



THE COMMUNICATOR

July 2018

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Meeting: Sunday July 8 at the usual place: 7a.m. at Denny's 11334 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito. Arrival, sit down, coffee, talk, etc. Breakfast then the monthly meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Please tune in to the Nets to find out if the **OGER's Lunch** will be Wednesday July 4th or Wednesday July 11.



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An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group
Dedicated to Service



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Thanks to all the regulars who check in on the Over the Hill Commuter Net at 7:10 each morning. We usually hear from Willie, W6HST, Carol, KK6OLL and Peter, KG6JSI Lucic, Jan, AC5RB and Jim, AC5QI Kuhl, Bob AB4AL, Bob, W6WTJ, Alvin, KK6UQX, DJ, KJ6DJ, Gary KG6RJA, and sometimes Jim Fast, KK6NDG, and once Robbie, M6MNL. Recently, we heard from Paul, a former member, who works for an ambulance company in Pinole. Occasionally we hear from Steve, W6SDY in Mill Valley, Jay, KJ6WSS and Karen, KK6ZPM Fenton, and Carrie, KK6BKR. I usually check in also, KF6MVH.

On Thursday's evening net: check-ins are sparse.

We had one guest at our last regular meeting and hope he returns.

Audrey Nieman, KF6MVH

Membership

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Half a year has passed and summer is upon us. The tech crew has inspected the tower at the repeater site and will make a presentation at our next meeting. Cables connecting the 2-meter repeater to the antenna were repaired and all seems well, now. The number of participants on the morning net is still pretty small. It would nice to hear some new voices. I hope you had a chance to visit some of the venues participating in this year's Field Day event. My vacation went well and the road was great. Please send me an email if you have performed any public service related to ham radio for inclusion in the newsletter. I have an ongoing project with my neighborhood CERT group. I have solarized our container lighting and radio operation. We have 2M and 440 transceivers and antennas. I also Elmer new hams learning to operate their gear. More next month.

73, til next month.

Dj, KJ6DJ

Sunshine Committee

We hope this finds all of you well. Let's please remember those in our prayers and thoughts who are not doing as well as previously in life. We love and care for all of you.

Sincerely, ***Burgie KE6MSF***

Everyone have a safe 4th of July celebration.

2018 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC. DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS		
DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME//TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	CAROL KK6OLL JAN AC5RB GARY KG6RJA BOB W6WTJ DJ KJ6DJ	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL NET 7:10 AM
WEEKLY: MONDAY <i>By arrangement</i>	DJ KJ6DJ – Contact DJ for NET confirmation	444.275 DIGITAL NET 7:00 P.M. FLDIGI NET BY ARRANGEMENT
WEEKLY:TUESDAY	NET CONTROL ROTATES	224.300 OPEN NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA COUNTY EMCOMM 6:45pm
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	First week: ROBBY N6MNL Second week: JIM KK6NDG Third Week: JAN AC5RB Fourth week: JEFF KJ6RHF Fifth week: JIM KK6NDG	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM

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**Join us for the OGERs Lunch:
 Special Announcement this month!**

Tune in to the Club Nets to find out whether the lunch will be on the 4th or the 11th at 11:00a.m. Sukie's Country Kitchen 2400 El Portal Dr., San Pablo



June 10 2018
CCCC JUNE 10 MINUTES

At 7:35 am there were introductions around, we welcomed Howdey Goudey KE6BEE as a guest. The meeting was officially called to order at 8:07. There were 11 present.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Audrey said there was in Checking, \$6,286.61 starting, plus \$30 dues, \$20 paid to Sate Filing leaving a balance of \$6,206.61. In savings there was \$579.46.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Audrey mentioned that not many are checking in on the nets, maybe 6-8 each day. Fewer on Thursdays and Tuesday evening nets. Maybe we should try to motivate more check-ins.

Suggestions of question of the day, theme of the day or saying. Suggestion also about two rounds, the first just to check in and the second to chat. Also, for net controllers to support other net controllers. Roger KE6SZG also mentioned that if we don't use our frequencies, we will lose them.

NET CONTROLS- Due to the sparseness of this month's activities, NET participation was also very low this month.

OLD BUSINESS- Roger, Don Smith from EBARC and Allen were at the repeater tower with suggestions for the Board to consider.

- The bottom is in bad shape; rusted. cement pad: dig out around with rebar and raise the pad high enough to cover the rust and discuss considerations for drainage from water with drain off. Pole anchors with straps. These are suggestions for the Board to consider.

Audrey asked about cost estimates.

Jay KJ6WSS mentioned he has equipment, knowledge and experience in this area of construction. He has a rolling generator, electric jack hammer, rebar bender and cutter, wire welder and offered to go up and see it with Roger.

MOTION- Moved by Jan AC5RB to present to Board feasibility of plan, drainage, and cost of repairs. Unanimous.

Roger also mentioned he is still researching Echo link for our repeaters.

Clean-up crew needed and date for garden party to be set up soon; need 3-4 people for 2-3 hours.

NEW BUSINESS- Picnic to be second Sunday of September. Meal to be hamburgers and hot dogs and salads and beans. Crew to be set up.

Christmas party to be on second Saturday of December at El Sol Mexican restaurant. Have banquet room to hold 30-35 people.

Meeting adjourned 8:40

Repeater fund, \$27.00, Audrey free breakfast \$6.00 Drawing Larry Doyle W6BCQ not in attendance. Next time will be \$15.00. Burgie KE6MSF won drawing last time and was given \$20.00 from pot.

BOARD MEETING 8:45 Jan, DJ, Roger, Burgie, Audrey, Jim in attendance.

Motion to pursue drainage and refurbish of antenna. Unanimous. DJ knows about echo link and port forwarding and information from Diablo repeater.

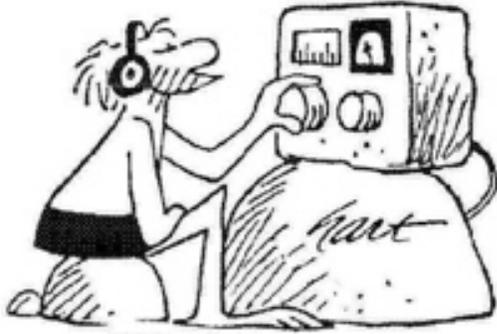
Allen and Doug to clean our wiring and set up linking 220 and 440.

The 50+ radios have to be taken back to the Richmond Fire department as they cannot give to us.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES- Audrey KF6MVH moved that the previous minutes be approved as posted. Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted Jan AC5RB
Secretary





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4th of July Special Event Station

Jul 4, 1600Z-2200Z, K7T, Summerhaven, AZ. Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club. CW: 7.040, 14.040; PSK: 7.070, 14.070; SSB: 7.200, 14.250; FT8: 7.074, 14.074. Certificate. Oro Valley ARC, Email for certificate, qsl@tucsonhamradio.org. No paper QSLs. www.tucsonhamradio.org

Field Day 2018

How was your Field Day experience? Let us know and send photos. We'd love to hear about your fun day(s).

FIREWORKS

The **Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff** would like to remind all county residents about the use of fireworks during the 4th of July holiday.

Contra Costa County is a 'fireworks-free zone'; the sale, possession or use of fireworks of all types and sizes (including Safe & Sane fireworks) are banned in the county (County ordinance 44-2.002). This includes the unincorporated areas as well as the cities.

Deputy Sheriffs and officers on patrol will confiscate all fireworks.

People who have illegal fireworks for disposal can call their local police departments or the fire district's main office at 925-941-3300.

People should not take fireworks to fire stations for disposal, Broschard said.

This Fourth of July is expected to be hot, windy and dry, which means high fire danger in the county. Broschard said fireworks cause injuries and fires each year.

Last year, there were reports of more than 40 fires caused by fireworks in the fire district's service area. Those fires resulted in damage to at least one structure and one person was hurt, Broschard said.

Fire officials urge residents to enjoy fireworks by attending public displays conducted by professionals.

They also urge parents to make sure their children don't have any fireworks and to teach them that fireworks are dangerous.

The fire district has set up a hot line that people can call to find professional fireworks displays near them. That number is 925-941-3328.

Fireworks information pulled from the Walnut Creek Patch, C.C. Sheriff's Dept., and Bay City News Service.



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