



## Sunshine Committee



Hello everyone:

I hope this little slice of love finds you all safe and healthy. We think about you often. Know that you are all in our prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely, Burgie, KE6MSF

**ANNUAL PICNIC!!**

**AUGUST 10th  
Arrive at 11 AM**

**Miller Knox Regional Shoreline  
900 Dornan Dr Richmond, Ca 94801**

**\$5 per Adult Children under 12 free  
Payable at the Picnic**

**Head count needed:  
Please e-mail or call Victoria,  
ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net  
or 510-326-2361**

**With number of adults & kids**

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## President's Blog

Well, do you want the good news or the bad news first? I had planned to have everyone send in \$5.00 for every adult for the picnic so that I could get a good count for the people who were coming. Most years I guess at the number, but sometimes my guess sucks, and I end up eating chicken for two months after the picnic. Last year everyone was late, and at 11:45 I had 10 people show and I panicked. Then someone opened the gate and within twenty minutes I had fifty people there. The way the money is this year, I will still have someone collect \$5.00 per adult (no charge for children under twelve) at the site to help cover the cost. The cost of the picnic is over \$300.00 per year and we don't have an extra \$300.00 this year as you soon will find out. By the way, the picnic is August 10<sup>th</sup> in place of our meeting. Please show up before noon so I don't get a completely bald head.

Now for the Bad news and part of the reason we may be short some money. On Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, I got a call from Jeff telling me that the repeater was not working. No problem I told him; I would meet him at the site and we would fix it, no sweat. Well, when we got up there, he was the first one to round the corner and he says it's gone. My heart dropped to the ground and I turned the corner to find the door is wide open and in pieces. We looked inside and found the copper thieves had been there.

2014 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	MICHAEL K6CUG BOB AB4AL BOB W6WTJ ALT: STAN KB6SEI GARY KG6RJA	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	ROBBY N6MNL BOB AB4AL JEFF KL6RHF MICHAEL K6CUG RICH KO6FR	224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - WEDNESDAY	JEFF KJ6RHF	145.110 OPEN NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY N6MNL FRED W6BBQ JEFF KJ6RHF BOB AB4AL MICHAEL K6CUG	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	OPEN NET	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM

**Club Officers For 2014**

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Picnic:

Fred Nieman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

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*Repeater Controller's*

Call to report any problems or concerns

Robby. N6MNL  
 Fred W6BBQ  
 Bob AB4AL  
 Jeff KJ6RHF  
 Roger KE6SZG

They cut all the coax in the place. The battery and the charger were gone. But the repeater and controller were still there. They tore the doors off of the cabinet that Roger built. We grabbed the repeater and the controller and went back to the cars and saw a big hole in the gate. We could see where they had dragged the battery out of the gate. We pulled the duplexer out of the building and called East Bay Park Police and made a report. Our loss is a little over \$1000.00 which should be covered by Insurance. I have the repeater, controller, and duplexer at my house.

I will need a board meeting to decide what we do next. Board members please show up at the July meeting.

See everyone at the meeting and the picnic.

Fred, W6BBQ

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Fred, W6BBQ at 8 a.m.

Treasurers Report: Checking: \$4645.37: (\$2239 Memorial fund, \$2436 available general funds) Savings \$579.32. Collection today \$56.

Repeater report: Roger, KE6SZG, reported that the 220 is wired. Cavities are being put together while checking to make sure all the parts are there.

Net Report: If you are able to, let's check into the morning nets. Our net controllers would love to have more check ins. Also, we need more check

ins during our CCCC net on Thursday evenings.

We are looking into purchasing a shed for the repeater site. We'll have more to come on that soon.

Picnic: We will be holding our annual picnic this year on Sunday, August 10. We will not have a club meeting that Sunday. We are requesting \$5.00 per person for our picnic. People usually start attending the picnic around 11 a.m. or before, and we will eat at 1 p.m.

Christmas Party: We will hold our annual Christmas party at Tara Hills Mobile Manor in San Pablo on Saturday, December 13 at 11 a.m. This year it's going to be a bit different and hope you will enjoy it. We would like to participate in a potluck type party. Instead of the party costing \$20. per person, we would like to have a potluck and if you can, sign up for something you would like to bring. The cost of the party will be \$5.00 per person. We are excited about this new concept and hope you will be also. We have so many excellent cooks, bakers in our group, and we so enjoy all the goodies you bring to events. Please let Barbara, KD6OKJ, know what you would like to bring. We will have more details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Submitted by:

There was no board meeting for June 2014.

## Treasures Report for June

INCOME		EXPENCES	
Meeting	<u>\$ 56.00</u>	Insurance:	
Total	\$ 56.00	Equipment	\$51.00
		Total	\$51.00



### Treasures Report

The club currently has operating funds of \$2439 in the checking account and \$576 in the savings account. These funds are made up of the annual dues and donations collected at the meetings. These funds are used for insurance, state fees, NARCC fees, Post office box, printing, postage, repeater equipment purchase and repairs, Christmas Party and Annual Picnic expenses.

The Memorial Fund money is earmarked for the building that houses the repeater. This money is held in the checking account. The fund total at this time is \$ 2,239.00.

### VE TEST Sessions

EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly (see location and dates below). Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.

Media Room (Oakland Fire Dept.)  
1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.)  
Oakland, CA 94612

All VE Sessions are held on Sundays at 9am local time on the following dates for 2014:

July 27th,  
October 26th



Pacificon 2014, celebrating 100 years of the ARRL, returns to the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel at 2700 Mission College Blvd in Santa Clara, California. The convention takes place Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th, 2014. Pacificon 2014 is the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC). For more information:

<http://pacificon.org/>

## Independance Day

**Did you know July is a popular month for establishing national independence.**

**Somalia, July 1**  
**Belarus July 3**  
**United States July 4**  
**Algeria July 5**  
**Venezuela July 5**  
**Argentina July 9**  
**South Sudan July 9**  
**Bahamas July 10**  
**Colombia July 20**  
**Belgium, July 21**  
**Maldives July 26**  
**Peru July 28**  
**Vanuatu, July 30**

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### FT-4500 100W HF + 6M Transceiver

- 100W HF/6M • Auto tuner built-in • DSP built-in
- 500 memories • DNR, IF Notch, IF Shift



### FT-8570 Ultra Compact HF/VHF/UHF

- 100W HF/6M, 50W 2M, 20W UHF • DSP included
- 32 color display • 200 memo • Detachable front panel (FM-SD required)

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: July 13, 2014**

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**