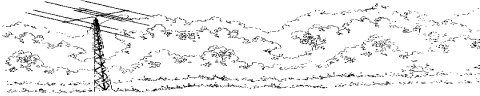


# THE COMMUNICATOR

## MARCH 2007



Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc  
An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group  
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### General Meeting Minutes :

February 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8: 01 a.m. by President Ken. Introductions were made around the room.

The previous months' minutes were approved as printed in The Communicator.

#### Treasurers Report:

Ck. \$1,864.12:

CD \$3,589.11:

SV \$2,033.63.

Repeater Fund: \$40.00

Technical Committee; Robby: The courtesy tone will remain the same until the weather is better and some of the members are able to visit the site.

FYI: Please remember to add a tip to your breakfast bill. Some of us forget to because it is not added on.

Membership report; Barbara: The deadline for renewals is March 1 if you want your name in the roster. Please try to renew before then.

Emergency Coordinator; Rich Parker: All is going well. May 6 is the Grizzly Peak Bike Ride. It is 110 miles. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rich.

Net Controllers; Dan: Check ins are going well. We do need more check ins on Thursday evenings. Please try to check in with us. Tech Net; Ed Caine: The tech net is a time to discuss ham radio or other items of interest. It is not only about ham radio. Check in and join in the fun.

Old Business: None

New Business: We hope everyone was able to sign the petition for Ham Radio Week which will be sent to the Governor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

World Radio: Peter Mendoza KD6QZH

Free Breakfast: Audrey Nieman KF6MVH

Progressive Raffle: Stan Clark, KB6SEI, who was not present. Next month the progressive raffle will be \$35.00. Submitted by:

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

### SUNSHINE OPPORTUNITIES

Red N6UMG

Hello everyone!!! As of this writing, Layton "Red" Bryant N6UMG has been in the hospital. He may be home by the time you read this. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Red. We wish you a very speedy recovery!!!!

Burgie KE6MSF

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**DAYLIGHT  
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**This year Day-  
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**on March 11**  
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**March 26**

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

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Ed.....KA6OFR.....

Red.....N6UMG.....

Ken.....KA6TUX.....

Gabe.....WA6KQB.....

Howard...KE6PTT.....

Bob..... AB4AL.....

## **Board Meeting Minutes :**

**February 11, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by President Ken Miller.

The previous months' minutes were approved as printed in The Communicator.

The board discussed the ECHO Link, IRLP, and QSO.net. The IRLP has already been approved by the board previously.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:42 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Victoria Thompson	KE6FSU
Robby Robinson	N6MNL
Ken Miller	KA6TUX
Don Hamma	KE6ZFP
Ed Caine	KA6OFR
Burgie Jones	KE6MSF

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

**From Ed, KA6OFR**

At our Valley of the Moon meeting we discussed the MARAC. Here is some information on MARAC and dates of two upcoming contests. Read more about at their web site.

<http://www.marac.org/>

The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., was organized in 1970 as a nonprofit corporation. MARAC is a support group for County Hunting and mobile activity with members all over the world. MARAC is staffed entirely by volunteers. MARAC is not affiliated with CQ Magazine or any of the County Hunting Nets.

### **Announcing the 2007 (41st) MARAC COUNTY**

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0000Z Saturday May 5 to  
2400z Sunday May 6, 2007

### **Announcing the 2007 MARAC U.S. COUNTIES QSO PARTY SSB**

0000Z Saturday May 19 to  
2400z Sunday May 20, 2007

### **Membership Report**

I want to let each of you know that our Burgie KE6MSF has worked very hard and obtained her GENERAL license. Way to go Lady. She will maintain her current call sign. A big thanks to Robby N6MNL for calling 24 of our members to rejoin to 4C's. I think some of them look forward to his call and I know he enjoys talking to each of them once a year. Thanks to each of you that has and will send in their dues for 2007.

I have attended several SIRARC (Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club) lunches and would like to invite each of you and your better-half's to come to the next meeting May 25, 2007, at Jonesy's Famous Steak House in Napa (at the Napa Airport). The prices are reasonable and the selections go from Breakfast to Soup/Sandwich to a great Steak. You will see some of our members but most important you can visit with HAMS from all over the Bay Area. For those of you not on the email list of SIRARC, I will put out another notice as time gets closer but for those of you that like to plan ahead here is your chance. All that is required is show up, order, eat and enjoy. No advance payment is required.

73 Barbara Grazer-Robinson  
KD6OKJ

And the Newsletter Editor adds her 2 ¢ to Barbara's mention of SIRARC's monthly lunch meetings. A great bunch of guys and gal's!!! I really enjoyed the SIRARC meetings when I was able to get there. You can never go wrong with the great food at Jonesy's Famous Stakehouse !! Special Potatoes, great stakes, and shrimp louie too!

Victoria, KE6FSU

## CLIPPINGS FROM ARRL LETTERS

Vol. 26, No. 05 February 2, 2007

### Amateur Radio volunteers needed for Boston Marathon:

Marathon Amateur Radio Communications (MARC) is seeking Amateur Radio volunteers to provide communication during the Boston Marathon, which takes place Monday, April 16. MARC is a consortium of the Boston Amateur Radio Club, the Framingham Amateur Radio Association, and the Minuteman Repeater Association.

These organizations are working together to provide radio communication support for the annual Hopkinton-to-Boston run, sponsored by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA). This year marks the 111th running of the Boston Marathon, which is expected to attract some 20,000 runners. Visit the MARC Amateur Radio Volunteer Signup page to register

<<http://mtfort.vh.primushost.com/marc/access.html>>. -- Richard H. Wheeler, N1KXR

### Vol. 26, No. 06 February 9, 2007

#### FCC NOW PROCESSING AMATEUR RADIO VANITY CALL SIGN BACKLOG

The FCC has resumed processing new Amateur Radio vanity call sign applications. An initial stab at whittling down the backlog began February 8 -- five weeks to the day after the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) issued the last vanity call sign prior to the resumption. The Commission stopped processing new vanity call sign applications received on or after December 18 while it readied the Universal Licensing System (ULS) <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> vanity application software to accommodate a December 15 rule change to discourage the filing of multiple applications for the same call sign. The FCC has continued to accept new vanity applications and to process vanity renewals. A WTB staff member, speaking on background, told ARRL the Commission could wrap up backlog processing and be back on track by next week. "We've resumed processing, and by next week we'll be caught up," said the staffer, who conceded that the FCC's ULS software had not been fully tested to ensure it

could deal with the multiple-applications issue when the new rule's December 15 effective date rolled around. "We knew the date was coming, but the software wasn't quite ready." The staff member indicated the Commission could complete processing of applications that have been sitting in the queue as early as Monday, February 12.

As of February 9, the WTB appeared to have granted some 125 vanity call sign applications submitted between December 18 and December 22. Another 500 or so applications remain in the queue.

The FCC this week also issued a public notice to announce the formal implementation of the multiple applications rule, §97.19(a)(1), effective February 8. The notice said the ULS would limit individuals to filing only one vanity call sign application on the same day. "In the case where an applicant files multiple vanity call sign applications on the same day, only the first-filed application will be considered for the process, and the additional applications will be dismissed," the FCC said. "This new process will eliminate the possibility of an applicant having more than one application for the same call sign being considered on any one day."

The WTB staff member told ARRL that while the FCC knew the ULS software wasn't ready to handle multiple applications on December 15, it went ahead and processed vanity application receipts for December 15, 16 and 17 after determining that no one had filed multiple applications on those dates. The December 18 applications did include at least one such application, however. "Once we received multiple applications for the same call sign, we knew we had to suspend processing," the FCC staffer explained. The Commission is likely to receive an avalanche of new vanity call sign applications after February 23, when elimination of the Morse code examination requirement is expected to spur a massive influx of license upgrades.

The FCC is processing new vanity call sign applications now in the queue in the order they were received. Typically, it takes 18 days from the time the FCC receives a vanity application until the call sign is issued -- or the application is de-

nied. The current vanity call sign fee, payable for new applications as well as renewals, is \$20.80 for the 10-year license term.

### Vol. 26, No. 07 February 16, 2007

#### "CELLULAR TELEPHONE" BILLS POSE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FOR HAM RADIO OPERATION

Bills aimed at thwarting "driving while cellular" and "driving while distracted" behavior have been introduced in several states, and most are worded broadly enough to potentially proscribe some Amateur Radio mobile operation. ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND <[reginfo@arrl.org](mailto:reginfo@arrl.org)>, so far has catalogued 11 active pieces of legislation. Bills introduced in Montana and New Mexico have been sidelined for now, but related measures -- more than one in some states -- remain alive in Georgia, New Jersey, Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming. Henderson reports that ARRL Field Organization volunteers and members called the League's attention to the various pieces of pending legislation, none of which specifically exempt Amateur Radio mobile operation.

"In most cases we try to work to have language exempting Amateur Radio inserted into the bill, rather than narrowing by definition the behavior or activity the bill seeks to address," Henderson explains. "It is a far easier approach and removes ambiguity down the road." Henderson says that, if requested, the League will advise radio amateurs preparing to testify about a bill before a state legislative committee. "We offer some suggestions regarding what to cover and how to approach their testimony," he said. "We also will speak with legislators or their aides to try and clarify questions or help them craft language that help accomplish our goal of specifically exempting Amateur Radio operation from these measures." Most of the measures include exceptions for emergency communication and law enforcement agencies. Henderson advises ARRL members to contact their Section Manager <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/smlist.html>> to learn about any initiatives under way to address the ham radio implications of a particular state bill.



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**Daylight Savings Time**

**2 AM March 11**

**POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

**Next Regular Club Meeting: MARCH 11, 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**