



Sunshine Committee

Hello Everyone!!! If I could make a wish and it come true, I would wish good health for everyone. We sometimes forget that you don't know what you've got until it's gone. We sometimes have a tendency to take our good health for granted.

I would like to give an update for Cheryl, KF6HEN. She is doing much better and thanks everyone for their good thoughts and prayers. Let us all keep Juanita, KC6KAR, in our thoughts and prayers also. We hope you will continue on the road to good health.

If anyone knows of others who may be ill and does not mind putting their name in print, please let me know. You can reach me

burgie0001@yahoo.com

Happiness and good health to you all.

Sincerely,

Burgie

KE6MSF

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Everyone!!!

I hope this message finds you well. Since there was no meeting last month due to Mother's Day, I feel like I haven't seen or heard from you all in a long time. Thank goodness for the morning net that begins at 7:10 a.m. It keeps us in touch with those that check in and listen to the net.

The pizza night was a great success!!! There were about 25 - 27 people that attended. It was a lot of fun. If you didn't get a chance to come out for pizza night last month, we will be having another one. I don't have the details yet but as soon as someone requests we have another pizza night, we'll begin our preparations.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on Sunday, June 8th. If you haven't been to a meeting yet or have been planning to attend, please come out and visit us. It's nice to put faces with call signs. Our meetings are located at Denny's in El Cerrito on San Pablo Ave. & Potero Ave. We begin ordering breakfast around 7 a.m. and the meeting begins at 8 a.m. Hope to see you all then.

Burgie, KE6MSF

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If you have Ham Radio related up coming event or an article for the good of the club please e-mail or send an electronic version to the editor.

2008 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

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Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

General Meeting Minutes April 13, 2008

Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President, Don Hamma, KE6ZFP, due to Burgie KE6MSF being absent. Don had all introduce themselves around the room. It was nice to see AB4AL and Meredith at the meeting. They received a big applause. There were 35 in attendance, a record for some time.

Correction to March minutes: Victoria, KF6FSU, said donation for March was \$33.25 not \$38.25.

Vice President: nothing to report

Trustee: nothing to report

Treasurer's report: Savings: \$2,105.55

CD no change from March

Income:	Expenses
\$105 Dues	Phone March \$19.40
\$ 47 'Repeater Fund '	hone April \$24.63
	Repeater \$46.88
	Equip. Ins. \$ 233.00
	Newsletter \$ 39.65

Membership: Barbara KD6OKJ thanked all for helping with getting new members and getting their dues in to the club.

Technical Chairman: AB4AL Bob, Reported how well the Tech Net is getting out. He stated there are reports of it being referred to all over the world. Well....

Net Controllers: Dan KF6HQO reported morning nets are going very well. Robby stated Ed KA6OFR no longer has a 220 radio therefore he can not do the nets. I have enlisted the help of Dan KF6HQO and Rich KO6FR to help keep the net alive. All of you who have 220 check in. Ed you can have it back any-time you can get on 220. Thanks for all of your previous efforts to keep 220 alive. Gary KG6RJA said

the Thursday morning net is going very well and he thanked Stanley KB6SEI for covering for him during his illness. Nice to see Stanley and Betty at the meeting.

Sunshine: Cheryl KF6HEN is recovering from surgery. Get well Sheryl.

Howard KA6CRG needs your prayers. He is ill.

Old business: Pizza Night at Mountain Mikes in El Sobrante, May 7 1800 hours (6:00 P.M.). It is all-you-can eat for one low price. Come on out.

New business: Rich Parker needs assistance on the Grizzly Peak 100 mile bike ride. Call KD6JCT @ 510-932-1043. It is May 4th at 7 A.M.

NO CLUB MEETING IN MAY

Meeting adjourned: at 8:23 A.M.

DRAWINGS:

Free breakfast won by Mike KI7FQ,

World Radio won by Fred KC6VLL and donated to a new ham, Neal Gregory KI6LCC, Bob's Son. Enjoy. Thanks Fred.

PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE: \$5 won by Edmond Ng AA6LQ was not present. Next: June it will be \$15.

Thanks to Roger KE6SZG for his help and humor. Also Thanks to Megan (KF6HQO's granddaughter) for all of her help and "goodies."

Board Meeting:

none as there was nothing to discuss.

Robby Robinson N6MNL Acting Secretary

Hello All!!!!

I do believe it's that time of the year to start the BBQ. Our Food Net this month Thursday, June 26 will be all about grilling and bbq'ing. So please, bring out your recipes, tips, anything to help us bar-b-que better and join us on the 4th Thursday of the month @ 8 p.m. We'd love to hear from you!!!

Burgie

FCC'S HOLLINGSWORTH SET TO RETIRE IN JULY

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth has announced plans to retire from the FCC later this year. "My intention," Hollingsworth told the ARRL, "is to head out in July, assuming the results of the second round of the PAVE PAWS/440 repeater monitoring in California present no complications. It has been a privilege to work with and for the Amateur Radio licensees and the land mobile frequency coordinators. I am extremely fortunate to work for two wonderful groups of people: Those at headquarters in the Enforcement Bureau, and for the Amateur Radio operators." Hollingsworth had planned to retire earlier this year, but changed his mind, saying, "There [were] several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the amateur community."

While his successor has not been named, he was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth said he considered it an honor to have given something back to "the incredible enjoyment and benefits that Amateur Radio has given me since age 13. And to every one of the thousands of you that thanked us for our work, many of whom waited for long periods after a forum or radio meeting just to come up and express appreciation for what the FCC was doing in enforcement, you have no idea how much that was appreciated every single time. It sure wasn't a 9 to 5 job, but it was a gift and a daily joy to work for the best group of people on earth. The only bad day in nearly 10 years was September 21, 2001, when we lost Steve Linn, N4CAK. We still miss him." Linn, deputy chief of the Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch for private wireless within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and his wife Lesley were killed in a car accident on their way to the Virginia Beach hamfest.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL he was "so very im-

pressed" with the young people who are involved with Amateur Radio: "To the very young Amateur Radio operators I met at Dayton, who have dreams of being scientists and astronauts and communications engineers, we will be pulling for you; I have a strong feeling we won't be disappointed."

"The Amateur Radio Service is part of the American heritage, and I am going to stay as actively involved in it as I possibly can," Hollingsworth explained. "Thank you all for working tirelessly to provide the only fail safe communications system on Earth and for helping this country keep its lead in science and technology. What an incredible gift it has been to work with you every day, and how fortunate we are to love the magic of radio!"



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**The Annual Picnic will be
in August this year.**

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VE TEST DATES

EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly:

1/27, 4/27, 7/27, 10/26 at 0900 hours.

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Next Regular Club Meeting: June 8, 2008

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