



## President's Blog



### *Sunshine Committee*

Hello everyone:

Let's all spread our great smiles around! Make someone happy—say HI , SMILE, CHECK INTO A NET.

## OCTOBER CLUB MEETING

Please join us for our monthly club meeting at Mountain Mike's Pizza 1516 Fitzgerald Dr. Pinole.

Our meeting will be a little different this month. Again, instead of Denny's, it will be held at Mountain Mike's Pizza @ 5 p.m. on Wednesday October 14th. It's an all-you-can-eat night at Mountain Mike's. The prices are the same under \$11.00 for adults and under \$8.00 for children under 10 years of age. Please join us and bring your family or friends.

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Well we had a GREAT Picnic. It was even greater for me because my workload was cut in half. Roger and Alan said they would help me. (You remember them... they are the reason the repeaters are up and running!) When they say they will help, they don't mess around. They came over Saturday and loaded the truck. They then showed up at 8:00 AM Sunday and unloaded the truck, set up the area, and covered the tables. At 9:30, they started the charcoal and then cooked the chicken. All I had to do was sit on my stool and look around. Monika Smith made the Caesar Salad and Barbara manned the bean pot. Several of the ladies shucked the corn and carried on and looked like they enjoyed it. DJ brought about 5 kinds of melon and Carol made a carrot cake. I understand that Michael bought his famous brownies, but all I saw was a crowd and some empty packages. After we finished the meal, everyone helped load the truck. I drove home and sure enough there was Alan and Roger! They unloaded the truck and put things right where they found them the day before. I offered them a beer, but they said no and drove off into the sunset.

I felt good, so I helped Audrey do the pots and pans. She thought I did a good job but was not impressed by the idea that I also washed the kitchen floor. The sink is just not big enough for those big pans. I normally hit the bed as soon as the truck is unloaded, but with all the help I was awake for the pizza dinner and a little TV. Thanks for all the help.

We will be back at our normal place in Sept. at Denny's in El Cerrito at 7:15 in the morning, so come out and break bread with us. Then on October 14th, we will meet at Mountain Mike's Pizza on Fitzgerald starting about 5:00 for a pizza night. We hope to have pizza once a quarter.

Thanks again for all the help at the picnic; it sure was a break for this OLD sucker. Fred W6BBQ

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DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
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WEEKLY: TUESDAY	DJ KJ6WSV	145.110 Digital Net 7:00 P.M.
	JEFF KJ6RHF	145.110 OPEN NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ECOMM 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY N6MNL FRED W6BBQ JEFF KJ6RHF OPEN MICHAEL K6CUG	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM

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## Membership Corner:

It was great to see all of you at the picnic.  
There were 41 people in attendance.

We welcome 3 new members this month, and two of them were able to attend and meet **other** hams!

Our new members are:

Sandy Szerlip, KK6MPL

Pat Szerlip, KK6UQY

Joey Szerlip, KK6URC (Sandy's & Pat's grandson)

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Membership Chairman

### Events

#### 4C's club meeting October 14

5 p.m. Wednesday October 14th.

Mountain Mike's Pizza

1516 Fitzgerald Dr. Pinole.

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 9 am  
October 25th

Bring a government issued photo ID, and either your Social Security Number or FCC Registration Number (FRN). For upgrades, bring your original license and a photocopy of it or a valid CSCE from a prior exam and a photocopy of it. Also bring a pen and pencil and calculator (optional).



Philip K. Saxton , SK  
N6ASB

Phil was 4C's member since 1987. He passed away on July 29th following a brief illness brought on by congestive heart failure. He was a beloved father, friend, and civic leader whose integrity and intelligence will long be treasured by the many family and friends who counted on his unflagging willingness to help out with enterprises big and small for so many years. Phil rarely said, "no."

Phil was born in Hardy, Iowa on December 5, 1925 on his parents' 80-acre farm. His plowing years began behind a team of draft horses and his love of reading began beside a kerosene lamp. He graduated from high school in 1943 and spent a year at the University of Iowa before joining the Navy in 1944, serving in the Naval Armed Guard aboard merchant ships that took him around the world.

Phil retired from truck driving in 1986 after more than 30 years on the road. He was a gifted photographer, an enthusiastic ham radio operator, and master of all things mechanical and electrical. He served on the San Pablo Senior Center Advisory Board for 25 years, and chaired it for most of that time. He was named San Pablo's Man of the Year in 2004. His contributions to the Senior Center and to the City of San Pablo were the hallmarks of his retirement years.

Phil is survived by his children, Linda Harsh, Lorna Patten (Dennis), and Steve Saxton (Candace), along with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marge, brother and sister, Clark Saxton and Dorothy Brundage, and by his grandson, Nate Saxton.

Our condolences go out to Phil's family.

Treasures Report June 2015—Aug 2015

# PICNIC 2015

Savings: 579.37

Checking: 6,733.44

(operating fund & memorial fund)

**Income:**

**Membership \$35.00**

**Contributions 106.00**

**Picnic: \$205.00**

**Refund ( Ins) \$19.00**

**Total: \$ 365.00**

**Expenses:**

**P.O. Box \$102.00**

**Picnic \$297.00**

**Total: \$399.00**

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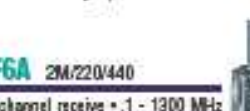
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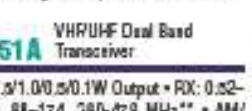
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**Next Regular Club Meeting: Sept. 13, 2015**

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**