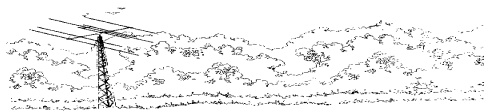


THE COMMUNICATOR  
April 2008



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



### *Sunshine Committee*

*I hope this message finds all of you feeling better and doing well.*

*We have several friends who need our support and prayers.*

*We want to send our prayers and thoughts to Jan Caine, wife of Ed, KA6OFR.*

*We are thinking about you Jan and hope you are doing much better!!*

*Our prayers go out to Juanita Miller, KC6KAR. Juanita has not been feeling up to par lately, and we want you to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Cheryl Johnson, KF6HEN, has been under the weather for 2 months. We hope Cheryl will soon be feeling better. Our thoughts and prayers will continue until you are well!!*

*If anyone knows of others who could use our thoughts and prayers, please email me @ [burgie0001@yahoo.com](mailto:burgie0001@yahoo.com)*

*Burgie*

### **Membership**

Welcome to the CCCC family our newest member:

Terry Hill KI6LRJ

Terry is a Technician and lives in Vallejo, CA. Thanks to all for renewing even if some were a little late. Thanks to Robby N6MNL for making all of those personal calls to renew.

73 Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

### ***A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT***

*Hello everyone!!!*

*I would like to thank you all for coming to the club meeting. With the clocks springing forward one hour, I know it was hard for some of us to get up an hour earlier, and I appreciate it very much. We had a good turn out. We will be having a pizza party at Mountain Mike's pizza in May. More information will be in The Communicator about pizza night. I hope you all had a very Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you in April.*

*Sincerely,*

*Burgie Jones KE6MSF*

### **Public-Service Opportunity**

The Grizzly Peak Century bicycle ride occurs on Sunday, May 4, 2008. Amateur Radio volunteers are needed to provide communications at aid stations, or as SAG vehicle communicators or drivers. This event runs right through 4C's backyard. Assignments from three hours up are available throughout the day. Please contact Rich Parker, KD6JCT ( [kd6jct@yahoo.com](mailto:kd6jct@yahoo.com) ), or Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF (KA6BQF@ [ARRL.net](http://ARRL.net)) for further information or to volunteer

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Deadline for submissions:

The 25th of each month.

If you have Ham Radio related up coming event please notify the editor so they can be added to the newsletter.

2008 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

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 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)  
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

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 [Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]  
 Robby.....N6MNL  
 Ed.....KA6OFR  
 Red.....N6UMG  
 Ken.....KA6TUX  
 Gabe.....WA6KQB  
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 Bob..... AB4AL

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Howard Burk, KE6PTT

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Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

## General Meeting Minutes March 9 , 2008

The meeting was called to order by president Burgie, KE6MSF @ 8:01 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: CD: \$3,698.74;  
CK: \$2,823.22;  
SV: \$2,103.82;  
Repeater Fund today: \$38.25.  
Thank you all for contributing.

Membership Report: As printed in the last newsletter, we had three new members. Robby, N6MNL, will make a couple of phone calls to members who haven't renewed as of yet. Thank you all for renewing your membership with The Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: We will be having a pizza night at Mountain Mike's Pizza on Wednesday, May 7th @ 6 p.m. We had a great turn out last month and we hope to have another great turn out in May. Reminders will be printed in the newsletter.

Our annual picnic will change this year from September to August. It will be held the third Sunday in August, August 17, 2008.

Net Controllers: Bob, W6WTG, says the nets are going "swell".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

The lucky winners for this month were:

World Radio: Bill Cross, WA6FNP

Free Breakfast: Audrey Nieman, KF6MVH

Progressive Raffle: Roger Nelums, KE6SZG

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## Treasurers Monthly Expenses Report

March 2008

Income:	Expenses:
2008 Dues: \$ 380.00	2007 Tax Prep \$ 150.00
Donation: \$ 36.00	Liability Ins. \$ 340.00
RMF \$ <u>33.25</u>	Newsletter:
\$ 449.25	Printing \$ 22.23
	Postage <u>\$ 17.22</u>
	\$ 529.45

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## Board Meeting Minutes: March 9 , 2008

The board meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

Ken Miller KA6TUX

Don Hamma KE6ZFP

Ed Caine KA6OFR

Peter Mendoza KD6QZH

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Last month we talked about the potential 440 repeater shut down in The Communicator. We have not heard anything as of yet, so as the old saying goes, "no news is good news."

Unfinished business: Victoria, KE6FSU, will be updating the Bylaws

New Business: none

Our 2 meter and 440 repeaters will be joined as one on our Thursday evening nets. There are several members who cannot make the 2 meter repeater but are able to check in on the 440 repeater. Therefore, they will be joined together during our weekly Thursday evening net. And please don't forget to join Ed, KA6OFR, on Tuesday evenings on 220 @ 7:30 p.m

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

*I would like to clarify a statement regarding bylaws. Victoria, KE6SFU, will be making working copies of the bylaws and bring it to the board meeting. The board members will then vote on any changes that are necessary. Burgie KE6MSF*

## Everyone Welcome!!!!

Come to Pizza Night

Wednesday, May 7th @ 6:00 p.m.

located at Mountain Mike's Pizza  
in the Raley's shopping center in San Pablo.

It's an all-you-can-eat night.

\$6.50 for adults and \$3.75 for kids under 10.  
We have a lot of fun and the food is good.

We look forward to seeing you then.

## WANTED!!

“Mom’s Favorite Recipes”  
for the May edition of the Communicator  
in honor of all Mom’s  
May is Mother’s Day month.

E-mail or Snail mail to the editor:

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Or use the club address

## TRUSTEE APRIL 08

Myself and Howard KE6PTT, Paul KF6FMX, Don KE6ZFP, have done maintenance at the repeater site the last few weeks. Thanks guys.

You should have noticed the shortened squelch tail, back to normal. Still some minor problems to yet solve. I just found out that Riley Hollingsworth has notified two more 440 repeater owners to shut down. Do not know the frequencies or location.

It has been brought to my attention that certain members are not waiting for that beep to begin talking. Wait for the beep; it is there for a purpose; it gives someone or emergency a spot to break in before the beep. Also it is there to prevent time-out of the repeater. You know who you are. Enough said.

Show Burgie a good turn-out this Sunday's meeting.

Robby N6MNL

## SAVE THE DATE !!!!!!!

MARK THOSE CALENDARS

The Annual Picnic will be in  
August this year.

**AUGUST 17, 2008**

## AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

West Contra Costa Adult Education

( [www.wccae.info](http://www.wccae.info) ) has classing starting April 8.

Amateur Radio—5 weeks of instruction followed by a test session. This class is followed by “Using Your Radio”. This is a 4 session class. (starts May 20)

For more information contact:

John Wood (510) 741-7050

## VE TEST DATES

EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly:

1/27, 4/27, 7/27, 10/26 at 0900 hours.

Exams are held at Fire Station #1 Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King at 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland. The 2008 fee (and retest fee) remains at \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: April 13, 2008**

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**