



## 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

A very special THANK YOU to:

**Nick Scott, AK6DX**

**Manager of Ham Radio Outlet,**

**2210 Livingston St. Oakland**

for his contributions to the Christmas Party prize table.

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### President's Blog

December has been a good month for the 4C's. First we had the holiday party put on by Barbara and her crew. There was a good crowd including some new Hams. The food was varied and good. Burgie and Sharon did their shopping for the gifts. A special thanks to Ham Radio Outlet for 23 of the gifts. This s another one the social events that you don't want to miss.

By now everyone has had a chance to talk on the 511 machine and know that it is up and running and sounds better than ever. It took a lot of work by a lot of people to make it work. The crew had a lot of help from Ron in Napa, Doug from Marin, Bob from Vallejo, and K6LI repeater group. Paul redid all the drawings so now we have a book to use to trace what is on the hill. Jeff was our Mr. Clean and cleaned all the animal homes out of the repeaters. Roger decided that he had two jobs: one was learning to program the new controller, and the other was to call my cell phone and ask if I had made this or that, or was that done yet. It must have worked because the repeater is up on the hill and working. Almost all the hard thinking was done by Alan. If they ran into a problem Alan would look at the system and in few minutes he would re-solder this or that and it would work. If we had to pay a nickel an hour for the time Roger and Alan put in we would be broke.

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

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There is still work to be done on the other repeaters but we are over the hump so to speak. Jeff and Bob are working on the 220 repeater and the 440 has a tone output, and we can't figure out why, but we will. Meanwhile, use the 2 meter and if you don't hear someone, call them and tell them we are back on the air. I hope everyone has a great holiday and gets ready for a better 2015.

Fred W6BBQ

### **General Meeting Minutes November 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Nieman, W6BBQ.

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$5,641.22: Savings: \$589.33

Repeater Fund: \$32.00. Thank you all for donating.

The repeater: When we talk to the controller, we can hear on the input not on the output. We are working to correct that situation. The 220 is still being worked on.

Barbara, KD6OKJ, reported that we have had several people RSVP for our Christmas party. If you have not done so, please give her a call. It will be a potluck this year so when you let Barbara know, please let her know what you would like to bring. Flyers have been sent out last month. We hope to see you there!!

Michael Nicholson, K6CUG, will stay on the board.

There will be no meeting next month due to our Christmas Party. There will be a board meeting next month before the party.

Free Breakfast: Audrey Nieman, KF6MVH

Progressive Raffle: Chris Wimmer, AB6JG who was not present. In January our progressive raffle will be \$10.00.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

### **Board Meeting November 2014—None**



Edward Caine  
Jun 08, 1930 - Dec 01, 2014

Edward Eliot Caine passed away on December 1st after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Born on June 8, 1930 in El Paso, TX, to Carvel and Monica Wirt Caine. At the age of two, Ed moved with his family to Berkeley, CA where he spent his childhood. Ed earned a BA degree at Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR.

It was at Pacific where Ed met and subsequently married Janet Nye in 1951. Following his graduation from college, Ed and Jan relocated to Berkeley where he began his career as an industrial photographer with the University of California, Richmond Field Station. He spent the next 32 years with UC, retiring in 1985. Ed and Jan moved from Berkeley to Sonoma in 1987 where they enjoyed many happy years of retirement. Ed and Jan raised 3 children, Laurence (Deborah), Michael (Lisa), and Neena (Greg), who then blessed them with 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Ed's passion in life included camping, photography, singing in the church choir, scouting, ham radio and as a train engineer at Train Town in Sonoma. He was a life-long scouter, earning his Eagle badge, and later

serving as Scout Master for Troop 37 in Berkeley for 17 years. He served in a number of community organizations over the years, giving of his time, talent and enthusiasm. He and Jan enjoyed camping and traveling with their children all over the country, and overseas to Hawaii and Europe. For over 25 years, Ed attended Cal football games, faithfully rooting for the Bears.

Ed was very proud of his heritage, and enjoyed researching his Manx roots (Isle of Man). Born into a family of Congregational ministers, Ed knew his God well and is now at peace with his Lord.

In addition to his 3 children, Ed is survived by Jan, his wife of 63 years, as well as his brother-in-law Rev. James Burnett. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Virginia Burnett.

Ed's family would like to thank the caregivers at A Home of Our Own in Livermore, CA for the kind and gentle care provided to Ed during his recent illness. In place of flowers, a contribution in Ed's memory to would be appreciated.

A memorial service for Ed will be held at the Sonoma United Methodist Church, 109 Patten Street, on Saturday, January 10 at 11 am.



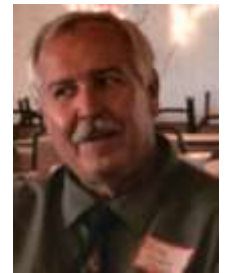
Steve, KK6LRW & Kathy



Stan, KB6SEI & Betty



Ken, KA6TUX & Adella



Doug, KF6AKU

### Snapshots from the Christmas Party



Roger, KE6SZG and Krissy



Lots of visiting going on.



DJ, KJ6WSV Gary, KG6RJA Lorene, Irwin



Jim, AC5QI, Jan, AC5RB, Ginny, KF6HEX

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**Next Regular Club Meeting: Jan. 11, 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**