



Repeater ID: WA6KQB

Frequencies 145.110, 224.300, 444.275 PL 82.5

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

Our EchoLink Connection



When Can We Connect?

In the July issue of The Communicator, we had an article about calling in to our nets over EchoLink. To refresh your memory, [EchoLink®](https://www.echolink.org) software allows licensed amateur radio stations to communicate with one another over the internet, using streaming-audio technology. It's free, it runs on Microsoft Windows®, and there's an app for Android and Apple devices. You can find out more about EchoLink at <https://www.echolink.org>.

BUT – *when* is EchoLink connected to our WA6KQB repeaters?

Our 440 repeater is always connected to EchoLink, 24/7. Additionally, during our 7:10am weekday morning nets, our 2-meter and 440 repeaters are linked to each other, so if you connect to EchoLink at those times, you'll be connected to the net. The same is true for our 7:30pm Thursday evening nets.



Rita Brenden, KG6WPN, with Silent Key Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, became a Silent Key in late December, 2023. Randy provided a donation of \$1,000.00 to support the infrastructure of the Contra Costa Communications Club, and his companion of 18 years, Rita Brenden, KG6WPN, is matching that donation, for a total gift of \$2,000.00 to the 4Cs. We are so very grateful to have this generous contribution! Thank you, Rita, for this very fitting tribute to Randy and to your joint enthusiasm for radio.

Picnic Time – Sunday, September 8, 11am-3pm

The Contra Costa Communication Club's Annual Picnic is scheduled for September 8th at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline. This event will take the place of our usual second Sunday Zoom meeting. Members of the EBARC and Karo Echo radio clubs are also invited. It's a potluck, so if you haven't done so already, let Jan, AC5RB, know what you'll bring. Mathison, KJ6DZB, has volunteered to grill some hot dogs, and Jan will preside over the 50-50 raffle. If you have radio related equipment you would like to sell or swap (or just show off 😊) we plan to have a table available for display. If it's a very valuable item, you might want to just bring a picture of it.

CCCC MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING AUGUST 11, 2024

The monthly Zoom meeting was brought to order by President Wing Lok K6YDE at 10:02 AM. Also present on Zoom were Treasurer/Membership Chair Audrey Nieman W6BBQ, Secretary Jan Kuhl AC5RB, Board members Dj Djovida KJ6DJ, Technical Chairman and Trustee Howdy Goudey KE6BEE, Newsletter editor Xia Horowitz K2XIA, and members Karen Fenton KK6ZPM, Ron Smith KE6RS, Orrine Pryor N6OAP, Michael Nicholson KE6CUG, and Rob Johnson KK6JNI.

Wing thanked Xia for her work on the Communicator, with great pictures, and Audrey for keeping us up to date with roster.

MINUTES: Audrey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Communicator; seconded by Ron. MOTION CARRIED

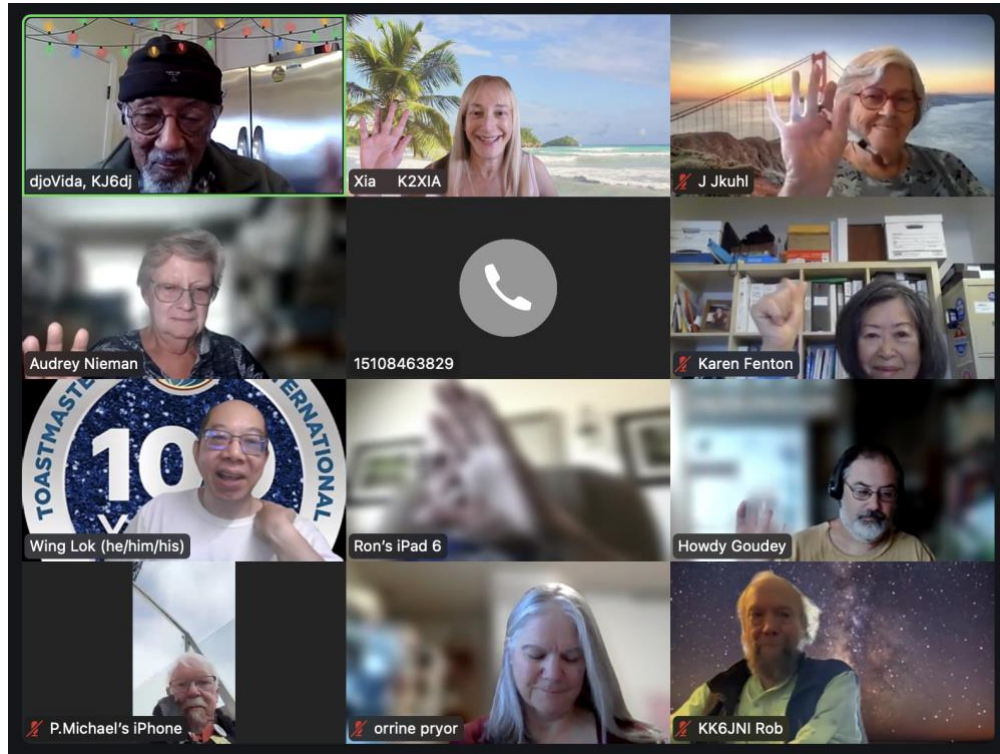
TREASURER REPORTS: Audrey reported a donation by Rita Brenden KG6WPN from SK Randy Jenkins KA6BQF of \$1,000. Rita matched the \$1,000 for a total of \$2,000. Rita also included a letter about Randy. He would like to have the donation support the infrastructure of our Radio Club. The money is now in our savings account. The total treasurer report will be found in the next Communicator.

TRIVIA: Jan reported that 24 questions were tallied. There were 21 different participants. There were 9 questions that everyone answered correctly. There were 2 questions that everyone missed. She thanked everyone for their participation.

NET CONTROLLERS: Dj said his 220 net is getting more and more participation. Xia said the Thursday morning nets ranged from 3 or 4 to 10-12 people. We are missing some regulars that used to participate. Howdy said he was pleased to hear from Roger Nelums KE6SZG and Peter Liddell KJ6DYX, a former member who checks in on 440 from Elk Grove. Echo Link has given members that are traveling the ability to connect. DJ, Xia, and Matheson Ott KJ6DZB used it and we hear from Kevin Morrow K6KJV from Valley Springs often. Echo Link is connected to the 440 repeater 24/7. During most of the club's nets the 2 meter and 440 are connected. Karen talked about the Saturday Em Comm nets that have people checking in on different frequencies; there were 15 people that checked in the day before. Zoom has helped for connections, too. She is involved with the Thursday nets, and the GMRS users can monitor our 440 frequency. It is good to keep checking our equipment in emergency outreach.

TECH COMMITTEE REPORT: Howdy said the committee has been very busy taking care of the to-do list. So far, we are caught up on things that urgently needed to be taken care of. There are other things but not urgent. He asked anyone who sees a

problem to let him know. The Robo time and call sign notices can be adjusted to be human voices if interested. Having the Mesh gives us the internet and we also have remote control access to change anything. Mathison was instrumental in getting that set up. Thank you, Mathison.



Wing asked for an inventory of what equipment we have, and whether it needed to be updated for insurance purposes. We keep using our equipment until it doesn't work.

Communicator: Xia will update the Echo Link information under nets. Dj said that info was on website too.

PICNIC: The annual CCCC picnic will be on our regular meeting day, the second Sunday of the month, on September 8 from 11-3. It will be held at Miller/Knox Park in Point Richmond. We have invited EBARC and Karo-Echo members too. It will be potluck. Please contact Jan by text 510-846-3829 or email jkuhl1313@yahoo.com to let her know how many people are coming and what you plan to bring. There will be a 50/50 raffle to help support our Repeater Fund and a swap meet for people to bring radio related things to sell/trade/donate/show off. Wing will preserve the space and put up signage. Talk in for directions will be available. (note-so far 26 signed up).

NEW BUSINESS: None

Meeting adjourned 10:46

Respectfully submitted, Jan Kuhl, Secretary

Treasurer's Report:

August 19, 2024

Audrey Nieman, Treasurer W6BBQ

Checking Account

Balance Forward: \$ 6253.52

Income: \$.00Disbursements:

Ck 1628 to Jay Fenton for Repeater expenses \$ 697.89

Checking Account Balance: \$ 5555.73Savings Account

Balance Forward: \$ 632.00

Income:

Randy Jenkins Trust donation \$ 1000.00

Rita Brenden matching donation \$ 1000.00

Interest 7/31/24 \$.01

Balance forward \$ 2632.01Total funds: \$ 8187.74**Membership Report:**

There were 2 Roster updates. Updated Roster sent 8/11/24

Two more updates, updated roster sent 8/19/24.

Contra Costa Communication Club Inc -- Net Schedule

*indicates EchoLink connection active

Day	Time		Net Controller	Net Name/Repeater
Monday Morning*	7:10am		Audrey W6BBQ	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Tuesday Morning*	7:10am		Jan AC5RB	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Tuesday Evening	7:30pm		dj KJ6DJ	220 Net 224.300 MHz
Wednesday Morning*	7:10am		Howdy KE6BEE	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Thursday Morning*	7:10am		Xia K2XIA	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Thursday Evening*	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	
Friday Morning*	7:10am		Alvin KK6UQX	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Saturday morning	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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