



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



General Meeting January 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by our president, Ed Caine KA6OFR, at 8 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: N/A

Trustees Report: Robby wanted to thank all the net controllers for their help last year. Some parts will need to be replaced on the repeater.

Membership Chair: All is going well.

Net Control: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Stanley, KB6SEI, suggested that we start using the P.A. system again. It is hard to hear everyone at times.

The president's goal for membership this year is 200. If you know of anyone who is interested, please ask them to join our club.

Repeater Fund: \$30.00

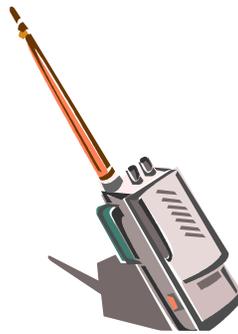
Free Breakfast: Eugene Savelli, W6QFU, guest of Gary Savelli KG6RJA.

Free World Radio: Kyle Spencer, guest of Jack Burriss K6JEB.

Progressive Raffle: Ed Caine, KA6OFR. Ed donated the \$10.00 to the repeater fund.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF



SUNSHINE OPPORTUNITIES

John, WD6GGC

Juniata ,KC6KAR

Roland, WA6NVX,

Hi All. This is Burgie, KE6MSF, the Sunshine Committee. I sincerely hope all of you who are on the get well list are doing much better. I have a basket of goodies for you that either myself or one of my helpers would like to deliver to you when you are feeling stronger and are accepting company.

If anyone knows of others who may want or need to be on our list, please let me or someone in the club know. Thank you.

Good health to you all.

Sincerely,

Burgie

Board Meeting January 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by president Ed Caine KA6OFR. In attendances were Natalie Mealer WA6QVM, Don Hamma KE6ZFP, Robby Robinson N6MNL, Ed Caine KA6OFR and Burgie Jones KE6MSF.

Trustees Report: The repeater needs some repairs. The autodial is not working.

New Business: IRLP is not yet available. We will notify members when IRLP is available.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

And Now a few Words from the President —

I would like to say how thankful I am that the board of directors are working so well for the 4 C's. It makes the job of leading so much easier.

Trivia - In what year was beer first sold to the public in cans?

Which state has been the birthplace of the most NFL Hall-of-Famers?

KA6OFR

CCCC Meetings 2006

Held at Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito **Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m.** Board meeting at 8:45

February 12
March 12
April 9
May Happy Mother's Day
June 11
July 9
August 13
September 10
Picnic Date TBA
October 8
November 12
December Christmas Party

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From Our Trustee

Everything seems to be going great with the club. We need new members to keep the system solvent. Appreciate if all members would help in that respect. I just had to order a new part to replace a component that cost the club \$290. Most hams that are not a member using the repeater on a regular basis are getting a free ride. We have many paying members that never use the repeater. Please encourage them to join and help finance the system.

Also, I want to remind all that one must ID at the beginning of a QSO and every ten minutes and at the end of the QSO.

"That's All Folks."

Robby Robinson N6MNL Trustee

From the E—Mail Bag

This is Lito AA6ZP, lifetime member of 4C's. Better late than never but I want to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. I also want to congratulate my buddy Ed KA6OFR for being the president again. I did not even know this is his 2nd. It goes to show that I have not been doing ham radio for years because of busy schedule. I am in Perth, Australia working until end of March but I did not bring my ham gear instead I brought my golf clubs. I can say I will probably have time hamming when I'm retired. The good thing is that I am getting information thru the Communicator, so keep up the good work.

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Deadline for MAR 2006 issue: FEB 25.

ARRL LETTER Excerpts

Vol. 25, No. 01 January 6, 2006

SOLE SURVIVING WEST VIRGINIA MINER KC8VKZ STILL CRITICAL

The only survivor of the January 3 mine explosion in Tallmansville, West Virginia is Randal McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ, of Philippi, West Virginia. At press time, he was listed in critical condition at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, where he is undergoing specialized treatment. Hams may wish to send a note of support on a QSL card to Randal McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ, PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. -- tnx Randy Padawer, K7RAN

Vol. 25, No. 02 January 13, 2006

FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON LEAGUE'S "REGULATION BY BANDWIDTH" PETITION

Comments are due by Monday, February 6, on the ARRL's Petition for Rule Making that asks the FCC to regulate the amateur bands by necessary bandwidth rather than by mode. The petition, designated as RM-11306, recommends what the ARRL calls "a shift in regulatory philosophy" to encourage and enable development and refinement of digital techniques and advanced technologies. A copy of the ARRL petition is on the ARRL Web site

<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/bandwidth/Bandwidth-Minute-64-Petition-FINAL.pdf>

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Comment via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Under "ECFS Main Links" on the right-hand side of the screen, click on "Submit a Filing" to file comments

ARRL CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PENDING TEXAS BPL DEPLOYMENT

The ARRL is taking a cautious, but hopeful, stance following the recent announcement of a commercial broadband over power line (BPL) deployment by the largest electric power utility in Texas. TXU Electric Delivery and BPL manufacturer Current Communications Group have partnered to establish "the nation's first broadband-enabled Smart Grid" that will cover most of TXU's service area. That includes some two million homes and businesses in the Dallas-Forth Worth area as well as other Texas communities.

"If TXU is going to install a BPL system, the ARRL is glad that TXU has chosen Current's system--which avoids using spectrum allocated to the Amateur Radio Service--in preference to one that has proven to be problematic," commented ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

Vol. 25, No. 03 January 20, 2006
JOEL HARRISON, W5ZN,
ELECTED ARRL'S 14TH PRESIDENT

ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, of Judsonia, Arkansas, will be the League's president for the next two years. He'll succeed Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who chose not to run for a fourth term in the uncompensated, volunteer post.

First licensed in 1972 as

WN5IGF, Harrison says he's interested in virtually all aspects of Amateur Radio, from HF DXing and contesting to VHF / UHF/microwave and moon bounce. He's an ARRL Life Member. His wife, daughter and son all are Amateur Radio licensees. He'll become the League's 14th president since its founding in 1914.

MINING DISASTER SURVIVOR RANDY MCCLOY, KC8VKZ, REPORTED IMPROVING

There's encouraging news this week on the medical condition of Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, the sole survivor of the January 2 Sago mining disaster in West Virginia. Rick Robinson, W8ZT, reports he spoke with McCloy's brother-in-law, Rick McGee January 18, and received an upbeat report on the 26-year-old miner's progress.

According to "The Checkout" column of The Washington Post, federal and state authorities have warned consumers about a bogus e-mail seeking donations to aid McCloy. "The Checkout" reports that e-mails claiming to be from Dr Lawrence Roberts, McCloy's primary physician, describe the young miner's condition and seek monetary donations for his treatment. "The Checkout" editor Caroline Mayer advises those who have received such e-mails to consider contacting the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) <http://www.ic3.gov/>

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New Technician class question pool released to the public: The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee (QPC) has released the new Technician (Element 2) Amateur Radio examination question pool.

The new Element 2 question pool is available for viewing or download in Adobe PDF, MS Word, RTF and ASCII text format from the NCVEC Web site

http://www.ncvec.org/ama_news_article.php?id=81.

The new question pool becomes effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2006, and it will remain valid until June 30, 2010. The current Element 2 question pool will expire June 30, 2006. The new Technician pool contains 396 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 2 examination. This question pool contains no graphics or diagrams. The QPC requests that anyone spotting possible errors or suggesting corrections contact the Question Pool Committee via e-mail qpcinput@ncvec.org. Reference the question pool (ie, Technician, General, Amateur Extra) in the subject line, and include the question number(s) involved plus a brief explanation. Forward comments and suggestions for new questions or changes in topic areas for any of the three question pools, Element 2, 3 or 4.—NCVEC.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

The excerpts printed here are selected paragraphs of articles found in the ARRL weekly newsletters. To read the full text please go to the ARRL web site

www.ARRL.org

(regarding the Trivia from our President — contact him for the answers. via net or at the meeting.)

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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