



# THE COMMUNICATOR JULY 2006



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## June 11, 2006 General Minutes

The meeting was called to order @ 7:30 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

No Treasurer's report.

Technical report: nothing to report.

Board of Directors: nothing to report.

Net Controllers: We need more check ins in the morning.

Trustee: The club is doing a good job of IDing properly.

220 Net Report: 220 is doing well. There are about 12 check ins.

We had a visitor today: K6FAC Frank Castro. Welcome, Frank. We hope to see you again at our meetings.

IRLP: With the wet weather now cleared and drying out the ground, we will be able to direct our attention to IRLP. There was also talk about the Win System. Peter Mendoza KD6QZH will be traveling to San Diego soon and will inquire about state funding for the Win System and give us a report when he has more information.

Membership Report: The equipment for the repeater can

be costly to maintain. Therefore, before we spend any monies, we will need to have a meeting regarding our expenses for maintenance. If antennas need to be replaced or any equipment needs replacing, the Board will need to go over the budget first. The cost for an antenna is \$1,000.00 so it can be costly.

Free Breakfast:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Progressive Raffle:

KF6KWJ Doris Todd, who was not present. The next raffle will be held in July and will be for \$25.00.

Repeater Fund: \$26.00 less the free breakfast winner.

**Refarming 440** At a recent meeting at NARCC there was discussion to use 12.5 KHz spacing. It has been mandated by the FCC that all LMR commercial repeaters will operate on 12.5 KHz spacing soon. If anyone has further interest in refarming 440, please let me know and I will give you a copy of the report.

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## SUNSHINE

### OPPORTUNITIES

John, WD6GGC

Roland, WA6NVX

Gabe, WA6KQB

*Hello Everyone!!!!*

*I hope you are all doing well.*

*If you know of someone who*

*we can add to the Sunshine*

*Committee, please let me*

*know. I don't want to leave*

*anyone out. You can email*

*me @*

*burgie0001@yahoo.com*

*Thank you and*

*good health to all!!!!*

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July 25

2006 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 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

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## MEMBERSHIP

Please change **Nat Mealer, WA6QVM's**, email address in the roster to read:

[natmeadow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:natmeadow@sbcglobal.net).

Was glad to see all at the last breakfast meeting. Send me any information you may have if you find anyone interested in becoming a club member. We no longer charge an initiation fee, just dues, to join.

AB4AL hosted Robby and my self through the Naval Museum on Mare Island on field day, a must see. That was where the Vallejo club did theirs.

We visited Mt Diablo Club at the Antioch fair grounds. Sure was hot there. Then we visited EBARC's at the Berkeley Marina.

Seeing the flying kites and the radio operation was lots of fun. I made one HF contact.

Barbara KD6OKJ

## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I am sitting in my hotel in Riggins, Idaho right now. The fireworks display in this "little drinking town with a fishing problem" was very different from any I have ever seen before. They can't start till 10:30 pm or so Mountain Time. This little canyon city of 410 persons is just far enough north that daylight lasts until just about 10 pm. As each rocket explodes, the sound echoes off the canyon walls. Truly the loudest I have ever heard. I began to understand why the fire department (volunteers all) is responsible for setting off the display in their full gear. It goes like this, fire off a few—put out the fires they started—fire off a few more — put out the new fire — fire off some more — now they have to stop a few minutes because the fire is pretty big and they have to get it under control. Once that is done they fire off some more.

Oh yes, the fire works were competing with a passing lighting storm and light but warm rain. It had cold down to 88 degrees by this time.

Please note I won't be able to do the snail mail newsletter until I get to a bigger town!

Victoria, KE6FSU

## 3 Bean Salad by Charles Haller KQ6OX

**2 cans red kidney beans---rinsed**

**1 can yellow wax beans--rinsed**

**1 can cut green beans--rinsed**

**1 onion, chopped fine**

**Put above in a large bowl. \_\_\_\_\_**

**1/2 Teaspoon pepper**

**1/4 Teaspoon salt**

**1 clove garlic, minced**

**1 cup "Heinz" cider vinegar**

**1 cup sugar 1/3 cup corn oil**

**4 - 5 dashes of Tabasco green pepper sauce.**

**Mix above in small bowl and whisk until blended. Add to above beans and onion.**

**Marinate for 3 days and enjoy. \_\_\_\_\_**

**P.S. Add 3 Tablespoons of beans with the sauce to a lettuce salad and add 5 teaspoons Nagano garlic flavor vinegar and 1 teaspoon of Balsamic vinegar for an outstanding lettuce salad dressing.....optional-add 1/2 avocado to salad.**

## Excerpts from ARRL Letters

Vol. 25, No. 22 June 2, 2006

### TWO RADIO AMATEURS DIE DURING MOBILE HIDDEN TRANSMITTER HUNT

Two ARRL members from California are dead after the vehicle in which they were riding during a mobile hidden transmitter hunt May 27 went over a cliff in rugged terrain near Lake Isabella in Kern County. They were identified as

Michael G. Obermeier, K6SNE, of Anaheim, and David A. Gordon-Ross, N6IDF, of Yucaipa. Obermeier, an ARRL Official Observer in Orange County, was 46.

Gordon-Ross was 35.

"Mike and Dave were some of the best T-hunters in the biz," said Scott Press, N6SAP, calling both "true assets to this hobby." In his role as an OO, Obermeier reportedly had participated in the infamous Jack Gerritsen radio jamming case in the Los Angeles area.

According to media accounts, a Kern County Sheriff's Department search-and-rescue team located the victims early Monday, May 29. Obermeier was driving the 1991 4-wheel-drive Jeep Cherokee that apparently went out of control on Cook Peak Road while the pair was proceeding to the next hidden transmitter site. After caroming off a rock wall, the vehicle crossed the road and plunged down a 900-foot cliff. They were reported missing after failing to check in with T-hunt organizers.

Greg Pitta, KF6DBJ, reports Obermeier and Gordon-Ross were on a half-day multiple-transmitter T-hunt. "Both K6SNE and N6IDF were expert transmitter hunters, each with hundreds of hunts completed, ranking with top scores in most," he said.

ARRL Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) Coordinator Joe Moell, K0OV, knew both men. He notes that Obermeier had suffered a sports-related spinal cord injury that left him a paraplegic. "He did all the adaptive work on his

vehicles, of which he had quite a few that he used over time for RDF," Moell said. Despite his physical limitations, Obermeier also enjoyed foxhunting from his wheel chair.

Moell says Gordon-Ross had been a proficient mobile T-hunter for many years. He took a brief hiatus after his first child was born in April 2005 (his wife, Melanie, is KF6GWV), but he recently became active again.

According to Moell, the mobile transmitter hunts take place on the fourth Saturday of each month on 2-meter FM simplex, starting out from a hilltop in Rancho Palos Verdes. He says it's not uncommon for the main hidden transmitter to be hundreds of miles away--175 highway miles in this instance.

The 147.435 Amateur Radio Repeater System is collecting donations to help Melanie Gordon-Ross, a stay-at-home mom. It also will donate all proceeds from its 16th annual 435 Chili Cook-off June 10. Visit the 147.435 Web site <<http://www.435online.com>> for additional information.

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### MONTENEGRO POISED TO BECOME NEWEST DXCC ENTITY

The Republic of Montenegro, which declared its independence June 3, has applied for United Nations membership, according to The Daily DX

<<http://www.dailydx.com>>. The move paves the way for the tiny Balkan nation to join the ARRL DXCC list.

"Once Montenegro is accepted into the UN or obtains a call sign prefix block, DXers will have a new DXCC entity," says ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG.

The division of Serbia and Montenegro eliminates what remained of Yugoslavia. Serbia's parliament this week declared Serbia a sovereign nation as heir to the former Serbia-Montenegro union. Assuming that Serbia continues to hold its current seat in the UN, it will remain on the DXCC list as a pre-existing and continuing DXCC entity, Mills explained.

A decision on whether to admit Montenegro into the UN must go before the UN Security Council and then to the UN General Assembly. A UN spokesperson could not say how long the process might take, The Daily DX said.

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I don't have space to include these but want to call them to your attention. Read them at the ARRL Letter web site.

### Wildfire season keeping Western US ARES volunteers on alert

### FCC to invite comments on Katrina Panel recommendations

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### Ham radio volunteers ready as floods hit Eastern US

### Montenegro becomes the 336th DXCC entity

### FCC levies fine for marketing non-certificated CBs as ham radio gear

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**NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2006**

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**Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m. Board meeting at 8:45**