

THE COMMUNICATOR October 2011



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



Sunshine Committee

Everyone needs a little bit of sunshine!

If you are hail and hearty we rejoice with you! If you are not we want you to know you are in our thoughts.

If you know of anyone that needs some of our special sunshine let me know. Names are only published with permission. Club members far and near appreciate keeping up with news of their

Burgie, KE6MSF

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 2011

Arrival 11:30 a.m. Eating about 12:00 p.m.

This year's party will be in the Recreation Room at

Tara Hills Mobile Manor

16401 San Pablo Ave.

San Pablo, CA 94806

RSVP by 12-3-2011

Fliers being mailed with your membership form

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Presidents Corner

Well, we are getting to the end of the year and time to elect several board members. Two members have said that they would run. They are Michael Nicholson K6CUG and Roger Nelums KE6SZG. We will take names of any others who might want to run at the October meeting. Remember that if you put a person's name in the running, you need to get their ok before you do. We still need one more person to fill in for a vacant spot that has one year to go. That would be an appointment and not part of the election.

When you go to your mailbox you should see an envelope from the club that has a flyer for the Christmas Party and a bill for next year's dues. Please write your check and get it in the mail as soon as possible. It is a little silly to have dues payments coming in as late as April when they are due on January 1st.

Speaking of the Christmas party Barbara has done a great deal of work to make this happen. She has asked for bids from a lot of places and was shocked to find that most of them really didn't want us or any other parties in their places. And I thought we were in hard times, but I guess eateries are doing

2011 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	MICHAEL K6CUG 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 MICHAEL K6CUG	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

President: Fred Neiman W6BBQ (2011)
 V. Pres: (2013)
 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2013)
 Treasurer: V. Thompson KE6FSU (2012)
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
 Director: (2012)
 Director: Don Hamma KE6ZFP (2013)
 Director: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU (2013)

Planning Section Chief RACES Contra Costa County -
 Mike McMillan K6MCM

Repeater Controller's

Call to report any problems or concerns
 Robby.....N6MNL.....
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....
 Red.....N6UMG.....
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....
 Fred ...W6BBQ
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

Committee Chairperson

Membership:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Technical Committee:

(Chair) Robert Gregory AB4AL
 Paul Mason WA6EUZ
 Paul Henson KF6FMX
 Howard Burk KE6PTT

Packet:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

great. Just as usual, the gals have come to the rescue and will put on one fine party.

Speaking of gals I need to take my hat off to one of the gals. Everyone sees me as president but they don't seem to notice that I am not the one doing most of the work for the club. Victoria does all the books and figures out the taxes, so we don't have to pay. She writes the newsletter and gets it out. She also keeps track of the history of the club and seems to find all the answers to the many questions I seem to come up with. She helped Barbara find the Christmas party spot. Next time you see her, tell her THANKS.

See ya at the meeting, and bring a friend.

Fred, W6BBQ

General Meeting 9-11-11

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Nieman, W6BBQ at 8:00 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: Checking: \$499.76: Savings: \$5,022.28. Repeater Fund: \$22.10. Thank you for your donations.

Paul Mason, W5ANT, has been working at the repeater site. It may be up and running by Thanksgiving. One of the items we need to take care of at the repeater site is to dig a trench so when it rains, the rain will run downhill. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Fred.

Our newest member is Ernest Galvan, KJ6PTZ. Welcome Ernest to the Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc.

Let's all try to check into our club net on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. Also for those of you who have a 220 radio, please try to check into the 220 net on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Free Breakfast: Barbara Robinson, KD6OKJ

Progressive Raffle: Phil K. Saxton, N6ASB, who was not present. Our next raffle will be worth \$20.

We hope to see you all at the next meeting!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Board Meeting 9-11-11

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Neiman, W6BBQ @ 8:25 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Fred Neiman, W6BBQ: Robby Robinson, N6MNL: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF.

The board approved improvements to be made at the repeater site up to \$1,000. maximum.

Victoria, KE6FSU, purchased a new version of Quicken Pro, which she uses for the club. The board approved repayment up to \$100 for the program.

Paul Mason, W5ANT, is trading two old repeaters for a 440 antenna. Paul has been do-

ing a lot of work at the repeater site to get it up and running. We expect it will be ready within the next two months.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

A member update:

Bert Strong

Bert is now living by himself in the assisted living residence that they first moved into after moving from their home in San Pablo. Muriel needed additional care and is in a care facility away from Bert. His kids do take him to see her and to visit her themselves. Bert is now 94 years old

He's hard of hearing and has his TV volume up pretty high, so when you call you have to be patient and wait and wait for him to get to the phone and to turn down the TV. The longer you talk to him the better he sounds. He would love to hear and talk to everyone possible.

Thank you, Red N6UMG for giving us this update.

Old People

Robbie thought you would enjoy this—I know I did.

To an almost old person,

I never really liked the terminology "Old Person" but this makes me feel better about it. And if you ain't one, I bet ya you know one! I got this from an "Old Personal friend of mine"!

OLD PERSON PRIDE

I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old person receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem. Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention? Vietnam ..

If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values. We need them now more than ever.

Thank God for Old People

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: October 9, 2011

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