

Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group Dedicated to Service



## Sunshine Committee



Hello Everyone!!!

Even though your name is not here please know we are thinking of you. It is good to hear you when you are able to check in on the radio and if you are not able we miss you.

Be assured that we are thinking about you and praying you will get well soon!!!! We miss you all!!

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

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### **Presidents Corner**

Well, it's that time of the year again for the annual picnic. This is great social and everyone who comes seems to enjoy it. Show up as early as you want; you won't be the first to arrive. We will eat about 1:00-1:30. Remember that you should bring a chair and a limber jaw. While you are bringing your chair, bring an extra one, and then invite someone to come and sit in it. They don't have to be a ham; they just have to like to eat and B.S. Those of you who have children or grandchildren, there are several things in the area for kids: a playground, a model train set up, and, of course, the Red Oak Victory ship.

This year the chow will be chicken, salad of several types, glazed onions, corn if it goes on sale, beans, and a special desert.

If you have not noticed, it is dark in the morning now, and dark earlier in the afternoon. Now, don't let the darkness make you forget the nets. If you get up for the morning net, you can find out if the world shook, and, if not, how Robert KI6KOU will get himself in trouble. You also can keep track of what day it is when Rich KO6FR tells where breakfast is. Then on the Thursday night you can see if the con-

## Pacificon 2010

The West Coast Ham Radio Convention

#### is

### Coming Back!

After a one year hiatus, PACIFICON 2010, the great west coast ham radio convention, returns to the San Francisco Bay Area and will again be sponsored by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club. Pacificon 2010 will take place Friday, October 15th through Sunday, October 17th, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California.

For More Information go to http://www.pacificon.org

2010 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.
DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME		
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	BURGIE, KE6MFS (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BOB – AB4AL BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA ALTERNATE: BARBARA-KD6OKJ STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM		
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	DAN - KF6HQO    BOB - AB4AL    ROBBY-N6MNL    JIM KI6YXW    RICH KO6FR			
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY-N6MNL ANDREW KM6VT ALTERNATE : FRED W6BBQ BARBARA KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM		
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM		

#### Club Officers FOR 2010

President: Fred NeimanW6BBQ (2011)V. Pres: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ (2011)Secretary: Raplh HallW6EFD (2012)Treasurer: V. ThompsonKE6FSU (2012)Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)Director: Ed Caine,KA60FR (2010)Director: Ken MillerKA6TUX (2010)

Planning Section Chief RACES Contra Costa County -Mike McMillan K6MCM

Repeater Controller's

Call to report any problems or concerns Robby.....N6MNL...... Ed......KA6OFR..... Red......N6UMG..... Ken.....KA6TUX.... Gabe.....WA6KQB..... Fred ...W6BBQ ...... Bob......AB4AL..... Committee Chairperson

Membership: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ **Technical Committee:** (Chair) Robert Gregory AB4AL Paul Mason WA6EUZ Paul Henson KF6FMX Packet: Robby Robinson N6MNL NARCC: Robby Robinson N6MNL Picnic: Fred Neiman, W6BBQ Christmas: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

trollers can count the Thursdays and get the net started on time with the right controller. There's an Emergency Communication Net at 6:45 also. If you check into that, maybe we can get more interest in that, and the government might not take any more of our band. Last, but not least, is the Tuesday night 220 net. On that one you need to remember your name and where you are and what you did today. There are quite of few people on the check in list but not many have a good "rememberer," and they forget it is Tuesday.

Don't forget to let me know about the club calllink texlink text box

Don't forget to bring a ham who doesn't usually come to the meetings or someone who might want to be a ham to the picnic.

Fred, W6BBO

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I have received a suggestion that we  $\overset{\frown}{\mathcal{L}}$ change our club call. The reasons for the change A would to honor the service of George (Gabe)  $\Delta$ ☆ Gabriel. Gabe was one of the founding Fathers  $\Rightarrow$  of the 4C's. It is said that the club was formed ☆ in his den. After the club was formed he spent ☆ many hours rounding up equipment and people  $\frac{1}{2}$ to make the repeater what it is today. The club 2 call would change from ☆

#### WD6EZC to WA6KOB.

 $\overset{}{\diamond}$ This is not up to the board so we need  $\overset{\frown}{\sim}$  $\bigstar$  your vote. To vote simply just reply to w6bbq@comcast.net with a Yes or No. ☆

☆ Please reply ASAP as if approved it will take a  $\Delta$ while to get the FCC to act.  $\stackrel{\frown}{\simeq}$ 

#### Fred, W6BBQ

 $\overset{\frown}{\mathcal{L}}$ (Note-this will also be sent out to all club members with ☆

E-mail address on file to allow you to click on reply to ☆

vote.)  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

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### Membership

Help me welcome a new Members and their family members to the 4C's.

Alan Alsing KJ6JIS and spouse Julie. . Alan holds a Tech. License and is an member of ARRL. Alan is a Electronics Engineer. Regular Membership

Welcome again it is so very nice to have you and your family as part of ours. Net controller's please update your list as I have a feeling these 3 will be on your net if not already.

Thanks again to everyone for their support to our club.

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Membership Chairperson

A note received from NJ6T

I (Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T) am on d-star usually monitoring reflector 14 C. Most of the bay  $\bigstar$  know Fred BBQ does d-star I also hang out on 7.130 ☆ KHz up early in the morning (or late at night)

Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T

## ARRL EXAM TESTING

**EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA** sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> St. ), Oakland . The remaining date for 2010 is Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2010 remains at \$15.

#### **Tri-City VE Group** Dates for 2010

☆ November 13 2 December 16

Saturday 9-11:30 am Thursday 6:30-9 pm

## **Income and Expense Report August 2010**

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	Income	Expenses	
Contributions <b>Total Income</b>	\$ 20.00 <b>\$ 20.00</b>	1	37.18 <b>37.18</b>

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#### From the Editor's Desk

You may have noticed the tardiness of this newsletter. It may also have become apparent that there are no minutes for the August Club meeting. I had the unfortunate experience of complete PC collapse due to a combination of viruses and malicious software. The meeting minutes seem to have gotten lost in the Ethernet some where. If the hard copies show up I will run them in a future e-mail. Apparently I had a couple of viruses slowing things down and causing a few problems then this new problem entered the picture. WOW! major crash. I did learn some things that I want to pass-on. In spite of high security settings and two different security programs eventually a bug will get through.

This one acts, looks like, imitates a legitimate virus protection security warning from your own system. It takes you to a very real looking web site so you can 'buy' a product to protect and remove the suspect software/virus. To really scare you it lets you get to the internet but all you get is fake adult, porno and Viagra sites. The goal is to fool you into 'buying' using your credit card. The only thing that will really happen is the creators of this program will go shopping using your account.

Here are something you can do to protect your PC and wage a successful war if you find yourself engaged in the battle of wits with a virus/software attack.

Microsoft has a free scan program on their web site "Windows Live safety scanner is an online service that you can use for free spyware removal. Use it to scan your computer to help protect, clean, and keep your computer running at its best. Use the free scan to check for and remove viruses, spyware, and other potentially malicious software and to find vulnerabilities

or shortcomings in your Internet security." It is free and you can use it as often as you want. Here is the web address.

http://www.microsoft.com/security/malwareremove/d efault.aspx

You can follow the links to contact support. They are very helpful. You may qualify for the free by phone and remote link to your PC help with a virus problem. I followed that link and established a help ticket. They solved the problem and remotely removed the offending software from the five places it was hiding. They also got rid of two other low impact viruses. It took a couple of hours to get through this but I had already spent 48 hours on my own efforts. I did not have to unplug the CPU and carry it someplace for service. Depending on each situation there may a charge for their service. My sister used it a couple of years ago and also had good results.

The bottom line is beware of pop up windows shouting credible warnings!

Victoria, KE6FSU

Holiday Party Contra Costa Communications Club & East Bay Amateur Radio Club

> Saturday December 11, 2010 11:30 p.m. (seating begins) 12:00 p.m. (lunch served)

internet and the intern

Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery 2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520

Watch for the Flyer in your e-mail this week.

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e-mail at KE6FSU@sbcglobal.net Deadline for submissions: The 25th of each mo.

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## Fred's Picnic Recipes by Popular Demand

	Pineapple Macaroni Salad	Grilled Onions
1 lb	Macaroni uncooked	Sugar 1 cup
I Tbsp	Salt	Water <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup
I can	Pineapple Tidbits or crushed, Drained	Onions a lot
1 cup	Green pepper chopped	
1 cup	Dill pickles, chopped	Make a sugar water by mix the sugar and water
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> cup	Green Onions Chapped	
1 cup	Cheddar Cheese, Chopped	Cut onions in half and peel. Slice in half circles.
1 ½ cu	p Salad Dressing	I use 15 lbs for the picnic.
2 tsp	Seasoning salt	
1 tsp	Dill weed	Heat a pan with about a tablespoon of oil add onions.
Cook Macaroni in salted water until barely tender		Welt onions use the sugar water to keep moisture
Drain and rinse in cold water let cool.		in the pan.
Blend the remainder items and mix with macaroni.		





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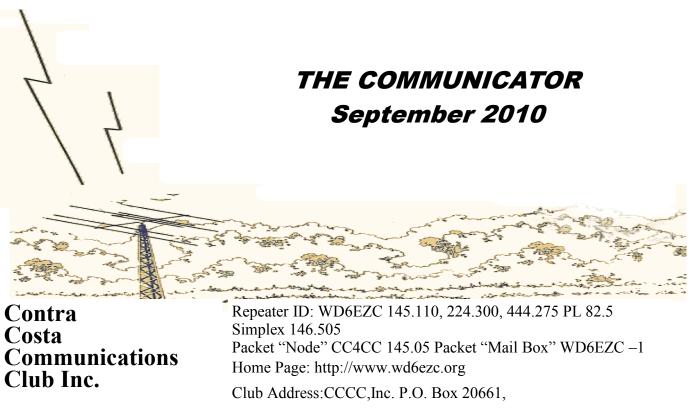
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**POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED** 

# Next Regular Club Meeting: October 10, 2010

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