

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



Sunshine Committee



Hello Everyone!!!

The following members are on the Sunshine Committee list. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Nada Leger KA6RPG

Dan Kelley KF6HQO

Ed Caine KA6OFR

As always, if you know of someone who is not on the list, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

Presidents Corner

Well, it is almost the end of my year as President of this here organization, and I will say that it has gone by pretty fast. This group keeps going with a lot of help from the GALS. While most of the members sit on their hands, the gals keep it going, By the gals I mean my wife Audrey who keeps me in line and reminds me that I said I would do this or that. Then there is Victoria who does double duty as the money person and also does the newsletter. Then there is Burgie who is Miss Sunshine and scribbles down those funny notes that she gives to our secretary so he can do his work. Come to think about it, her shorthand looks a lot like my penmanship, but the difference is

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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

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Christmas Party

Saturday

December 11, 2010

Marie Callender's Concord

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-	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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Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

she can read it the next morning. Then there is Barbara, who does almost everything else that keeps the club running. I just stand up for about 15 minutes and try and follow the instructions that Burgie left me on how to run the meeting. I just want to say thanks to the gals for doing a great job.

There are a couple of the guys that need credit also. Roger is kind enough to handle that cage and hand out the free meal and tell Stan that the one time he put his name in, he was the winner. Then, of course, there is the trustee, Robbie, whose main job is to worry about what the rest of us are going to do to upset the FCC.

I hope to see most of you at the Christmas party. Remember that you can write one check and pay for the party and your dues.

Fred, W6BBQ



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Fred W6BBQ at 8 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

The collection for the repeater fund was \$25.00 Thank you all.

Savings: \$5,018.28

Checking: \$452.87

Christmas Party: If you haven't already, please let Barbara know if you will be attending the Christmas party. There is a deadline so make sure you contact her first.

If anyone is interested in running the Tech Net, please feel free to start the net on Thursday evenings @ 8:00 p.m.

Nominations from the floor were requested to fill the 2 board positions open for the next term of office. Don Hamma, KE6ZFP & Burgie Jones, KE6MSF were nominated. A motion was made to accept the nominees as elected by acclamation as there were no other candidates for the two openings by Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU and seconded by Gary Savelli, KG6RJA. The vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Free Breakfast: Don Spurlock WB6BMW
 Progressive Raffle: Fred Nieman W6BBQ.
 Next month the progressive raffle will be \$5.00.

Submitted by: Ralph Hall, W6EFD

Income and Expense Report November 2010

Income		Expenses	
Contributions	\$ 25.00	Telephone	\$ 32.08
Total Income	\$ 25.00	Total Expense	\$ 32.08

For Auld Acquaintance

By H. Ward Silver, n0ax@arrl.net

- 1) Stew Perry, W1BB, was best known for his exploits on what band?
 - a. 160 meters
 - b. 80 meters
 - c. 10 meters
 - d. 6 meters
- 2) Who made the first expedition to Clipperton Island, FO8AJ?
 - a. OH2BH
 - b. W1AW
 - c. W0DX
 - d. PY2RO
- 3) Which ARRL official came up with the idea of DXCC?
 - a. Hiram Percy Maxim
 - b. John Huntoon
 - c. Don Search
 - d. Clinton DeSoto
- 4) Which DXCC Manager took the program from its post-WWII form and brought the program into the modern era?
 - a. John Huntoon
 - b. Rod Newkirk
 - c. Bob White
 - d. Don Wallace
- 5) Gus Browning, W4BPD, made the first operation from what DXCC entity?
 - a. ZD8 (Ascension Island)
 - b. JD1/O (Ogasawara)
 - c. YA (Afghanistan)
 - d. 3Y/B (Bouvet Island)
- 6) At the close of World War I, which branch of the US military had control over the airwaves?
 - a. Navy
 - b. Marines
 - c. Air Force
 - d. Army
- 7) When the numbered US call districts were first instituted, how many there were?
 - a. 7
 - b. 8
 - c. 9
 - d. 10
- 8) Who invented the superheterodyne receiver?
 - a. de Forest
 - b. Armstrong
 - c. Sarnoff
 - d. Tesla
- 9) What was the ARRL HQ station's call sign before W1AW?
 - a. W1AA
 - b. 1MK
 - c. 1AW
 - d. It was always W1AW.
- 10) What company made the D-104 dynamic microphone?
 - a. Astatic
 - b. Collins
 - c. Shure
 - d. Heil

11) Solar Cycle 19 -- the most active on record -- peaked in what year?

- a. 1947
- b. 1959
- c. 1963
- d. 1969

12) Clarence Moore, W9LZX, invented what popular antenna?

- a. Windom
- b. ZL-Special
- c. Quad
- d. Bobtail

Bonus: Name the French amateur on the European end of the first trans-Atlantic amateur QSO

Answers

- 1) a -- Stew was known as "Mr Top Band." The Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge is named after him.
- 2) c -- Bob Denniston, past president of the ARRL (1966-1972) and who spent his last years as VP2VI.
- 3) d -- DeSoto came up with the idea of "geopolitical entities" in the 1930s
- 4) c -- W1CW is rightfully the father of the modern program and is a member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame.
- 5) d -- Bouvet Island, although there is speculation that he never actually landed on the island.
- 6) a -- The Navy didn't want to give up control over the airwaves, either.
- 7) c -- The 10th district was created by splitting up the 9th, due to population growth.
- 8) b -- Edwin Armstrong also invented FM and negative feedback amplifiers
- 9) b -- The station was destroyed by flooding in 1936.
- 10) a -- The D-104 was the ne plus ultra of microphones for many years.
- 11) b -- Video buzz from BBC-1 was often heard in New England on 6 meters!
- 12) c -- Destructive corona discharge in the high, thin mountain air at HCJB in Quito, Ecuador necessitated an antenna element without ends!

Bonus: Leon Deloy, 8AB

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: January 9, 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