

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## November 2008



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



### *Sunshine Committee*

*Hello Everyone!!!!*

I hope this message finds you well and healthy. I know there have been several of you who are or have been ill. I've talked with you about it. I sincerely hope you all are feeling much better and doing well!!! Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

*Sincerely,*

*Burgie, KE6MSF*

Remembering all our  
Veterans  
Past and Present



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### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Hello everyone!!!

What a wonderful day it was on October 16 when we were back on the air on our own repeater!!!! Our repeater had been down for over four months!! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank several people who in one way or another helped get the repeater up and going again:

KE6PTT Howard Burk  
KI6KOU Robert Seymour  
KG6CFS Dolores Hembree  
KC6VLL Fred Nieman  
KE6SZG Roger Nelums  
W6WTJ Bob Szentimrey  
W6SDY Steve Wilson  
W6EFD Ralph Hall

Thank you all so very much!!!! We would all like to thank N6MNL Robby Robinson for all his hard work and dedication to our club. I know how hard Robby worked to make this happen. We appreciate all your time and effort!!! A special thank you to KD6OKJ Barbara Robinson for being so understanding throughout this ordeal. We have a great club, and it makes me very proud to say I am a member of the Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc. I would like to give a special Thank You to the Marin Amateur Radio Club for the use of their repeater during our down time. You all are a wonderful group of hams. It was so nice meeting several of you at our club picnic in August.

Our Christmas party is just around the corner. I hope you all will be able to attend. It's a lot of fun!!! I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

*Burgie, KE6MSF*

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	145.110/444.275 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)  
 V. Pres: Don Hamma, KE6ZFP (2009)  
 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)  
 Treasurer: V. Thompson, KE6FSU (2008)  
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)  
 Director: Jack Burris, K6JEB (2008)  
 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)  
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

*Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -*  
 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.....

Committee Chairperson

Membership:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

Technical Committee:

( Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

Paul Henson KF6FMX

Assist. Technical:

Howard Burk, KE6PTT

Packet:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

## General Meeting October 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order @ 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report, Victoria KE6FSU:

Checking: \$724.61

Savings \$5,992.93

Trustee Report, Robby N6MNL: The repeater is close to working. Robby found some fuses burned out. He is taking care of some other things to get the repeater up and running. Also, as printed previously in The Communicator( September issue) we will be selling raffle tickets for the Drake transmitter, model R-4c receiver and Drake power supply. The raffle tickets will be sold for \$5.00 each.

Christmas Chair, Barbara KD6OKJ:

Our Christmas party is coming soon. Reservations have been sent out. Please get yours in early. Reservations for next year have already been made at Marie Callender's.

Good job Barbara!

Nominating Committee: Barbara, KD6OKJ and Fred Nieman, KC6VLL, have been nominated for the two open board member positions. Nominations were from the floor were requested. There were none. Barbara, KD6OKJ and Fred, KC6VLL were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:28 a.m.

Winners for the month:

Free Breakfast: Jan Kuhl AC5RB

World Radio: Fred Beesley KK6UZ

Progressive Raffle: Willie Harris W6HST who was not present. Therefore, next months' raffle will be \$45.00.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF



## Board Meeting October 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF. @ 8:30 a.m.

Those in attendance:

Don Hamma KE6ZFP

Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU

Ken Miller, KA6TUX

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Ed Caine, KA6OFR

Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Trustee Report: Everyone is doing a good job using the repeater. We appreciate all the net controllers.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the Drake transmitter, receiver and power supply. Tickets will sell for \$5.00 each. Pictures will be in the next newsletter. The raffle will be held at the CCCC meeting. More info. to come when the raffle will be held.

Old Business: Victoria continues to create an electronic copy of the standing rules for review by the board.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:46 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## October Expense Report

Income:		Expenses:	
Interest	\$ 2.63	Phone	\$ 26.60
Contributions	\$ <u>30.10</u>	Newsletter	
Total	\$ 32.73	Printing	\$ 31.23
		Postage	\$ 17.22
		State Corp Fee	\$ <u>20.00</u>
		Total	\$ 95.05

We can all be thankful for the invention of Amateur Radio and all the good folks we have had the pleasure of getting to know in 4C's.

What else are you thankful for?

## Coming Events:

- **Christmas Party** will be Dec 13, @ Marie Calendars, Concord, 11:30 AM
- 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](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.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.]

## TRUSTEE REPORT:

OK all, the 145.110 and 224.300 are now working again. We still have a problem with 444.275 that we are working on. Be sure to go to your memory mode on your radio and switch to 145.110 at 7:10 AM for the morning net and on Tuesday evening turn on 224.300 at 7:30 PM for the QRM 220 net and check in there. Want to thank the many club members that responded for help when needed. I had mentioned them earlier. We owe a special thanks to Howard Burk KE6PTT for his programming ability and help for the last stage of getting the system on the air. Also for Fred KC6VLL's many miles of use of his "peekup."

Robby N6MNL TRUSTEE

## FOR A SHARPER TV PICTURE ON A TUBE TYPE TV

Go to MENU—VIDEO OR PICTURE  
RESET

Picture 47% - 50%

Brightness 47% - 50%

Hue—50%

Sharpness 50% - 47 %

Color Temp. Neutral

To set use a live sports telecast or use cartoon network or Disney for your color. You can try other percentages on brightness but do not set below 45% or above 55% Hue will increase or decrease the green tone on flesh. These settings are not intended for the NEW HD or digital TV.

This is not a cure but a help.

Robert, KI6KOU



4C's will be raffling this  
Drake model T-4XC Transmitter,  
Drake model R-4C Receiver and  
Drake model AC-4 Power Supply.

## Holiday Party

*Contra Costa Communications Club & East Bay Amateur Radio Club*

*Saturday December 13, 2008*

11:30 p.m. (seating begins) 12:00 p.m. (lunch served)

Marie Calendar's Restaurant & Bakery

2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520



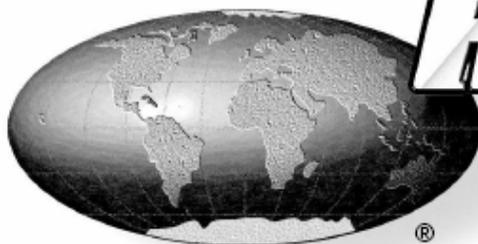
PDF file of form attached to your Newsletter E-mail. For Paper Newsletter - printed form is in your newsletter.

**Same for 2009 Membership Renewal forms.**

**For your convince you can write ONE check and return both forms at the same time .**

**Reservations are due no later than December 7.**

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- 100w HF/6M, 50w 2M, 20w UHF
  - DSP included • 32 color display
  - 200 mems • Detachable front panel (YSK-857 required)
- Call for Low Price!**



### FT-2000 HF + 6M tcvr

- 100 W w/ auto tuner
  - built-in Power supply
  - DSP filters / Voice memory recorder
  - 3 Band Parametric Mic EQ
  - 3 IF roofing filters
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  - 100W HF/6M, 50W/2M, 20W/440 MHz
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  - Easy-to-Navigate menus
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  - 101 alphanumeric memories
- The Ultimate Radio!**



### DJ-196T 2MHT

- 5 Watt out
  - 40 memories
  - Alphanumeric display
  - CTCSS + DCS built in
  - "S" meter
  - Auto Dialer
- Low Pricing!**



### DR-135TP 2M mobile

- 50 Watt out • Alpha numeric display
  - 100 mems • Built-in TNC 1200 & 9600 Baud
  - Front Panel GPS in • Rear DB-9 port
  - CTCSS/DCS Encode/Decode built in
- Low Pricing!**



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Repeater ID: WD6EZC 145.110, 224.300, 444.275 PL 82.5  
Simplex 146.505  
Packet "Node" CC4CC 145.05 Packet "Mail Box" WD6EZC -1  
Home Page: <http://www.wd6ezc.org>  
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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: November 9, 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**