



Sunshine Committee



Hello everyone:

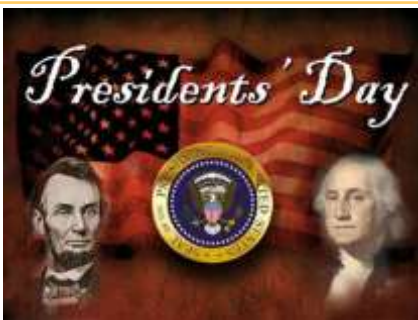
I hope this little slice of love finds you all safe and healthy. We think about you often. Know that you are all in our prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,
Burgie, KE6MSF

President's Blog

I must be feeling better because I don't have as many doctor appointments now as I did during the past couple of weeks. I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts over the past couple of weeks worrying about my health. My stay in the Kaiser Hilton was ok but I would not recommend it for your next vacation. Thanks to Don for running the meeting for me.

You meet the strangest people around Kaiser. It seems every time I came out of one of their buildings, I ran into Roger going in. It seems like the flu bug was following him around and he, being a nice guy, shared his bug with Burgie. The next time I saw him, he was picking up some pain pills. Why pain pills? Well, it seems he was experimenting to find out if the crash bars on a motorcycle and his body would stop the bike faster than the brakes. I guess they do not. But never fear, the couple of days he took off work to recover, he spent working putting our packet station back on the air. The only thing we need now is an antenna to replace the one that was borrowed from the old station. So get your packet station up and running, so when we get it back on the hill you will be ready.



Happy Valentine's Day

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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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I hate to keep bring this up, but we sure need some more people checking in to our nets. I know that it is cool in the early mornings and the blankets feel good, but how about the person who got out of bed to run the net only to find out they are the only one awake. Then on Thursday evenings, the 6:45 net often has 20 check-ins, and then everyone goes to bed and the 7:30 net has only two or three who are still awake. How about sticking around for a few more minutes for the 7:30 net?

If you have not sent in your dues, let me remind you they are due asap. If you are not sure if you sent them, then just send them and if you already paid we can post them for next year, so then we will not send you a bill for that. Fair enough? Or, you can come to our meeting on Feb 8th and we would be more than happy to let you know if you still owe them.

If you have some time at say 11:00 on the first Wednesday of the month a bunch of us meet for lunch at Sukie's in El Portal Center. It is an informal BS session. We are in the back room come on by. See ya at the meeting and bring a friend

Fred W6BBQ



General Meeting Minutes January 11, 2015

The meeting was called to order by V. Pres. Don Hamma, KE6ZFP at 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

There were a few left over prizes from the Christmas party that were raffled to all that we in attendance at the meeting.

The repeater is up and running. We are currently working on the 220 to also get it running. We would like to thank all those who have helped to make this happen. It means a lot to the club!! Thank you again so much!!

The repeater fund collection: \$30. Thank you all for donating.

We have no treasurers report. We will have a report in February.

Progressive Raffle: Wing Lok KJ6YDE who donated the \$10. to the repeater fund.

Free Breakfast: Don Hamma, KE6ZFP.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

There was no board meeting.

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones
MSF

**Board Meeting
January 2015—None**

Amateur Radio Astronomy Conference

2015 SARA Western Regional Conference will be held at **Stanford University in Palo Alto, California on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 20 - 22 March 2015.**

SARA is the Society of Amateur Radio Astronomers (<http://www.radio-astronomy.org/>). We are an international organization of several hundred Radio Astronomy enthusiasts. The conference kicks off with a tour of the Kavli Institute for Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (KIPAC) on Friday afternoon. The sessions on Saturday and Sunday will include about a dozen presentations by SARA members and scientists from Stanford and the SETI Institute. The topics will cover the spectrum from VLF to Microwaves, hardware and software, and local space weather to deep space objects.

To find out more, visit the conference web page at <http://www.radio-astronomy.org/node/177>.

'73 DE AG6CI,

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Club Calendar for 2015

JANUARY

Membership renewals Due

FEBRUARY

Membership reminders sent

File California Statement of Information.

(Due every two years)

MARCH

Post current year roster on web site.

File Federal Income Tax due March 15

APRIL

Pay Liability Insurance

MAY

Mother's Day, NO MEETING.

Renew Equipment Insurance

JUNE

Pay P.O. Box Fee.

Directors review year end budget.

JULY

Appoint Chairman for Annual Dinner

Appoint Nominating Committee.

New member dues change to 1/2 for remainder of the year..

Directors set Budget for next year.

AUGUST

Picnic (may replace regular meeting).

SEPTEMBER

Report from Nominating Committee.

OCTOBER

Report from Nominating Committee made at the meeting.

Nominations from the floor accepted at the meeting.

Annual Holiday Dinner notice sent to editor for publication.

Renew NARCC membership.

NOVEMBER

Vote for new Directors is conducted

DECEMBER

Directors elect new officers.

Annual Dinner is held in place of regular meeting.

Install new Directors at dinner.





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Next Regular Club Meeting: Feb. 7, 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