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**POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**Next Meeting:** Sunday January 13 at the usual place: 7a.m. at Denny's 11334 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito. Arrival, sit down, coffee, talk, etc. Breakfast then the monthly meeting.

From our friends at EBARC

Interested in upgrading?

New General License Class!

Ken Fowler, KO6NO

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club will offer a class to prepare applicants for the General Class Amateur Radio License, starting January 18, 2019 and ending April 5, 2019. The class will meet on ten Fridays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, on Argyle Rd. off Appian Way in El Sobrante. The Textbook is, ARRL General Class License Manual for Ham Radio 8th Edition. Books will be available for purchase at the class.

This class is intended for hams with a Technician class license and will cover electrical principles, amateur radio equipment, and communication modes. Topics common to the Technician class license such as FCC rules and safety will be covered only as necessary.

FCC examinations and license applications will be administered at the final class session by EBARC Volunteer Examiners for a fee of \$15.

Go to <[www.ko6no.com](http://www.ko6no.com)> and click Register, email [ko6no@comcast.net](mailto:ko6no@comcast.net), or contact Ken Fowler at 510-222-0830 to register.



## **Announcements!**

This has been a fun year being the Newsletter editor, but life happens. Starting next month Wing **KJ6YDF** will be your Newsletter editor. Perhaps in a while, things will change and I'll be back at the helm (if I can wrest it away from Wing).

In the meantime, please send your ideas for articles, or better yet...the articles themselves, to Wing. Remember this is our hobby, our passion, and our newsletter. This is a shortened Newsletter this month but there are some important things to remember:

### **New Year's resolutions**

1. for all you Techs out there...sign-up and take the General Class offered by EBARC.
2. Get yourself prepared for communication.
3. Get to know your rig by joining in on the Nets, participate in practice drills, and even try a little contesting.
4. Come to the OGRE lunch.
5. Come to the Club breakfast.
6. Have fun with your radio(s).
7. Think good thoughts and be determined to have a good 2019.
8. Pay your Membership dues.

de Michael, **K6CUG**

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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Happy New Year to you all. We've had a whirlwind month around my house as I am sure all of you had. I have been translating Ken Fowler's Technician Class License into Spanish. We have a large CERT contingent in West County who are bi-lingual. I'm encouraging them to become radio operators and join the 4C's.

January will see the beginning of emcom exercises for all radio amateurs in West Contra Costa County, in particular, and anyone able to hit the repeaters, in general. I'm asking 4C's members to participate and Elmer. I will also begin a CERT net on the 440 repeater, Saturday mornings from 9 to 10a.

Thank you to the Board for another term in office. I feel a party coming on. I hope for limited down time after my hip surgery in February and have set up a bedroom operation area in case I have to go through a prolonged recovery.

Saddle up! It's time to get on the trail.

73, dj, **KJ6dj**



<b>2018 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS</b>		
<b>DAYS</b>	<b>NET CONTROLLER</b>	<b>REPEATER/NET NAME//TIME</b>
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	<b>CAROL</b> KK6OLL <b>JAN</b> AC5RB <b>GARY</b> KG6RJA <b>BOB</b> W6WTJ <b>ALVIN</b> KK6JQX	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL NET 7:10 AM
WEEKLY: MONDAY <b>By arrangement</b>	<b>DJ KJ6DJ</b> – Contact DJ for NET confirmation	444.275 DIGITAL NET 7:00 P.M. <b>FLDIGI NET BY ARRANGEMENT</b>
WEEKLY:TUESDAY	<b>NET CONTROL ROTATES</b>	224.300 OPEN NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	<b>MEMBERS ROTATE</b>	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMCOMM 6:45pm
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	First week: <b>ROBBY</b> N6MNL Second week: <b>AUDREY</b> W6BBQ Third Week: <b>JAN</b> AC5RB Fourth week: <b>JEFF</b> KJ6RHF Fifth week:	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM

**4C's Website:** <http://wa6kqb.org>

***Club Officers For 2019***

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**NEWSLETTER:** P. Michael Nicholson, **K6CUG**  
**Newsletter submissions or corrections always welcome. Send to <K6CUG@arrl.net>**

**Join us for the OGERs Lunch:**  
 First Wednesday of every month

11:00a.m. Sukie's Country Kitchen  
 2400 El Portal Dr., San Pablo





## There was no general meeting during our annual Holiday luncheon, however there was a Board Meeting

President DJ **KJ6DJ** presided. Members present were Vice President Wing **KJ6YDE**, Treasurer Audrey **K6BBQ**, Secretary Jan **AC5RB**, Trustee Roger **KE6SZG**, Board members Burgie **KE6MSF** and new Board member, Alan **W6ELS**.

By unanimous vote of the board, the current officers will continue the same capacity for the upcoming year.

There was also discussion about having Audrey **W6BBQ** send out a questionnaire snail mail along with the dues reminder to poll the membership about their options about our club and how we can improve involvement.

Robbie Robinson **N6MNL** was presented with a plaque for his many years of service to our club and to the community.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Kuhl **AC5RB**, Secretary

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



The Sunshine Committee wishes you the best health and happiness for the New Year.

*Burgie* - **KE6MSF**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Watch your mail for the CCCC Survey with your dues billing. The board of directors is hoping to hear about your interests and concerns, so please return the survey. We value your input!

Audrey Nieman **W6BBQ**  
Membership Chairman

## CCCC Treasurer's Report

### December 2018

#### Checking Account:

Balance Forward 11/11/2018:.....\$3213.76

#### Receipts:

11/13/2018: Repeater Fund:.....\$40.00

12/02/2018: Dues \$55/

Repeater Fund 85.00:.....\$140.00

12/12/2018: Tower Project:.....\$200.00

#### Disbursements:

11/28/2018: CK 1593

Audrey Nieman plaque....\$54.53

11/28/2018: Ck 1594

NAARC due 2019.....\$20.00

12/19/2018: Debit: Check printing  
and endorsement stamp

.....\$123.30

12/31/2018: Adjustment math error...\$162.17

Balance Forward

12/31/18:.....\$2921.70

#### Savings Account:

12/31/2018.....\$606.50

Audrey Nieman, **W6BBQ**  
Treasurer



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**KENWOOD**



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*HF/50MHz Transceiver*



**TM-D710G**  
*2M/440 Dualband*



**TM-V71A**  
*2M/440 DualBand*



**TM-281A**  
*2 Mtr Mobile*



**TH-D74A**  
*2M/220/440 HT*

**YAESU**  
*The radio*



**FT-991A**  
*HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver*



**FTDX1200**  
*100W HF + 6M Transceiver*



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*A100W HF + 6M Transceiver*



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**FT-60R**  
*2M/440 5W HT*

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