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Put DRAWING and the number of tickets in the memo section of your check.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!

I'm still trying to figure out what happened to January. The month went so fast. I hope everyone is doing well and I hope you will be able to come out and join us for our monthly meeting on Feb. 8th at Denny's in El Cerrito. Take care everyone and don't forget for those of you who are interested....Feb. 14th is coming up soon. Just a friendly reminder.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Burgie

KE6MSF



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Grizzly Peak Century is coming up on Sunday, May 03. We once again have request to provide amateur radio support for this 100 mile bicycle ride, which covers territory from Port Costa to Castro Valley. A number of people have already volunteered, but we can always use some additional support. The Grizzly Peak Cyclists are also looking for volunteers to act as sag drivers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

Randy, KA6BQF ka6bqf@arrl.net , or

Texx, KG6ATH texx@delong.org .

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2009 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-W6BBQ, BARBARA-KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL, DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110/444.275 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers FOR 2009

President: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
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 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
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 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

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 Mike McMillan K6MCM

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

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(Chair) Robert Gregory AB4AL

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NARCC:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU



Sunshine Committee

I hope this finds you all healthy and doing well. We have several who are on my sunshine list who can use our prayers and thoughts.

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Dan Kelly KF6HQO

Shannon Michel KG6QDM



Both Barbara and Dan are doing better but still not up to par so I hope you can remember them in your prayers and thoughts.

Shannon will have an overnight stay at the hospital during the week of Feb. 2. Let's please remember him in our prayers and thoughts.

If you know of anyone who could use some extra prayers and special thoughts going out to them, please let me know.

Here's good health to everyone.

Burgie, KE6MSF

Board Meeting January 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by president Burgie, KE6MSF @ 8:31 a.m.

The club antenna we have is very old and was not sealed when purchased to keep the water out when it rains. Therefore, we will be purchasing a new antenna very soon. We are putting up a new fence as ours has deteriorated badly per Paul WA6EUZ.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:40 a.m.

Those present were:

Robby Robinson N6MNL
Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ
Fred Nieman W6BBQ
Ken Miller KA6TUX
Ed Caine KA6OFR
Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Also present were:

Robert Seymour KI6KOU
Peter Mendoza KD6QZH
Audrey Nieman KF6MVH

Submitted by:

Burgie KE6MSF



General Meeting Minutes 1-11-09

The meeting was opening by president Burgie, KE6MSF. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: Reading from the bank statement: CK: \$1,887.23 Sv: \$5,001.94 Repeater Fund \$30.00. Thank you all very much for contributing.

Trustee Report: Our lock at the repeater site has been removed without our permission. Paul Mason, WA6EUZ, has been working hard to get the radio changed to interface with the controllers.

Membership Report: Renewals have been coming in. If you haven't done so, don't forget to renew.

Net Controllers: According to Bob, W6WTJ, he says everything is "just wonderful." Good job Bob. A new check in list will be made by Stanley, KB6SEI and sent to each of the morning net controllers. Thank you all for checking into the morning net. Don't forget to check into the 220 net on Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m. We would like to mention that Bob, AB4AL, does an excellent job in running the Tech Net on Thursday nights @ 8 p.m. Bob puts a lot of research into his nets and we hope you can join him every Thursday evening, except the last Thursday evening of the month. Burgie, KE6MSF, runs a Food Net. We hope you will be able to listen in and join us

Randy, KA6BQF, announced that there will be a General upgrade class beginning the middle of April. The Grizzly Peak Bike Run is coming up soon and we need a few helpers. If anyone is available, please call Randy, KA6BQF, regarding the Bike Run or the upcoming ham radio class.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:20 a.m.

Monthly Winners:

Progressive Raffle: Bill Cross, WA6FNP

World Radio: Ralph Hall, W6EFD

Free Breakfast: Diane Richwine

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones KE6MSF



World Radio Magazine

CQ MAGAZINE has purchased World Radio and will no longer publish the magazine.

Helen Noble at World Radio advises anyone having subscription certificates, to send them in and she will forward them to CQ. She is not sure what will happen but you may receive CQ in place of World Radio. Three certificates will be given out at the next club meeting.

Coming Events:

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at www.ccraces.org or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. [Marin Radio Society has given CCCC permission to run all nets on their repeater 146.700, PL is 179.9 until the 4Cs repeater is fixed.]
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The dates for 2009 will probably be Jan. 25th, Apr. 26th, Jul. 26th, & Oct. 25th. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2009 test fee is \$15. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- 4C's meeting: February 8. See you at Denny's!

DIVISION HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

MONTEREY BAY RADIOFEST 2009 - ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section convention will be on March 7 & 8, 2009 at the Monterey Moose Family Center, 555 Canyon Del Rey (HWY 218) Monterey, CA 93940. For more information, go to <http://www.radiofest.org/>

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION - The 2009 International DX convention will be held 17-19 Apr 2009 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, CA. This year's host is the Northern California DX Club. Additional information is at <http://www.dxconvention.org>.

VALLEY OF THE MOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST (San Francisco) - The 2009 VOM-ARC Hamfest will be on April 25, in beautiful Sonoma, CA. For more information, go to: <http://vomarc.org/>

EMCOMM WEST - ARRL Nevada Section hosts this event on May 1-3, 2009 at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Go to <http://emcommwest.org/> for more information.

PACIFICON 2009 - PACIFICON is the ARRL's Pacific Division convention produced by [MDARC](http://www.mdarc.org). It will be held October 16th, 17th, and 18th at the [San Ramon Marriott](http://www.sanmarionmarriott.com) - 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583. For more info go to: <http://www.pacificon.org>

Amateur Radio Technician License Class Spring 2009

Start Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2008
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Frequency: Weekly 3/8, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4
Duration: 5 weeks
Location: Marin Amateur Radio Society
27 Shell Road, Mill Valley, CA
Text: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (Technician)
(Available from ARRL, HRO Oakland or at the first class)
Cost: Class is free, ARRL manual is \$25
Test session: 9:00 am Saturday, April 11, 2009
(Marin Amateur Radio Society, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley, CA)
Test Fee: \$15
Contact : Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF
(ka6bqf@arrrl.net)

Dave Hodgson, KG6TCJ
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American Hearth Month
American History Month
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National Cherry Month
National Children's Dental Health Month n
National Embroidery Month
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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: February 8, 2009

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