



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

**Greetings from our President—Welcome 2006**

**SUNSHINE  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**Dear 4 Cers:**

As I regain the presidency for 2006, I hope we will all pull together and make our group the largest Repeater Group in the north bay as we have been in the past.

One hopeful change I want to see in our group is the IRLP on the 440 and maybe also on 220 sometimes. With this, we can talk around the world as clearly as on the telephone, radio to radio.

We thank Farrell K6EZY, life member, and our Tech. Chairman Bob AB4AL for the wonderful work they are doing to further this program.

**To learn more about it, try:**

<http://www.irlp.net> and [www.irlp.net/new-install/](http://www.irlp.net/new-install/) .

There are a lot of users to our 3 repeaters who are not on our Roster. Let's get them into the 4 C's and grow to over 200 as we once were.

Please write me via e-mail or snail mail and give me your ideas to make us greater.

Thank you,  
**Edward Eliot Caine,**  
2006 President of the Contra Costa Communications Club Inc.

- John, WD6GGC
- Robby, N6NML
- Juniata ,KC6KAR
- Ralph, W6NGE,
- Barbara, KD6OKJ,
- Jenny, KF6HEX,
- Roland, WA6NVX,
- Howard KA6CRG

The folks on this list could use a little Sunshine. They are weathering a bit of a storm these days.

Please help us keep this list up to date. Let Victoria, KE6FSU know of any updates, corrections, additions to the list.

To volunteer to spread some *Sunshine* contact  
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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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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Dec. 10, 2005

The Board was called to order by President Don, KE6ZFP.

Present: Don, KE6ZFP, Victoria, KE6FSU, Burgie, KF6MSF, Ed, KA6OFR, Robby, N6MNL

Officers were elected from the 2006 board members. Ed, KA6OFR will serve as President, Don, KE6ZFP as Vice—President. Natalie Mealer, WA6QVM, and Bob Gregory, AB4AL are the Directors for 2006. Robby, N6MNL remains trustee for his current term ending in 2014. The meeting was adjourned. The results announced to the attendees of the Annual Christmas Party.

### Improved search capability debuts on ARRL Web site:

A new search engine now is active on the ARRL Web site, Webmaster Jon Bloom, KE3Z, <[jbloom@arrl.org](mailto:jbloom@arrl.org)> has announced. "The ARRL Web site's search capability has long been a weak spot of the site," he allowed. "To address that problem, we've replaced the site's search engine with an entirely new search page that uses a Google <<http://www.google.com>> search appliance—a separate computer running Google's search system—that indexes and searches the ARRL Web site." Bloom says the change means that those using the "Search" box atop any page on the site not only will obtain more comprehensive and accurate results but will get them much faster than previously. "We hope our site users enjoy the new search capability, which was instituted largely at the request of numerous ARRL

## ARRL LETTERS IN BRIEF

### Hurricane volunteers to be honored in QST:

Amateurs who provided communication support during recovery efforts for hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma will be honored with a special listing, including names and call signs, in the February issue of QST.

### ARRL "Public Service Stories" page debuts:

The ARRL's new "Public Service Stories" page now is open <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/PublicServiceStories/>>. It's a place

Where Amateur Radio volunteers can tell the world about their public service contributions during recent events. Both text and photos can be entered and will appear on the Public Service Stories page for all to see. The ARRL currently is soliciting stories from those providing service in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Submissions from ARRL members who are logged onto the League's Web site will be published immediately. Others' submissions will be reviewed before posting.

members," Bloom added.

### GERRITSEN CONVICTED ON ALL COUNTS IN RADIO JAMMING CASE

A US District Court jury has found Jack Gerritsen of Bell, California, guilty on six counts that included transmitting without a license and willful and malicious interference with radio transmissions. Gerritsen, 69, who briefly held the amateur call sign KG6IRO, will face sentencing March 6, according to the office of Debra W. Yang, US Attorney for the Central District of California. He could receive up to 15 years in federal prison. Just days before the trial began, the FCC affirmed a total of \$42,000 in additional fines it had levied on Gerritsen, releasing two \$21,000 Forfeiture Orders (NOFs). In affirming the fines, the FCC rebuffed every argument Gerritsen had offered in responding to each Notice of Apparent Liability, including his insistent "freedom of speech" claim. "His unlicensed operation on amateur frequencies is not protected by the US Constitution as it is well established that the right to free speech does not include the right to use radio facilities without a license," the FCC

said in a footnote in one of the NOFs. The federal court jury in California apparently agreed.

### AMATEUR RADIO VANITY CALL SIGN PROCESSING WILL RESUME JANUARY 4

The FCC has announced that routine processing of Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2006. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) suspended vanity processing in September as an indirect result of its hurricane-related extensions of certain regulatory and filing deadlines. The Commission said licensees or applicants needing relief beyond the initial extension periods should follow the process for submitting waiver requests provided in §1.925 of the Commission's rules.

In September, the FCC said it had to suspend routine vanity call sign processing because the extensions included the two-year grace period and could conceivably affect the vanity program.

# CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. 2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dues are due January 1 and become delinquent on March 1. Renewals received after March 31 will not be in the 2006 Roster.

## DUES:

- Charter \$10.00
- New Life Membership 10 times your dues (\$25 x 10 = \$250)
- Life Member Renewal (Supplying Information Only)
- Regular \$25.00
- Family Membership \$15.00 (with a regular or retired membership)
- Retired Membership \$15.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ **ARRL** Member Y N (Circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ **ARRL** Member Y N

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ **RRL** Member Y N

PACKET BBS: \_\_\_\_\_ PERSONAL PACKET MAIL BOX FREQUENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

EchoLink Node Number \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK YOUR ROSTER LISTING IF ANYTHING CHANGED PLEASE COMPLETE:

ADDRESS: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing (If Different) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DO NOT MAIL CASH**

Make check payable to: **CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB** Mail it **AND** this notice to:

**CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.**

**P.O. BOX 20661**

**EL SOBRANTE, CA 94820-0661**

**Don't forget to contact the Treasure—yes me Victoria, KE6FSU if you need the special Affiliated Club forms to renew your ARRL membership and have \$2.00 go to the Club.**

**Not in the ARRL yet and considering joining—get the form from me first—the Club gets \$15 per new membership from the ARRL. It is a great way to increase our capital so we can up with the needs of the repeater.**

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- 40 memories
- Alphanumeric display
- CTCSS + DCS built in
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- 100 memos • Built-in TNC 1200 & 9600 Baud
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- CTCSS/DCS Encode/Decode built in

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Repeater ID: WD6EZC 145.110, 224.300, 444.275 PL 82.5  
Simplex 146.505  
Packet "Node" CC4CC 145.05 Packet "Mail Box" WD6EZC -1  
Home Page: [http:// www.khmuprog.com/cccc/](http://www.khmuprog.com/cccc/)  
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**POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**



**Next Meeting: January 8, 2006**

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**