

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## October 2008



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



### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Hello All!*

Can you believe this year is coming to a close? Whenever October comes around, the holidays are just around the corner. Where has this year gone to? The Christmas party reservations will be going out this month or next month. I hope you all will be able to attend. We always have such a fun time! I hope to see you all at our next meeting on

Sunday, October 12

at

Denny's in El Cerrito.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m.



**Fall colors!**

### Sunshine Committee

*Hello Everyone!!!!*

*I hope this newsletter brings a little sunshine into your life!! I have received several emails from "hams" who are not feeling well or are concerned about an upcoming doctors appointment. They did not want their name in print until they know something definite. So until then, I want you to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know the outcome.*

*If you know of someone who could use a little Sunshine in their life, please let me know. I will try my best to bring that Sunshine to them.*

*Sincerely,*

*Burgie, KE6MSF*

Breakfast is served as you come in, usually we start around 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.

*Burgie, KE6MSF*



**BASEBALL  
PLAY OFFS!!!!**



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Deadline for submissions: The 25th of each mo.

If you have Ham Radio related up coming event or an article for the good of the club please e-mail or send an electronic version to the editor.

Thank You

2008 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	DAN – KF6HQO (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BURGIE-KE6MSF, JAN-N6UYE [ROTATE] BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA BOB – AB4AL ALTERNATE STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY	ED-KA6OFR ALTERNATE ROBBY - N6MNL	224.300 QRM NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY – WEDNESDAY		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE THURSDAY NIGHTS IN ORDER ROBBY-N6MNL, ANDREW-KM6VT, ALTERNATE: FRED-KC6VLL, BARBARA-KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL, DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110/440.275 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

**Club Officers FOR 2008**

President: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)  
 V. Pres: Don Hamma, KE6ZFP (2009)  
 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)  
 Treasurer: V. Thompson, KE6FSU (2008)  
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)  
 Director: Jack Burriss, K6JEB (2008)  
 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)  
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

*Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -*  
 Mike McMillan K6MCM

*Repeater Controller's*  
 [Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]  
 Robby.....N6MNL.....  
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....  
 Red.....N6UMG.....  
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....  
 Gabe.....WA6KQB.....  
 Howard...KE6PTT.....  
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

Committee Chairperson

Membership:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

Technical Committee:

( Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

Paul Henson KF6FMX

Assist. Technical:

Howard Burk, KE6PTT

Packet:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

## General Meeting September 14, 2008

The meeting was brought to order by President Burgie KE6MSF @ 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

It is painful to admit this but there is a correction to last months minutes. I previously stated that Robby N6MNL and Dolores Todd were working together with the City of Richmond and others to help get our repeater restored. Whereas, I should have said Dolores Hembree KG6CFS. Thank you Dolores for being so understanding about it. Here I thought I was close to perfect. Sorry everyone!

Treasurers Report: Checking: \$1,974.84  
Savings: \$5,992.95  
Repeater Fund Collection \$37.00.

Thank you all very much!

Trustee Report: Robby N6MNL would like to thank Ralph, W6EFD, Roger KE6SZG, Ken KO6NO, and Fred KC6VLL for their help and input regarding our repeater site. Steve Wilson W6SDY, constructed our security system and put in considerable time at the repeater site.

Also a special thank you to Bob W6WTJ for taking down an antenna in Vacaville at a silent keys house while it was 98+ degrees!

Membership Report: We are gearing up for our Holiday party at Marie Callender's on Dec. 13th. We hope you all will join us. The official announcement will be coming real soon.

Old Business: Thieves are taking the wire from other companies at the repeater site not just ours. The cost of the City of Richmond permit was \$125.00.

Rich Parker KD6JCT shared with us that the Richmond Community Hilltop Church in part will possibly be used as a Red Cross ham radio station. If anyone has any equipment with PL and would like to donate it, please contact Rich.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 a.m.

This months winners:



World Radio: Audrey Nieman KF6MVH  
Progressive Raffle: Connie Van Putten KA6FTE  
Free Breakfast: Victoria Thompson KE6FSU  
Next months Progressive raffle will be \$40.00.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## Board Meeting September 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF. Those in attendance:

Don Hamma KE6ZFP  
Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU  
Ken Miller, KA6TUX  
Robby Robinson, N6MNL  
Ed Caine, KA6OFR  
Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

Also in attendance:

Peter Mendoza, KD6QZH  
Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ  
Ken Fowler KO6NO

The minutes were approved as printed in the previous months' newsletter. It was brought to our attention that there are two members whose terms will expire Dec. 2008. I have appointed Barbara, KD6OKJ, as the nominating chairperson. She in turn will recruit two members to the committee.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:39 a.m.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

## September Expense Report

### Income:

Interest \$ 2.83  
Contributions \$ 36.00  
Total \$ 38.83

### Expenses:

Phone \$ 26.60  
Newsletter  
Printing \$ 21.40  
Postage \$ 17.22  
Picnic \$ 287.38  
Repeater \$ 907.68  
Total \$ 1,260.28



AH-H- Fall =

Back to School!



## Coming Events:

- **PACIFICON 2008** - PACIFICON is the ARRL's Pacific Division convention produced by MDARC. It will be on October 17th, 18th, and 19th at the San Ramon Marriott - 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA 94583. Plan ahead - reserve the date! For more info go to: <http://www.pacificon.org>
- **Christmas Party** will be Dec 13, @ Marie Calendars, Concord, 11:30 AM
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at [www.asvaro.org](http://www.asvaro.org). Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining date for 2008 is Oct. 26th. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2008 fee (and retest fee) is \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. [Marin Radio Society has given CCCC permission to run all nets on their repeater 146.700, PL is 179.9 until the 4Cs repeater is fixed.]



And my personnel favorite—

# FOOTBALL !!!

## WHAT A SEASON!

Now you know what is next —

Halloween

Election Day

Veterans Day

Thanksgiving

Club Christmas Party

Christmas

AND THEN - Good Bye 2008

Are you ready for 2009?

## *Holiday Party*

*Contra Costa Communications Club & East Bay Amateur Radio Club*

*Saturday December 13, 2008*

**11:30 p.m. (seating begins) 12:00 p.m. (lunch served)**

Marie Calendar's Restaurant & Bakery

2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA 94520



PDF file of form attached to your Newsletter E-mail. For Paper Newsletter - printed form is in your newsletter.

**Same for 2009 Membership Renewal forms.**

**For your convince you can write ONE check and return both forms at the same time .**

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- The Ultimate Radio!**



### DJ-196T 2MHT

- 5 Watt out
  - 40 memories
  - Alphanumeric display
  - CTCSS + DCS built in
  - "S" meter
  - Auto Dialer
- Low Pricing!**



### DR-135TP 2M mobile

- 50 Watt out • Alpha numeric display
  - 100 mems • Built-in TNC 1200 & 9600 Baud
  - Front Panel GPS in • Rear DB-9 port
  - CTCSS/DCS Encode/Decode built in
- Low Pricing!**

## YAESU

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Simplex 146.505  
Packet "Node" CC4CC 145.05 Packet "Mail Box" WD6EZC -1  
Home Page: <http://www.wd6ezc.org>  
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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

**Next Regular Club Meeting: October 12, 2008**

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**