



### *Sunshine Committee*



Hello Everyone!

I hope you brought in the New Year safe and feeling healthy.

To my knowledge, I don't know of anyone specific that is requesting our special thoughts and prayers.

I hope you are all well!!

Sincerely,

*Burgie, KE6MSF*

## Presidents Corner

### LET THE REPEATER DROP

I may not talk a lot, but I sure listen a lot. Yes, we have been using a borrowed controller for way too long. There are many reasons for that which is beyond anyone's control. Every once in a while, the repeater shuts down in the middle of a net. Friday was one of those days. One of the main reasons is that after Barbara called on a person, the person answered before the repeater reset, and then talked a long time, and the repeater shut down. As soon as the repeater came back up, there were several comments about being mad. Then there was a three way conversation for several minutes during which nobody had let the repeater drop. I am surprised that the repeater didn't drop again. Listen for the tone, and then hear the repeater drop before you talk. If you don't, the repeater thinks it is the same person and will time out.

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Club Meeting This Sunday  
February 13

Breakfast starts at 7:15 AM  
Meeting at 8:00 AM

### Membership Renewal

You can down load the form from the club web site.

<http://www.wd6ezc.org/>

If you need a hard copy of the form e-mail Victoria at

[ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net)

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 JIM KI6YXW 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



**Club Officers For 2011**

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*Planning Section Chief RACES* Contra Costa County -  
 Mike McMillan K6MCM

*Repeater Controller's*

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 Ed.....KA6OFR.....  
 Red.....N6UMG.....  
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....  
 Fred ...W6BBQ .....  
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

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Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

## LET THE REPEATER DROP

Where "is" you? We have a hundred people in the club and we get 7 people to check into the Thursday night net. We did get 19 for the RACES net 45 minutes before that. I know not all of you watch Judge Judy. Come join the net.

So much for the soapbox....

Thanks to Robbie's getting to know everyone at the FCC by their first name, the call sign of our repeaters is WA6KQB. As usual, you give Robbie a job, and he gets it done. He is almost like a bulldog, and he doesn't quit. The FCC told him to apply one way and he did, and they told him it was the wrong way. After several phone calls, they finally agreed with him and made the change. Thanks Robbie.

Fred, W6BBQ

## General Meeting Minutes January 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by our President Fred, W6BBQ @ 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room. Treasurers Report:

Ck: \$887.64  
Svgs: \$5018.68.  
Repeater Fund: \$31.20.  
Thank you all for donating.

## Income and Expense Report January 2011

	Income
Contributions	\$ 31.00
Dues	\$ 130.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>

Don't forget to check into the 220 net Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m.

Also, the Tech. Net is every Thursday @ 8:00 p.m. You are welcome if no one has started to Tech. Net to start one but be sure to have a topic you'd like to discuss and be the net controller.

It's that time of the year again to remember our annual membership dues. You can give your dues to any officer or board member at the meeting or send it to our P.O. Box.

We are waiting and hoping Paul Mason will be well enough soon to go up on the hill with help from others, if needed of course, and work on the controller.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 9, 2011

There was no board meeting for January 2011.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

## TRUSTEE REPORT February 2011

This is to advise all that the Vanity call sign WA6KQB has been assigned to Contra Costa Communications club, Inc in lieu of WD6EZC as of January 29,

	Expenses
Telephone	\$ 38.78
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 32.08</b>



2011 by the FCC.

Many thanks to all for your patience while the process worked its way through the FCC system and my learning curve.

We are grateful to Gabe's widow, Wendy, for allowing us to use the call sign. Thanks Wendy.

There will be a lot of places to make this change complete. I will address this in other emails.

Robby Robinson N6MNL

### 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.

### ARRL Webinars in February

Periodically, the ARRL's Atlantic Division hosts a "webinar" -- an interactive Web-based seminar.

On Thursday, February 24 at 9 PM (EST), Bill Edgar, N3LLR along with ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD; Southwestern Division Vice Director and CPA Marty Woll, N6VI, and Western Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator Larry Keller, AB3ER will present a 90 minute webinar on 503(c)(3) organizations. This webinar will give basic

information about why clubs may want to file for a tax exempt non-profit status, how to file for it and how to keep the club's tax exempt status in good standing. Register at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/380546793>

On Saturday, February 28 at 10 AM (EST), NBEMS developers Dave Kleber, KB3FXI, and Western Pennsylvania Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator Harry Bloomberg, W3YJ, will present a two hour webinar that covers NBEMS's advanced features. Learn about the use of NBEMS FLWRAP and FLMSG to send and receive spreadsheet / database data and form-based messages such as the ICS-213 and NTS/Radiogram forms. Bloomberg and Kleber will also be covering HF digital net procedures and protocols and hope to incorporate a live HF demonstration that will be viewable by all those attending the webinar. Register at:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/497568192>

All webinar registration must be completed no later than one hour before the start of each session. Webinars are open to any interested ARRL member.

All you need is a computer (with speakers) that is connected to the Internet. You can watch the presentation on your computer monitor and listen to it through your computer speakers.

### Have a wonderful February!



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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: February 13, 2010**

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**