



THE COMMUNICATOR MARCH 2006

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



General Meeting February 12, 2006

President Ed Caine KA6OFR called the meeting to order @ 8:00 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

Minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurers Report: N/A

Trustees Report: N/A

Repeater Report: A new part was ordered for \$290.00.

Morning Net Report: Each net controller may run their morning net as they choose.

Membership Report: We would like to welcome Gary Gross, KE6QR to the club. Gary was a member in '87. Gary is married to Jennifer. He is an extra, member of ARRL and an electrician. Welcome Gary and Jennifer!!!!

This year at Pacificon there will be a table for the Ham Radio Clubs to advertise their clubs. We plan to use a table for the CCCC.

New Business: It was agreed upon that Burgie/Sunshine Committee be reimbursed for monies spent for the

Sunshine Committee and for future purchases.

Repeater Fund: \$53.00

Free Breakfast: Rita Brenden
KG6WPN

Progressive Raffle: Bert Strong
W6PSH

Next month progressive raffle-\$10.00

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Treasurers Report: February 2006
CD —\$3,531.07
Savings— \$1,743.55
Checking-\$1767.89

Paid in SBC Phone \$19.00
Newsletter Printing/Mailing \$23.91
Repeater—\$289.66

Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU
Treasurer

SUNSHINE OPPORTUNITIES

John, WD6GGC

Juniata ,KC6KAR

Roland, WA6NVX

Gabe, WA6KQB

Hello Everyone!!!!

I hope you are all doing well. If you know of someone who we can add to the Sunshine Committee, please let me know. I don't want to leave anyone out. You can email me @

burgie0001@yahoo.com

Thank you and good health to all!!!!

Burgie

Board Meeting February 12, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by president Ed Caine KA6OFR. In attendance were Ed Caine KA6OFR, Natalie Mealer WA6QVM, Don Hamma KE6ZFP, Robby Robinson N6MNL and Burgie Jones KE6MSF.

Trustees Report: It is written in the Communicator.

New Business: It was brought up to eliminate the one time initiation fee of \$25.00. Ed will research the bylaws and report his findings to us.

We have purchased Get Well cards from Victoria for the Sunshine Committee.

We will soon be planning a pizza get-together with EBARC and the 4C's in March or April.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

And Now a few Words from the President —

I would like to thank every one on the board and those who choose to come to the meetings on the 2nd Sunday. We have a great group and we want all members to come and tell us of your doings and happenings. We are a great Family of Amateurs and hope to see you all every Second Sunday, except May and December.

Best wishes, your grateful
President, Edward Eliot Caine

CCCC Meetings 2006

Held at Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito **Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m.**
Board meeting at 8:45

March 12
April 9
May Happy Mother's Day
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
Picnic Date TBA
October 8
November 12
December Christmas Party

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DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: YI9VCQ (Iraq), November 30, 2004 through November 5, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the W1AW DX Bulletins page <<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/dx/>>

Feb 10 2006

HAM RADIO OPERATORS "TRUE HEROES," REP MIKE ROSS, WD5DVR, SAYS IN "SALUTE"

US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), this week offered "A Salute to Ham Radio Operators" on the floor of the US House. Ross, one of two Amateur Radio licensees in the House of Representatives (the other is Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI, R-OR), addressed his colleagues February 8 to recognize the contributions of the Amateur Radio community in the wake of last year's devastating hurricane season.

"Citizens throughout America dedicated to this hobby--a hobby that some people consider old fashioned or obsolete--were true heroes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as they were often the only line of communication available into the storm ravaged areas," Ross said.

He noted that while ham radio is often overlooked "in favor of flashier means of communication," Gulf Coast communities learned after the 2005 hurricanes that technology can be "highly vulnerable" to storm damage. "Ham radios, entirely self-contained transmitters, require no cell towers or satellites, simply a battery and a strip of wire as an antenna," Ross explained.

Because of the "critical intervention" of radio amateurs across the US, Ross said, many lives were saved following Hurricane

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Katrina.

"The dedication displayed by ham radio operators in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina sets a tremendous example for us all," Ross concluded, noting that "now more than ever" he's proud to be an Amateur Radio operator. "The people whose lives were rescued as a result of the tireless dedication of ham radio operators will forever be grateful to these selfless public servants."

ARRL FIELD DAY 2006 PACKAGES, RULES NOW AVAILABLE

The 2006 ARRL Field Day package <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-packet.pdf> and rules HTML

version

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html>)

(PDF version

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/06-fd-rules.pdf>) now are available on the ARRL Web site.

"The only rule change in 2006 involves the GOTA ('Get On The Air') station bonus-point structure," says ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "An individual operator may earn a 50-point bonus for completing 50 QSOs at the GOTA station. They may earn an additional 50 bonus points when they reach 100 QSOs."

Henderson notes there's a 100-QSO cap for bonus points per individual GOTA operator, but additional GOTA operators may earn the bonuses for the club, up to a

maximum of 500 GOTA bonus points.

"Additionally, Field Day operations can double their GOTA bonus points by having a designated GOTA Coach/Mentor supervise the station whenever it's on the air," Henderson notes. "The GOTA Coach/Mentor may talk the participants through the QSOs and serve as control operator, but GOTA participants must make and log all QSOs themselves."

This means that if a Field Day group has a GOTA Coach/Mentor, the 50 and 100-point bonuses GOTA operators earn will double to 100 and 200 points respectively, while the maximum GOTA bonus increases to 1000 points.

ARRL Field Day 2006 will be Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25.

Feb 24 2006

Revised, corrected Element 2 question pool released:

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner

Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced the release of a revised and

Corrected Element 2 (Technician) question pool. The new Element 2 question pool becomes effective for all Technician-class Amateur Radio examinations administered on or after July 1, 2006. Changes from the initial Element 2 question pool include elimination of some questions (T5D06, T6B09 and T7A08) and rewording of others to increase clarity. "We thank those users who

reported the errors and made other suggestions for ways to improve the product," the committee said. "The QPC reviewed all submissions and incorporated the changes that were appropriate." The QPC warned that only the Element 2 question pool dated February 6, 2006, is valid. The new Element 2 database is available for download from the NCVEC Web site as a PDF, MS-Word, Rich Text Format (RTF) or ASCII text file

http://www.ncvec.org/ama_news_article.php?id=82). The QPC says Subsequent changes will be handled by deletion of the affected question. The QPC invites additional input via e-mail qpcinput@ncvec.org.

DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit:

The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: K3LP/KP5 and N3KS/KP5, Desecheo Island, December 16-17, 2005. For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>. "DXCC Frequently Asked Questions" can answer most questions about the DXCC program. ARRL DX bulletins are available on the WIAW DX Bulletins page <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw/dx/>.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The excerpts printed here are selected paragraphs of articles found in the ARRL weekly newsletters. To read the full text please go to the ARRL web site

www.ARRL.org

2006 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 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

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Next Meeting: MARCH 12

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