



Sunshine Committee



Hello everyone:

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

Sincerely, Burgie, KE6MSF

President's Blog

In case you need to be helped, that stuff that put those mud lakes under the tires as the car went by and moved the mud onto your clean clothes, was rain. The same stuff the weather people talked about for the past 12 months but we didn't get.

This past Wednesday night, in the rain, Jeff, KJ6RHF and I went to UC Berkeley for a VE session. They had 93 people signed up with 66 of those from an EE123 class that had as one of the requirements to get a ham ticket. Ten people stayed home because of the rain. Nineteen other VE's also showed up. We could not get in the room until about 10 minutes before the test was to start. Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, was the boss, and she did such a good job organizing the event that we started the first test at 7:00 pm and walked out the door at 10:15. We had 74 Tech, 7 generals, no Extras and only two no pass. The group graded a test every 2 minutes on average. That has to be some kind of record.

If you know someone who wants a tech ticket, there are two chances in West County before summer. The first is a class at Alvarado School March 25th through June 3rd; the fee is \$15, payable to West Contra Costa Adult Ed at 6028 Ralston, (510) 215-4666. The book is \$27. Test fee is \$15.00, payable to Ken Fowler, the instructor. The second is a hamcram at the Richmond Fire training Center on Cutting on May 10th. To sign up go to <http://cev.eventbrite.com> and look for the Richmond hamcram. The cost is \$32.49 which includes study supplies and test fee.

I have run the morning net several times during the past month, and I have missed you. Please wrap up warmly and come to the mike and let's talk. Martha could you give Robert the questions on the days you work so he could ask them?



SET YOUR
CLOCK BACK

Sunday Morning at
2 AM it is time to
SPRING
FORWARD!

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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 BARBARA KD6OKJ	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:
 Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

The questions seem to bring out the crowd. Speaking of the morning net, the other day we were talking satellites and I was told about a new web site <http://heavens-above.com>. It has a lot of information. You might want to try it.

See ya on March 9th at Denny's.

Fred W6BBQ



**General Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by our President Fred, W6BBQ, at 8 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: Ck: \$4,800.48:
Svgs: \$539.03.
Repeater Fund: \$31.00.
Thank you so much for donating.

Membership Report: Reminders were sent out to those who may have forgotten to pay their dues.

DMR--Digital Mobile Radio was discussed by Fred. If you are interested or would like more information, please go to the web site: <http://www.norcaldmr.org/>.

There will be a hamcram on May 10. It will be located in Richmond.
If interested, please visit:
<http://www.hamcram.com/>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.
Free Breakfast: Fred Nieman, W6BBQ
Progressive Raffle: Jack Burris, K6JEB, who was not present.
Next month the raffle will be \$10.00.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

**Board Meeting
February 9, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred.

Those in attendance were:
Fred Neiman W6BBQ
Don Hamma KEZFP
Victoria Thompson KE6FSU
Robby Robinson N6MNL
Michael Nicholson K6CUG
Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Those not board members:
Roger Nelums KE6SZG
Audrey Neiman KD6MVH

The tectronics 635 which came from John Woods' estate will become club property and not be sold.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

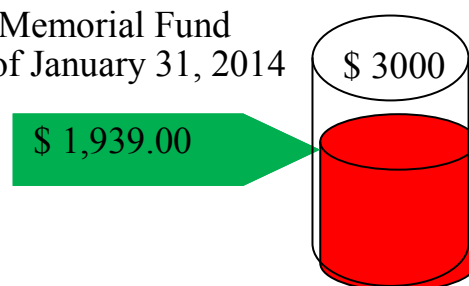
Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Treasures Report February 2014
Every month there dedicated club members that make donations of time, energy and effort. Some make donations of items the club needs. These people do so quietly.

Thank you all for the things you do that save the club money.

	Income	Expenses
Repeater Fund	\$ 31.00	
Member Dues	\$ 55.00	
HRO AD	\$ 150.00	
Total	\$236.00	

Memorial Fund
As of January 31, 2014



S.A.T.E.R.N.

(Salvation Army Team Emergency
Radio Network)

SATERN Concord gives training for anyone who commits to spending one evening each week for about seven weeks.

* Technician Class License

* General Class License

These two courses are given two or three times each year. See the [Calendar](#) for dates and times of sessions.

The Amateur Extra Class course is given when there is sufficient demand.

Books used in the courses are published by ARRL:

* "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, Level 1 Technician"

* "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, Level 2 General"

* "The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, Level 3 Amateur Extra"

These soft-cover books retail for about \$30 each.

There is no cost to attendees for the training. Anyone of any age is welcome. k6rel

The next Extra class is scheduled for June 5th, 2014.

PLEASE, PLEASE include your call sign if you have one when sending us an Email.

Classes are held Thursday Evenings, All Classes are from 7-9 pm in the Fireside Room, at The Salvation Army, 3950 Clayton Rd. Concord, 94521 - Cross Street is West St.

If you have friends with an interest in getting the Technician license or taking an upgrade class email: HamRadio-Class@gmail.com & an auto reply registration form will be emailed back to you.
- License Testing is also the 3rd Friday of the month at the MDARC club meeting 6 pm at the church on Carol Lane Lafayette. See <http://www.mdarc.org/> for details and exceptions.

Events & Class schedules can be found at

<http://www.saternconcord.org>

The next Tech class is scheduled for August.



WA6KQB WEB SITE

DJ has been working very hard to get our old web site transformed to the new club call sign.

The check out the site at :
wa6kqb.org

It has great links to ARRL and local clubs.

Some items are under construction, like the .past newsletters and new forms created in 2012. I will get these things to DJ some time this month.

Thank you DJ!

New Feature Coming

Starting the April edition I will posting a picture of something and your job will be to identify it for me. This could keep you laughing - we will see. More information about this in April.

Victoria, KE6GFSU

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

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IC-7600 All Mode Transceiver

- 100W HF/6m Transceiver, gen cov. receiver • Dual DSP 32 bit • Three roofing filters- 3, 6, 15kHz • 5.8 in WQVGA TFT display • Hi-res real time spectrum scope



IC-V8000 2M Mobile Transceiver

- 75 watts • Dynamic Memory Scan (DMS) mode • Free software download • GPS A mode for easy D-PRS operation • One touch reply button (DV mode) • Weather alert • Weather channel scan • 200 alphanumeric memories

Analog + Digital
Dual Bander
D-STAR

ID-880H

- D-STAR DV mode operation • DR (D-STAR repeater) mode • Free software download • GPS A mode for easy D-PRS operation • One touch reply button (DV mode) • Wideband receiver



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The radio



FTDX-3000 100W HF + 6M Transceiver

- 100 Watt HF/6 Meters • Large and wide color LCD display • High Speed Spectrum Scope built-in • 32 bit high speed DSP /Down Conversion 1st IF



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- 50W 2M, 45W on 440MHz • Weather Alert • 1000+ Memories • WIRESS capability • Wideband receiver (cell blocked)

FT-60R 2M/440 5W HT

- Wide receiver coverage • AM air band receive • 1000 memory channels w/al-pha labels • Huge LCD display • Rugged die-cast, water resistant case • NOAA severe weather alert with alert scan



FT-4500 100W HF + 6M Transceiver

- 100W HF/6M • Auto tuner built-in • DSP built-in • 500 memories • DNR, IF Notch, IF Shift



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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: February 9, 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