday and Saturday evening "attitude adjustments", Saturday Barbecue Lunch, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning *power* breakfast, Vendors Exhibits and QSL card checking.

Current information and registration forms are available on the Convention web page, which can be found at:

www.dxconvention.org.

Additional registration information can be obtained by contacting Convention Registration Chairman, Dick Letrich, W6KM via Email at

dlw6km@aol.com.

If you're interested in DX or DXing, the Visalia International DX Convention is *the* place to be. We hope to see you there.

Morse code requirement ends Friday, February 23.

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. On or after that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination.

Federal Register publication January 24 of the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, starts a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective. Deletion of the Morse requirement - still a matter of controversy within the amateur community - is a landmark in Amateur Radio history.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the "Morse code" R&O that settled the matter, at least from a regulatory standpoint.

The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The R&O appearing in the Federal Register constitutes the official version of the new rules.

February 23, Technicians will gain CW privileges on 80, 40, 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part

97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page,

<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>.

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2007 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues are due January 1 and become delinquent on March 1.

Renewals received after March 31 will not be in the 2007 Roster.

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Remember the club can benefit from your ARRL renewal if you file it through the club. Contact Victoria, KE6FSU for the special renewal form you must use to have part of your payment to ARRL go to the club.

We can receive **\$15** for each NEW membership and **\$2** for each renewal submitted (*regular and senior memberships only*). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission. A RENEWING MEMBER can renew at **anytime**, even before their current membership term expires.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: February 11, 2007

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