



Repeater ID: WA6KQB

Frequencies 145.110, 224.300, 444.275 PL 82.5

WA6KQB - Home Page: <http://www.wa6kqb.org>



### **President's Message**

Hello CCCC Members,

Roger Nellums, KE6SZG, beloved for being a great father, husband, a 4C's club leader, Elmer, and member, will be missed. For us missing him, translates for me, that we loved him. Outside of that remark, I am at a loss for words.

Robin Franz - Camp, KE6MRH, was someone I never had the pleasure of meeting, but I'm certain that she, too, was a great person that she will surely be missed and was well loved.

On a lighter note, February is Black History Month, Valentine's Day on the 14th, splitting between President Lincoln's birthday on the 12th, and President Washington's birthday on the 17th.

Importantly for us Hams, February 13th, is celebrated as "World Radio Day", by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, (UNESCO), and includes amateur radio participation in the observance. It's time when many Ham radio operators participate in special events around this date. This might be a celebration worth checking out in the future.

CCCC has begun selling pre-owned ham radio equipment on our web page, [WA6KQB.org](http://WA6KQB.org). Check out just what you might need.

With that, in the words of Garrett Morris for the hard of hearing, on SNL, yelling, "Good night and have a pleasant tomorrow".

Alvin Todd  
KK6UQX  
CCCC President

### An Infusion of Youth!

John Evans KO6FCY, organized a special event this month. Here's his report:

On Wednesday, February 12, some incredible hams came to Helms Middle School to help kick off their ham radio club! Students had the opportunity to learn and practice CW, send email over the radio, observe radiograms being sent and received, and experiment with FRS radios. Now that interests have been sufficiently piqued, Helms will be holding regular club meetings on the second Wednesday of the month for the rest of the school year to teach students how to do some of what they saw in action!







*Photos courtesy of Frans Kuypers KJ6IUV*

Congratulations to John and the remote and onsite hams who participated! We look forward to hearing more about the club at Helms.

## CCCC Zoom Meeting Minutes February 9, 2025

The Zoom meeting was brought to order by President Alvin Todd KK6UQX at 10:05 AM. Officers present were Vice President DJ Djovida KJ6DJ, Treasurer Audrey Nieman W6BBQ, Secretary Jan Kuhl AC5RB, Trustee Howdy Goudey KE6BEE. Members present were Xia Horowitz K2XIA, John Evans KO6FCY, Jeff Miller KJ6RHF, Diane Richwine KK6RED, David Swanson KJ6AAT, Michael Nicholson K6CUG, Rob Johnson KK6JNI, and Jay Fenton KJ6WSS.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Silent Keys

Alvin reported the passing of Robin Camp KE6MRH and Roger Nellums KJ6SZG. They will be sincerely missed. Robin's sendoff will be held this afternoon. Several members will be attending. Equipment recently listed on our Website is from Roger. Proceeds of sales to go to the club.

### MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted in the Communicator.

### TREASURER REPORT

Audrey submitted her report in the Communicator.

### MEMBERSHIP

Audrey said there are still several members that have not paid; she hasn't received an update from Wing Lok K6YDE membership chairman. She will be sending out more notices so she can have a count by the end of February for our roster. We have several life members that have supported our club through the years, so they won't have to pay each year. We thank them for their support

### TRIVIA

Jan gave her trivia report. There were 19 questions tallied, with 19 participants through the weekday nets and the two evening nets. There were 8 that everyone got correctly, and none where they were stumped.

### TECHNICAL REPORT

Howdy said that Roger was instrumental in getting our repeater back to life 15 years ago and was instrumental in the upkeep. Howdy said there had been some issues with EchoLink and Mathison Ott KJ6DZB has resolved some networking issues, website port forwards, and other issues. The nets seem to be okay but hard to keep 440 all the time. The batteries for the mesh system are soon to be installed. Howdy is also

working on documenting and updating our equipment for insurance purposes; the deadline is March 30. With the additions of batteries and the setup for mesh, the value will be more: the price was \$1.40 per \$100, but he figures around \$22,000 value now. Jay reported that Ron Smith KE6RS requested help to take down his antenna. Jay will check it out for functionality and see if anyone would like to buy it.

## OLD BUSINESS

None

## HAM TESTING

Jeff had to reschedule the last class because of illness of the instructors. It was rescheduled for February 15 at the Richmond Fire Department training ground.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR KIDS TO LEARN ABOUT HAM RADIO

John is working at that Helms Middle School, and they are interested in connecting to some other schools in the area. The meetings will be on Wednesday 3:30-4:30. Rob said he had some FRS radios to donate. The classes will include the phonetic alphabet and CW training. Jay stressed that the two-way radios would be helpful in occupations like police, fire, aviation, teaching, rail transportation, etc.

## WEDNESDAY NET

Jeff requested the use of our repeater for an evening net around 7 PM for new hams.

Meeting adjourned 10:52AM

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Kuhl, Secretary

Did you try [Wordle](#) and [Worldle](#) last month? Here are two more sites to test your skills at unscrambling words or finding countries around the world. Give these online puzzles a try:

[NY Times Spelling Bee](#): How many words can you make with the seven letters of the day?

[Globe](#): What's the country of the day? Take a guess, and Goble will tell you how far off you are and give you another chance. Unlimited guesses!



**Treasurer's Report:**

February 11,2025

Audrey Nieman, Treasurer W6BBQ

Checking Account

Balance Forward: \$ 6523.03

Income:

Deposit Dues 1/22/2025 \$ 205.00

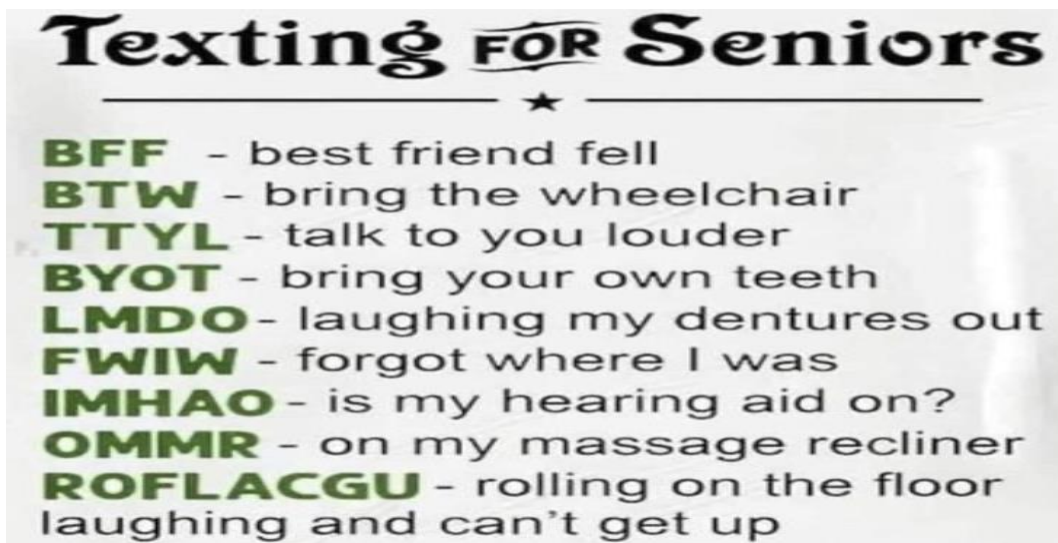
Deposit Dues 2/11/2025 \$ 100.00

Total Deposits \$ 305.00

Disbursements: \$ 0.00**Checking Account Balance \$ 6828.03**Savings Account

Balance Forward \$ 2632.66

Interest \$ 0.02

**Savings Account Balance \$ 2632.68****Total funds \$ 9460.71**

## Contra Costa Communication Club Inc -- Net Schedule

\*Indicates EchoLink connection active on both 144.110 and 444.275 MHz

Day	Time		Net Controller	Net Name/Repeater
<b>Monday Morning*</b>	7:10am		Audrey W6BBQ	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Tuesday Morning*</b>	7:10am		Jan AC5RB	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Tuesday Evening</b>	7:30pm		dj KJ6DJ	220 Net 224.300 MHz
<b>Wednesday Morning*</b>	7:10am		Howdy KE6BEE	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Thursday Morning*</b>	7:10am		Xia K2XIA	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Thursday Evening*</b>	7:30pm	Wk 1	Audrey W6BBQ	Club Net
		Wk 2	Audrey W6BBQ	144.110/444.275 MHz
		Wk 3	Jan AC5RB	
		Wk 4	Xia K2XIA	
		Wk 5	dj KJ6DJ	
<b>Friday Morning*</b>	7:10am		Alvin KK6UQX	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Saturday morning</b>	9:00am		Alvin KK6UQX	Bay Shores EmComm 145.110 MHz
	9:15am		Alvin KK6UQX	EmComm 440 Net 444.275 MHz
	9:30am		Alvin KK6UQX	EmComm 220 Net 224.300 MHz
	9:40am		dj KJ6DJ	FL Digi Training Net 444.275 MHz

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Happy February from the red-winged blackbirds!

