



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



General Meeting Minutes :

August 12, 2007

Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Acting President Don KE6ZFP. Introductions were made by all. Dan KF6HQO's grand daughter Megan has now taken over Natalie's job of distributing a chocolate candy for each person. Thanks Megan. (got mine)

Ed KA6OFR called and said he missed meeting due to being up during the night with Jan being ill. Hope she will be OK.

There were no reports from any board member.

The Treasurer, Victoria KE6FSU reported that the savings account has \$2,097.66, checking \$1,279.80, CD 3,698.74.

Expenses as follows:

- July Roster and Newsletter \$106.80,
- Post Office Box \$70,
- World Radio \$70,
- Phone for July \$18.99,
- Phone for August \$19.40.

T. Michele NJ6T mentioned some positive signs as many hams in the East Bay section are upgrading and also many new hams are joining the league. The club gets \$15 for new members and \$2 for renewals if done through the club treasurer. You need to use the Affiliated Club form, Contact Victoria, KE6FSU by e-mail or phone to get one sent to you.

Dan said we need for more check-ins on all of the nets.

Rich KD6JCT was enthusiastic about the new Win System installed at his QTH. The frequency is

441.650 and the PL is 100.

KD6JCT's twin won free breakfast, Dan KD6HQO won World Radio and the progressive raffle was not collected by Lars W6RMY. Next month it will be \$60.

Donations were \$28.00. Thanks all.

No board meeting due to not having a quorum.

Robby Robinson N6MNL acting secretary

EBARC

The EBARC guest speaker Friday September 14 will be editor of the ARRL Antenna Book, Dean Straw, N6BV, who will be talking to us about contesting. Dean is a well known bay area ham and we are fortunate to have him with us. I would like to invite everyone from the area to attend this very special program.

EBARC meets at:

**Salvation Army Church
4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.**

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

73, Ron Smith, KE6RS,

EBARC Program Chair

Sunshine Committee

Hello everyone!

I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and happy. I would like to extend our special thoughts and prayers to Bert Strong, W6PSH.

Bert, we miss you and hope to see you soon! If anyone knows of someone who is not feeling the best and wouldn't mind their name being in print so we can send extra special good thoughts and prayers to them, please let me know.

Good health to you all!

Burgie KE6MSF

You can contact me by writing to burgie0001@yahoo.com.



**SEE YOU AT THE
ANNUAL PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 16
KNOX MILLER PARK
Start visiting at 11 am**

**Lunch between
12 and 1 pm**

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2007 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	145.110/440.275 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers FOR 2007

President: Ken Miller, KA6TUX (2007)
 V. Pres: Don Hamma, KE6ZFP (2009)
 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
 Treasurer: V. Thompson, KE6FSU (2008)
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
 Director: Jack Burris, K6JEB (2008)
 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2007)

Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -
 Stephen Adams-KF6WNH

Repeater Controller's

[Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]

Robby.....N6MNL
 Ed.....KA6OFR
 Red.....N6UMG
 Ken.....KA6TUX
 Gabe.....WA6KQB
 Howard...KE6PTT
 Bob..... AB4AL

Committee Chairperson

Membership:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

Technical Committee:

(Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

Paul Henson KF6FMX

Assist. Technical:

Howard Burk, KE6PTT

Packet:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

Technician and general classes taught by
EBARC ORCA and ARCA

Classes will be held at the
Alameda Fire Department Training Building
431 Stardust Place
Alameda.

The building is located on the old Navy base at the
intersection of Midway and Rainbow and it is only a
mile or so from the Webster St. tube.

Technician License Class

Tuesday, September 25; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, October 2, from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday Oct. 9; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, Oct. 16. from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, Oct. 23; Tuesday, 1900 hrs. to 2130 hrs.

VE session

Sunday, Oct. 28; Sunday, 0900 hrs to 11:00 hrs
at Kaiser building Oakland

General License Class

Tuesday, Oct. 30; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, Nov. 6; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday Nov. 13; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, Nov 21; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday Nov. 28; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs.

Tuesday, Dec. 4; from 1900 hrs to 2130 hrs

VE session

Tuesday, Dec. 11; from 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs. at
431 Stardust Place Alameda

We will be putting together a flier shortly, and I intend
to post this to the ARRL web site.

73 David

PACIFICON 2007

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- ** Friday Evening Open MDARC Meeting
- ** Saturday Keynote Breakfast &
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- ** Outstanding Technical Forums
- ** Ham Equipment Exhibitors
- ** Great Swap Meet
- ** Daily Radio Prize Drawings
- ** ARRL Forum
- ** Transmitter Hunt
- ** Legal Seminar
- ** Ham License Exams
- ** Saturday All-Day Technician
License Class
- ** HFpack Activities
- ** QRP Activities

Items of Interest from the ARRL

Nominations Sought for ARRL Section Managers:

Nominations are currently being solicited for Section Managers in the following ARRL

Sections: Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, Louisiana, North Carolina, **Pacific**, San Diego,

South Dakota and Virginia. To be valid, a petition must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the Section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Petition forms FSD-129 are available on request from ARRL Headquarters but are not required. Petitions must be received at Headquarters by 4 PM EST on December 7, 2007. If more than one member

is nominated in a single Section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on or before January 2, 2008 to full members of record as of December 7, 2007. Returns will be counted February 19, 2008. Section Managers elected as a result of the above procedure will take office April 1, 2008. For more information, including a sample petition, please see the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/smterms.html#sample>.

Canadian Special Event Planned for September

A demonstration of cooperation in emergency communications preparedness between Canadian radio amateurs and those in the United States is planned for

September 29-30 with a special event station VO1ARES

<http://www.rac.ca/fieldorg/aresjointspecialevent.htm>. It will be located at the Marconi memorial station on historic Signal Hill, St John's, Newfoundland, where reception of the first transatlantic wireless transmission occurred in 1901. Sponsored by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC), the facilities are provided by Parks Canada and coordinated by the Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs (SONRA).

The objectives of the special event are threefold: To highlight the capabilities of Amateur Radio in providing emergency communications in times of crisis, to illustrate the cooperation between Canada and the United States on emergency preparedness within the context of the Security and Prosperity Partnership signed by the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Canada in 2005, and to create a database of communications "first responders" that the Government of Canada could contact for emergency communications assistance in times of crisis.

Radio amateurs from across Canada and the US are being invited to participate in this first-time official activity, with opening festivities scheduled September 29 from 1430-1730 UTC. In particular, ARES units in both countries are encouraged to take part and to

"talk up" the value of Amateur Radio as a community resource. Officials from the Canadian government have been invited, and ARRL Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has confirmed his intention to attend. Operations will feature virtually all transmission modes on most HF bands over the two-day period. Times and frequencies are yet to be determined.

A commemorative QSL card will be issued. QSLs may be sent direct to VO1ARES via VE9GLF, G. L. Friars, 35 Upper Quaco Rd, Baxters Corner, NB E25 2S2, Canada. All replies from VO1ARES will be via the bureau. Those wishing a direct reply, including Short Wave Listeners, must include an envelope and sufficient postage. Within Canada, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope. If outside of Canada, please include sufficient International Reply Coupons (IRCs) to cover the cost of a letter from Canada to your country. This is imperative in order to receive a card directly; otherwise it will go via the bureau.

Listen for VO1ARES both before and after the special event. The call sign will be active September 27-October 1.

Upcoming issues of RAC's The Canadian Amateur (TCA) magazine and the RAC Web site <http://www.rac.ca/> contain further details of the event. -- Information provided by Bob Cooke, VE3BDB

Read more on line at:

ARRL.org

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: September 9, 2007

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