



Sunshine Committee



Hello Everyone!

Spring has finally sprung!!! I hope this bit of sunshine finds you well and healthy.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dan Kelley, KF6HQO and "Red" Bryant, N6UMG. We hope you both are doing much better!

Our heartfelt condolences to Donna Hartsfield, wife of Jim Hartsfield, KI6YXW.

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

Presidents Corner

Look out for this "flu" that is going around as it does not seem to be stopped by the flu shot. If you get it be prepared to lose a lot of sleep and not be able to say a complete sentence without having to stop and try and catch your breath. Several of the members can tell you that it is not fun. Audrey caught it about a week ago and it hurts me just to listen to her. Now that she has been to the doctor and has a bunch of bottles and boxes of pills with little post-it with time to take them maybe this thing will go away.

Rain, Rain go away don't come back for a while. My toes are starting to grow webs between them. I need to get up to the repeater site and make a map, but I am not sure that the road has not been washed away. I can hardly wait for the sun to start to melt the snow in the hills. I bet that some of the rivers will be three or four time their normal width.

By now, most of you know that Jim Hartsfield KI6YXW has become a silent key. Jim was a fairly new member who most of the members didn't know very well. If you happened to have had your radio on in the early evening, you could have listened to Jim and Paul W5ANT talk about the tech side of radio. It was like a tech net. Jim had a great wealth of knowledge and I am sure that he would have shared it with anyone who asked. I am sure that the club will miss him and his

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2010 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

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Repeater Controller's

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knowledge a great deal.

Speaking about evenings, did you know that the repeater still works after the morning net? It is not too busy during the day, but after work it starts talking again. There are some good conversations that you might join in on and enjoy. So don't reach over and find the off button; let it run all day and see what happens. You might hear someone who you have forgotten about and find out what is happening with them.

See ya on the 10th at the meeting.

Fred

General Meeting Minutes March 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Fred, W6BBQ. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report:

Checking account: 1206.07

Savings: \$5,019.55.

Contributions today 18.00

Trustee Report: When using the repeater, please wait for the courtesy tone.

Membership: Robby will be making his calls to those who have not renewed yet. Thank you Robby.

Sunshine :

Red, N6UYE is in a center in Walnut Creek. Contact Barbara, KD6OKJ

Reminder to all members: An earthquake in our area is overdue, stay prepared—have bottled water on hand and gas in your car in case of evacuation notice.

The April meeting is on April 10.

The May meeting is not held as it falls on Mothers day.

Free Breakfast: Chet Rice, WA6PAC

Progressive Raffle: Robert Seymore, KT6KOU
He donated the amount back so the next month's raffle will be \$15.00.

Submitted by: Audrey Nieman, KF6MVH

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

There was no board meeting

General License Class Ken Fowler, KO6NO

EBARC, in conjunction with West Contra Costa County Adult Education, will conduct a class for amateurs preparing for the General Class License Exam. This is an evening class, meeting at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday, from March 29 through June 7, except for Tuesday, April 19. The location is Alvarado Campus, 5625 Sutter St. , Richmond , CA 94804 . A VE session will be held for the students at the final class session. Register by contacting the West

Income and Expense Report March 2011

Income		Expenses	
Contributions	\$ 18.00	Telephone	\$ 34.95
Dues	\$ 88.00	Call Sign Fee	\$ 13.30
		Liability Insurance	\$ 340.00
Total Income	\$ 106.00	Total Expense	\$ 388.25

Contra Costa County School District Adult Education Office, 6028 Ralston Avenue , Richmond . The class fee is \$5 paid to WCCAE. The exam fee is \$15 payable to the ARRL-VE on the test date. The textbook, *The ARRL General Class License Manual Revised 6th Edition*, will be available for purchase at the class. Contact Ken, KO6NO,

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;

Apr 17th,

Jul 24th,

Oct. 23rd.

The fee for 2011 is \$15.

Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.

Valley of the Moon ARC ARRL Hamfest

04/30/2011

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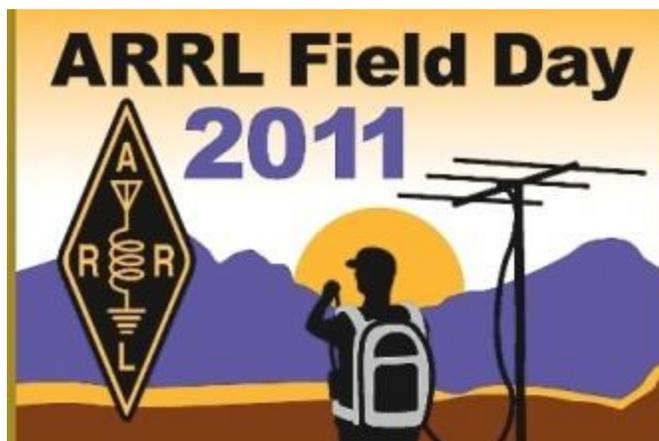
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Field Day is June 25 and 26

TWO NEW HAMS

Even though they aren't scheduled to go to the International Space Station (ISS) until 2013, two astronauts -- Chris Cassidy and Luca Parmitano -- are now licensed amateurs. Cassidy, who received the call sign KF5KDR, is scheduled to head to the ISS in March 2013 as part of Expedition 35. Parmitano, who is KF5KDP, goes up three months later in May, as part of Expedition 36.

Currently, Ronald Garan, KF5GPO, and Catherine Coleman, KC5ZTH Alexander Kaleri, U8MIR, Oleg Skripochka, RN3FU and Paolo Nespoli, IZ0JPA are on board ISS. In June 2011, a new crew reports to the ISS: Michael Fossum, KF5AQG; Sergei Volkov, RU3DIS, and Satoshi Furukawa, KE5DAW. According to the ISS schedule, at least three hams will be on board the ISS at the same time through the end of 2012.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: April 10, 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