



THE COMMUNICATOR

August 2018

***Contra
Costa
Communications
Club, Inc.***

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Simplex 146.505**

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: Sunday August 12 at the usual place: 7a.m. at Denny's 11334 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito. Arrival, sit down, coffee, talk, etc. Breakfast then the monthly meeting.



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An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group
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SPECIAL REPORT

ANTENNA TOWER REFURBISHMENT

Hello Everyone,

As you know, an e-mail was sent to everyone concerning the fixing and repairing of the tower and its foundation. Additionally, a second battery is needed for the repeater system. The email was for all to view and vote yes or no for the amount of \$4000.00 for the repairs and upgrades.

First, let me apologize for the misunderstanding about voting on the issue. With the help of Audrey Nieman, **KF6MVH** and her persistent e-mails, along with my wife, Burgie Jones-Nelums, **KE6MSF**, and Mr. Robby Robinson, **N6MNL**, who picked up the phone and called numerous members, we received the majority votes needed to support the project.

I want to sincerely thank all of you for your continued support in making this club what it is. I also would like to give a special thanks to all those who reached into their pockets and donated towards this project. Everything helps.

As the tower project proceeds, we will take pictures to post on website as well as the newsletter.

Roger Nelums **KE6SZG**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It amazes me how fast a month goes by. We didn't get enough response to have a yard party at the repeater site so the cleanup remains undone. I did a solo with an invite for company. If I had any takers I'll mention them at the club meeting Sunday. We need to get this done before we can begin tower repair.

I hope to be allowed to join the police and fire caravan on National Night Out. If I can I will be promoting the club and CERT. Gotta get some active blood.

Those of you who never attend meetings or any of the nets are missed. I have seen participation wane substantially in the four or five years I have been a member. If you can, please try to be a little more active with the club. The fires are on the rise and we should be prepared to assist should it become necessary.

Practice, practice, practice.

I send you wishes for health and happiness.
Keep moving,

DJ, **KJ6DJ**



2018 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS		
DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME//TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	CAROL KK6OLL JAN AC5RB GARY KG6RJA BOB W6WTJ ALVIN KK6JQX	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL NET 7:10 AM
WEEKLY: MONDAY By arrangement	DJ KJ6DJ – Contact DJ for NET confirmation	444.275 DIGITAL NET 7:00 P.M. FLDIGI NET BY ARRANGEMENT
WEEKLY: TUESDAY	NET CONTROL ROTATES	224.300 OPEN NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMCOMM 6:45pm
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	First week: ROBBY N6MNL Second week: JIM KK6NDG Third Week: JAN AC5RB Fourth week: JEFF KJ6RHF Fifth week: JIM KK6NDG	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM

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Join us for the OGERs Lunch:
First Wednesday of every month

11:00a.m. Sukie's Country Kitchen
2400 El Portal Dr., San Pablo



CCCC 2018 July 8 minutes

The meeting was brought to order at 8 A.M. by President DJ KJ6DJ. There were 12 members present. Introductions were made around. A motion was made by Audrey KF6MVH and seconded by Gary KG6RJA to approve the June minutes. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Audre reported that the balance forward was \$6,296.61. The repeater fund from June meeting was \$28.00. Club raffle winner of \$20.00 was Burgie KE6MSF. The breakfast winner was Audrey \$6.00. Ending balance is \$6298.61. In the savings account was \$579.46. A donation from Audrey of \$25.00 brought balance on 7/8/2018 was \$604.46.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-Audrey said there are usually about 7 who check in and not many on the Thursday PM net nor Tuesday PM net. Carol KK6OLL will no longer be doing the Monday net. We need to get more people involved. We have changed the protocol to 2 rounds. Gary asked about FL DIGI and if we were to drop it off the protocol as not active any more. DJ said he would be available if there were some interest. Karen KK6ZPM mentioned at their community meetings to mention about CCCC radio club. DJ mentioned about a brochure, and there is information on our website.

OLD BUSINESS-Burgie mentioned that our Christmas gathering will be at EL SOL in Rodeo. Selections will be announced later and pies will be provided by us. The cost will be \$20. Each. She needs an exact count not later than 10 days ahead. The date is December 8 on a Saturday. A **MOTION** was made by Audrey and seconded by Gary that the gifts be supplied from Club funds not to exceed \$130.00. The motion passed. DJ mentioned about echo link; we need a port on the repeater for the radio that is separate with a sound card and an internet connection for the sound card. We have a computer with internet connection available. Allen W6ELS and Roger KE6SZG are working on that. This project is currently on hold because we have a big project coming up. WE have all the supplies needed for someone to set it up. To use it, a person must be validated as a licensed ham operator.

Roger is drafting a letter to have the costs for the tower project approved. Jay KJ6WSS will present details.

TOWER PROJECT- Jay and Jeff and Allen and Roger went up to site several times for measurements and evaluation and pictures. Jay made up drawings and examples of what was planned, and what outside work had to be done, and what are the estimated costs. There will be a down time for our repeater while this is all being done, but a temporary connection will be made during that time for the 2 meter. He said that once this was all completed, the tower would probably last another 50 years. Details will be sent out to all club members for approvals.

YARD WORK- DJ said there needs to be some weed whacking done before construction, and a fire extinguisher should be checked out. A work day was planned for 7/15 at 9 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS-DJ appointed Wing KJ6YDE as chairman for the nominating committee and he will then select 2 more members. They are to report back to club at the October meeting. They will assess who is coming off the board and what positions need to be filled. Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted, Jan Kuhl AC5RB secretary

PACIFICON IS COMING

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A big thank you to members who have sent donations for the Tower Project. So far, the club has received \$406.00.

The next CCCC meeting is at Denny's El Cerrito, at 8:00 A.M. on August 12th. Please try to attend and bring a guest or prospective member. **Remember to check in on the morning nets each weekday at 7:10 and the weekly evening net on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.**

Let's keep the COMMUNICATION meaningful in Contra Costa Communication Club!

Audrey Nieman, **KF6MVH**
Membership Chairman

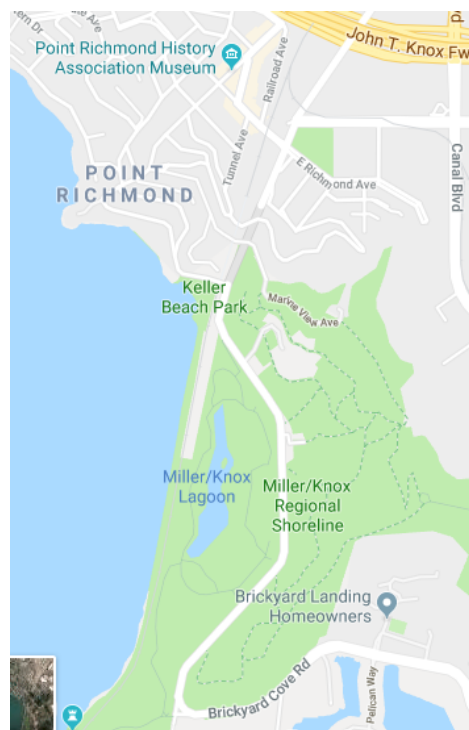
Annual 4Cs Picnic

Just a friendly reminder our annual picnic will be held at the usual place in Pt. Richmond. Go through the tunnel and across from the train station. You will see cars with antennas. That's us!!

Please come and join us on Sept. 9th. We usually eat around noon or maybe a bit before.

Roger Nelums **KE6SZG**

Miller Knox Regional Shoreline Park
900 Dornan Dr, Richmond, CA 94801



Sunshine Committee

I hope this message finds you happy and well. Our thoughts and prayers continue for those who are not feeling up to par. Please know we are thinking of you!!

Sincerely, *Burgie* **KE6MSF**

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