



### *Sunshine Committee*

Hello Everyone!

I truly hope this little bit of sunshine finds you are well and healthy. We have a tendency to take good health for granted. We don't realize it until something happens.

Please join me in sending our special thoughts and prayers to:

Dan Kelley KF6HQO. I spoke with Dan earlier, and he is suffering from Congestive Heart Failure.

Roger Nelums KE6SZG. Roger is suffering from Lung Cancer.

All those who are suffering but choose not to be in the newsletter, our special thoughts and prayers go out to you!! May God be with you!!!

Sincerely, *Burgie, KE6MSF*

## Presidents Corner

Well, here we are at the start of summer, and most days we are still wearing rain gear more than shorts. But I have heard several people ask, "When is the picnic?" I have heard rumors that the Marin group is thinking about joining us. The more the merrier. Summer is going to be over a little earlier this year for the back to school group as school starts in the middle of August. So I am open for setting a date and a menu. Bring your thoughts to the June Meeting on the 12th.

I am on the lookout for two board members because of Jim becoming an SK and Ralph resigning, so there are two openings. I wish to thank Ralph for his service. Please think about taking one of the openings.

Every time I turn on the TV or pick up the paper, I see a reason for all HAMS to get your batteries charged. I know that we will have an earthquake. Last week we were reminded that we also might have a funnel or two drop down and give us a lift. During these times, don't even think that your cell phone or your wired phone is going to work. Your HAM radio will work, so you can let someone know if you are OK or not. But they will not work with a dead battery.

Most towns offer CERT training for everyone which would help during a bad time. You can help them also because they use FRS radios to get help. The FRS signal only goes a little farther than you can throw a rock, so they will rely on HAMS to forward their information to the EOC. The CERT class is about 40 hours which is broken down for several evening classes and a couple of Saturdays. In West County they are taught by the Fire Dept.

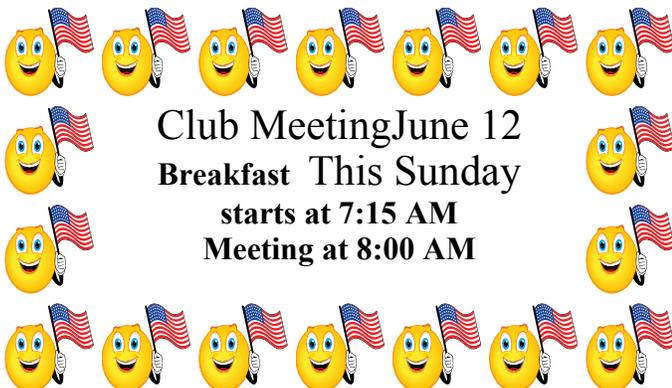
I have given you a lot of things to do, so when you get them all done, come to breakfast at the club meeting and relax. See ya there.

See ya in our regular spot on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Fred W6BBQ

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2011 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	KEN KA6TUX BOB AB4AL BOB W6WTJ GARY KG6RJA ALTERNATE: BARBARA KD6OKJ STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	BARBARA KD6OKJ BOB AB4AL ROBBY N6MNL RICH KO6FR	224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY N6MNL ANDREW KM6VT FRED W6BBQ BOB AB4AL BARBARA KD6OKJ	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	OPEN NET	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY - SATURDAY & SUNDAY		145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

**Club Officers For 2011**

President: Fred Neiman W6BBQ (2011)  
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 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2013)  
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 Director: Don Hamma KE6ZFP (2013)  
 Director: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU (2013)

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*Repeater Controller's*

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 Fred ...W6BBQ .....  
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Robby Robinson N6MNL

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Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

## General Meeting Minutes

**April 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Nieman, W6BBQ @ 8:00 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: Checking: \$905.82: Savings: \$5,020.37: Repeater Fund \$30.00. Thank you all for donating!

Membership Report: Robby, N6MNL has called all the members who are running a bit behind in their renewals for this year. There are now only 15 members left from last year who will be renewing soon. In the process of Robby calling, he found that Thomas Bennett, KC6ONS, is a silent key.

A correction to March 2011 minutes: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU, has donated his progressive raffle winnings from March to the club and not to the progressive raffle.

Please check in to the nets. We'd love to hear your voice!!!!

Robby, N6MNL, is looking for another 220 net controller on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested, please give him a call.

There will be no meeting in May due to Mother's Day. We will meet again in June.

Fred, W6BBQ, is updating the activation sites for ham radios. If you know of any activation sites, please let Fred know.

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

Progressive Raffle: Andrew Taylor, KM6VT

Free Breakfast: Andrew Tayle, KM6VT

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

## Board Meeting Minutes

**April 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Nieman W6BBQ @ 8:25 a.m.

The Board is looking for a board member. If anyone is interested, please let us know.

Thank you Victoria for preparing our income taxes for us and taking care of so many other "hats" that you wear. We so appreciate all the hard work you do for the club!!

Don Hamma, KE6ZFP, is the Vice President.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Fred Nieman, W6BBQ  
Ralph Hall, W6EFD  
Don Hamma, KE6ZFP  
Robby Robinson, N6MNL  
Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU  
Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Also in attendance:

Barbara Robinson, KE6OKJ

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

**Jim Hartsfield KI6YXW-sk**

As many of you already know Jim KI6YXW passed away unexpectedly in the early hours of March 25<sup>th</sup>.

I talked to Jim many times but only met him once. Jim was one of those people you only had to meet once and you felt you had known him forever.

He found out that my house and shack had been burglarized while I was in New Mexico. He knew I was having trouble keeping an old Kenwood portable radio, I in-

## Income and Expense Report April and May 2011

	Income
April Contributions & Dues	\$ 290.00
May Contributions & Dues	\$ 0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 290.00</b>

	Expenses
April Telephone	\$ 34.95
May Telephone	\$ 34.91
Equipment Insurance	\$ 233.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 302.86</b>

herited from Uncle George WA6KQB, programmed and on channel with my bad hand always sending the radio off to some unknown frequency. Jim knew that my Motorola commercial handhelds had been stolen and he bought one on Ebay, programmed it, put a new battery on it and gave it to me and would not let me pay for it.... That was Jim!

Jim offered to help with the repeater overhaul project and appeared to be able to maintain the equipment once installed.

Jim leaves behind his wife Donna, a son, two daughters and a whole lot of friends.

If there is a repeater in Heaven, Jim will be on it and ready to welcome us all when we arrive.

Paul, W5ANT

### ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Tests

EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St. ), Oakland .

The remaining tests for 2011 are;

Jul 24th, Oct. 23rd.

The fee for 2011 is \$15. For information call 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.

### ARRL Bulletin 13

#### FCC Seeks to Raise the Fee for Vanity Call Signs

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years.

The new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/howtocomment.html>.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago.

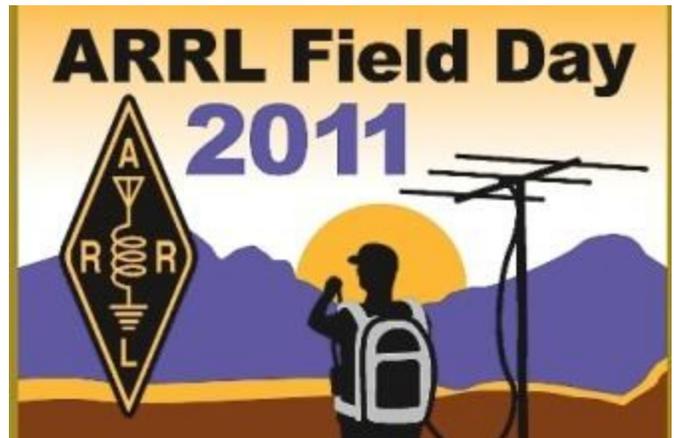
Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>, and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

#### LARK SWAP COMES TO AN END

We regret to inform you that after nearly two decades of monthly Sunday morning amateur radio and electronics swap meets, the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) is pulling the plug and canceling all future swap meets effective immediately. We greatly appreciate your support over the years,

73 from the Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK)



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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: June 12, 2011**

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**