

THE COMMUNICATOR

September 2008



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



Sunshine Committee

Hello Everyone!! I hope this message finds you happy and healthy. Bob, AB4AL and his wife Meredith, have not been feeling well. I hope you will all join me and include them in your thoughts and prayers. I know there are several "shy" hams out there that do not want their name in print. I just want to let you know that we are thinking about you and hope to hear you back on the radio soon. If you know of anyone who is not feeling well, please let me know. I will try my best to bring a little sunshine into their lives. I wish you good health and happiness to each of you.

Burgie, KE6MSF

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!!

What a great time we had at the CCCC & EBARC annual picnic! We also invited the Marin Amateur Radio Club. We had an excellent turnout. There were 64 people in attendance. It was a lot of fun and excellent food! I would like to take this opportunity to give a special Thank You to:

**Fred KC6VLL,
Audrey KF6MVH, and
Barbara KD6OKJ.**

Juanita, KC6KAR, brought a homemade desert. Thank you Juanita. It was delicious!!!

You all made this the best picnic that I can remember. I hope to see you all at our club meeting on Sunday, Sept. 14th @ Denny's in El Cerrito @ 8 a.m. Come early if you would like to have breakfast.

Burgie, KE6MSF

CCCC/EBARC PICNIC 2008



A gorgeous day !

Special Thanks to George Froberg, NR6I
For the great pictures.

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Deadline for submissions: The 25th of each mo.

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.

Thank You

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

Club Officers FOR 2008

President: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
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 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
 Treasurer: V. Thompson, KE6FSU (2008)
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 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

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 Mike McMillan K6MCM 510-223-3052

Repeater Controller's
 [Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]
 Robby.....N6MNL.....
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....
 Red.....N6UMG.....
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....
 Gabe.....WA6KQB.....
 Howard...KE6PTT.....
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

Committee Chairperson

Membership:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

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(Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

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Packet:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

General Meeting August 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF @ 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

The meeting minutes for the previous month were approved as printed in the Communicator.

Treasurers Report: Ck. \$2,051.34: Svgs. \$5,990.55. Today's contributions: \$39.00

Net Controllers: The net is going fine. We don't have as many check ins as previously. Randy, KA6BQF, stated that if we wanted to run our Thursday night Tech. Net that would be fine with MARC. Thank you all again for the use of the repeater while ours is down. Robby, N6MNL and Delores Todd, KF6KWJ, have been working together with the City of Richmond and others to help get our repeater restored. Thank you Robby and Delores for all your help. We all appreciate your hard work.

Robby, N6MNL will be selling raffle tickets as a fund raiser for our club. Robby will be raffling a Drake model T-4XC Transmitter: Drake model R-4C Receiver: Drake model AC-4 Power Supply. The equipment has not yet been tested. Robby will have more information on the specifics at our next meeting.

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

Monthly Winners: Free Breakfast: Barbara Grazer-Robinson, KD6OKJ. World Radio: Charlie Haller, KQ6OX Progressive Raffle: Ken Fowler, KO6NO, who was not present to win. Next Month the raffle will be \$30.00.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

August Expense Report

Income:

Membership: \$ 7.50
ARRL Bounty \$ 2.00
Interest \$.89
Contributions \$ 39.00
Total \$ 49.39

Expenses:

Phone \$ 26.80
Newsletter
Printing \$ 2.01*
Postage \$ 16.80
Total \$ 45.61

* Staples Rewards applied to printing cost this month.

Board Meeting July 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF. Those in attendance:

Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU
 Ken Miller, KA6TUX
 Robby Robinson, N6MNL
 Ed Caine, KA6OFR
 Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Also in attendance: Peter Mendoza, KD6QZH

Robby will raffle some Drake equipment which was donated to the club. The specifics are printed in the general meeting minutes. We will have more information for everyone at our next meeting. A motion was made by Ken, KA6TUX, to raffle the tickets for the radio at \$5.00 a ticket. It was seconded by Victoria, KE6FSU. All approved. The raffle will be closed when a specific dollar amount is reached, which is yet to be determined. Again, more details at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:39 a.m.

Submitted by:
 Burgie Jones
 KE6MSF



Coming Events:

Redwood Coast Amateur Radio Convention (San Francisco) - The 2008 ARRL San Francisco Section Convention will be September 26-28, Bellotti Hall, Humboldt County Fairground, Ferndale, CA. For more information, go to: <http://www.humboldt-arc.org/harc/conv/conv08.html>.

PACIFICON 2008 - PACIFICON is the ARRL's Pacific Division convention produced by MDARC. It will be on October 17th, 18th, and 19th at the San Ramon Marriott - 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583. Plan ahead - reserve the date! For more info go to: <http://www.pacificon.org>



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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: September 14, 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