



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

President's Blog

Well after Audrey worked on the directory for a while to update it as well as she could, she sent it to Victoria to send and she found a few corrections and looked through past news-letters and other files and then she sent it out. It should be in your E-mail. If you find any mistakes, send them to Audrey at WA6KQB@comcast.net. It is on the web site also. Thanks Ladies.

It never fails, as soon as they pressed the send key to send out the directory, we got a new member, Felix Hunziker, KL6ENW. He lives near DJ and DJ had to loan Felix a radio to get him to use his license. After his first time pressing the PTT, he got hooked and bought a radio and has been on the nets several times and been to a meeting. Welcome Felix.

Speaking of meetings, we are not having one this month because of Mother's Day. We don't want you have the day off, so take someone's mother out to breakfast or lunch. I hope to see you on June 8th at the next meeting.

Alan, Jeff and Roger are putting the final touches on the new repeaters. If you look there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We need a small group to look for a new shack. I think we should get something like a Tuffshed built to our specs. That way we can remove the old one, and the next day they put up the new. Let me know if you want to help.

Last of all, I want to get something straight before the rumors begin. On the 29th, they are going to operate on my eyes so they both look the same. In the process, they will make me look like a raccoon. So Audrey didn't get mad at me, well at least not that mad. I paid a Doctor to do it.

We are having a hamcram on May 10th and still have some space left, so if you know someone who needs a license, they should google hamcram and look for



**We will be having a
Pizza Night
at Mountain Mike's
Wednesday May 28
5 PM—7 PM
3340 San Pablo Dam Rd,
San Pablo, CA 94803
(Princeton Plaza)**

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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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Newsletter:

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eventbrite and sign up. By the way, I need two more Extra class VE's, as we have several people who want to take the General and Extra test. So if you fit the VE Extra, please call me. We will need you from about 3:30 to 4:30. Thanks in advance

See ya at the meeting,
Fred W6BBQ

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred, W6BBQ, at 7:50 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

No treasurers report. Our treasurer was absent. Repeater fund: \$25.70. Thank you all for donating.

Fred stated that we should buy a shed for our repeater site. A few specifications need to be made before the shed goes up.

Randy Jenkins has several special events going on. One of the events is the Grizzly Peak Century, Sunday May 4, 2014. Also Boy Scout FAGES II Hike Sat., June 7, 2014. If interested in helping, please contact Randy Jenkins.

Fred has some radios for sale from John Woods' estate. All radios are in good shape.

There will not be a meeting in May. Happy Mothers Day to all. Please enjoy the day. You deserve it!!!

Roger, KE6SZG, gave us a report on the repeater. Controller firmware has been completed updated. With the controller firmware many new features will be available to us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Progressive Raffle: Virginia Summerer, KF6HEX, who was not present. The next raffle will be for \$25.00.

Free Breakfast: Fred Nieman, W6BBQ.

There was no board meeting for this month. We hope to see you in June.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

MEMBERSHIP

The Membership roster with corrections and the our newest member is posted on the club web site <http://www.wa6kqb.org/>

Felix, KL6ENW holds a Technician license and is a member of ARRL. Be sure say hello to him on the air.

WHAT IS IT?



This DX-200 is used for what? Is it of value to the club as equipment to use or something that can be sold with the proceeds going to the Memorial Fund for Dar's K6USW contribution to the repeater shack. Or is it headed to the electronic heaven /trash. Recommendations for what I should do with it?

Victoria, KE6FSU

TREASURER REPORT FOR APRIL 2014

INCOME		EXPENCES	
Membership	\$ 55.00	Repeater	\$94.90
Donation	<u>\$ 40.27</u>		
Total	\$ 95.27	Total	\$94.90



COMING EVENTS:

HamCram - May 10th
Richmond Fire Training Center

Preparation for Amateur Radio License: Technician Class—Spring 2014 DTBD

For information on ham radio license classes please contact Ken Fowler, KO6NO, at ko6no@comcast.net

VE TEST Sessions

EBCARC, 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

Public Service Opportunities

Berkeley Hills Road Race May 10
Amgen Tour of California Bike Race May 13
For information about serving as a ham radio volunteer for these event, contact Pete Harris KE6ZIW at <http://tinyurl.com/yevrunr>

Mt. Diablo Summit Ascent Time Trial May 11
For information about serving as a ham radio volunteer for this event, contact Ian Parker W6TCP at <http://tinyurl.com/lo5gcp5>

Oholne 50K Wilderness Run May 18
For information about serving as a ham radio volunteer for this event, contact Dave McBrayer N6OJJ at <http://tinyurl.com/zyphheb>

Mt. Hamilton Classic May 25
For information about serving as a ham radio volunteer for this event, contact John Street WB6ETY at <http://tinyurl.com/ygt69h9>

Boy Scout FAGES II Hike - Saturday, June 7, 2014
07:00 - 19:00 for further information contact Randy
510 526.4089 to sign up

Did you know the ARRL turns 100 this July?

National Centennial Convention
Hartford, Connecticut
July 17-19, 2014

Check out the details of the 'Centennial Station Give-away' on their web site.

Memorial Day May 26, 2014



“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor – and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.” ~ Michael N. Castle

Please submit any article ideas or write a column. Radio related / for the good of the club articles are needed. Send them by e-mail to the editor:ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net or via the club website.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: June 8, 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