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**→ SPECIAL NOTICE ABOUT MEETING ←**

4C's Club Meeting August 9, 2020

Sunday at 10:00 am

On Zoom

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## Editor At Large

Hello 4C's,

I hope all of you are in good health, and are finding new ways to begin enjoying our new lifestyles.

I'm trying a new approach for me, to make everything enjoyable. It's been there all along, but I was the one creating the log jam.

Since becoming a ham in 2015, because of CERT, and discovering that being of service, volunteering, has been more than beneficial. I have developed new skillsets.

Networking with the 4C's has played a big role in that. What I enjoy most is that I don't have time for me.

Two big thanks, first Audrey W6BBQ, my new favorite English teacher, and DJ KJ6DJ, for always reminding me to take a few deep breaths, and slow down! What's your hurry!

It all boils down to a choice, my choice, to be happy! The alternative doesn't work!

Be sure to read, W6WTJ-4C's Bio, Page 5.

Wash your hands and wear your masks,

Alvin Todd

KK6UQX

4C's Editor

## President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I sincerely hope everyone is following the rules and keeping themselves safe and distancing. We had a very good turn-out for our first Zoom meeting in June. We had 22 members join us, and it was nice to see everyone. I hope the steady pace continues. As you may have seen, we have some Ham equipment for sale on our website. I hope you can take a few minutes and see if there are any items you may be interested in.

Stay safe!  
Sincerely,

Burgie Jones  
KE6MSF  
4C's President

## CCCC Minutes: July 12, 2020 Meeting

The second Zoom meeting was brought to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF, at 10:03 am. There were 19 members present, nice to see so many in attendance. Introductions made all around.

Minutes from the previous meeting were adjusted to note Jan's, AC5RB, masks are not N95 rated, but are compliant to at least CDC recommendations. Still free for anyone that requests them.

Treasurer's Report: Audrey, W6BBQ, mentioned that there were no changes from previous report.

Membership Report: Audrey, W6BBQ, said we now have a new member, Chad Word, KI6QNU.

Net Controllers – Gary, KG6RJA, has switched from Wednesday morning to Thursday mornings. The Wednesday net is now open for anyone who would like to try it. Jan, AC5RB, has been filling in. We need more check-ins on our regular nets, and the Thursday evening net as well as the 220 net on Tuesday evening net. There are two other nets that we can check into, Saturday at 9:00 am, on 2 Meter, and 9:30 am, on 440. These are the EMCOM net, and North and East CERT net.

Old Business, none.

New Business – Roger, KE6SZG, Howdie Ke6BEE, and Doug, KF6AKU, went up to the repeater site and installed a filter on the 440, so it won't interfere with the 2 Meter band. Jay, KJ6WSS, mentioned about a rod to be installed, all other projects are on hold. There is a request for an antenna tuner, that DJ, KJ6DJ, and Roger, KE6SZG, are currently working on. Jay, KJ6WSS, said the grounding wire coil, needs to be a heavy gauge, and it will be about \$50.00 for the clamps. Jay, KE6WSS, is working on a worksheet to list all of the equipment in the shack, and will get it to the Tech Committee. When installed, when replaced, when needed to be replaced, will also be noted. EBARC, will be setting up a similar inventory for their Field Day equipment. Jay, KJ6WSS, was going to present a program to NBARA, in July, but it needs to take place outdoors, so it has been postponed. Roger, KE6SZG, thanked Jay, KJ6WSS, for all of his hard work and organizing skills, it's very much appreciated by all.

Sharon, AA6XZ, mentioned that the July test session, has been canceled, maybe a reset for October. Wing, KJ6YDE, and Audrey, W6BBQ, and DJ, KJ6DJ, have been VE's along with Sharon, AA6XZ.

Future Agenda – The picnic is still on hold, the park is still closed for barbeques.

About our newest member, Chad Word, KI6QNU, Police officer for the East Bay Regional Park District. Roger, KE6SZG, Howdie, KE6BEE, and Doug, KF6AKU, met him when they were at the repeater site. He is a General class ham, and his son is also interested in ham. He works on gun repair, gun coloring, and lives in Pinole.

Howdie, KE6BEE, is working on a box for internet, to bridge access for wi-fi and cameras at the repeater site.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Kuhl,

Secretary

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<b>2020 Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc. – Daily and Weekly Nets</b>		
<b>Days</b>	<b>Net Controller</b>	<b>Repeater/Net Name//Time</b>
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	Audrey Jan Open Gary Alvin.	W6BBQ AC5RB Open KG6RJA KK6UQX  145.110 MHz ※ Over-The-Hill Net  7:10 a.m.
Weekly – Tuesday By Arrangement	DJ Confirmation by:	KJ6DJ KJ6DJ 444.275 MHz ※ Digital Net – 7 p.m. Fldigi Net by Arrangement
Weekly – Tuesday	Net Control Rotates	224.300 MHz ※ Open Net – 7:30 p.m.
Weekly – Thursday	Members Rotate	145.110 MHz ※ West Contra Costa County EmComm Net – 6:45 p.m.
Weekly – Thursday	1st week: Audrey 2nd week: Audrey. 3rd week: Jan 4th week: Jeff 5th week: Dj	W6BBQ W6BBQ AC5RB KJ6RHF KJ6DJ  145.110 MHz ※ Club Net 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Alvin	KK6UQX  145.110 Mhz Bay Shores EMCOMM Net 444.275 MHz ※ CERT Em Com Net 9:30 a.m.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Membership Report

Greetings CCCC members!

This month we had great attendance at our Zoom meeting on July, 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, so please mark your calender and look for the invitation the day before.

We welcomed a new member, Chad Word, KI6QNU, and I sent all of you the updated roster. Please keep me up to date on any changes to your information.

We are not sure what the Covid-19 situation will be in September, so our picnic date of September 13<sup>th</sup> is tentative. At this time, the tables at Miller/Knox park are roped off and no groups allowed.

I hope all of you are staying healthy and safe, and hope to hear you on the radio nets and on see you on Zoom.

Hope to see more of you on August 9, 2020, at 10:00 am on Zoom.

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ,

Membership Chairman

### **Checking**

#### **Account**

Balance Forward June: \$3373.88

#### Deposits:

5/22 Membership  
\$70.00

6/25 Membership  
\$60.00

7/13 Membership  
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7/13 Radio sales  
\$150.00

#### Disbursements:

7/13 USPS PO Box rental  
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Check 1605

Ending Balance:  
\$3549.88

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Balance forward:  
\$606.61

Audrey Niemen, W6BBQ

Treasurer

## W6WTJ – 4C's Bio

Anyone who knew Bob Szentimrey, W6WTJ, (General class), would say he was an all-around "nice guy." He was popular and a valuable member of the CCCC club since he joined as a life member in 1991. He had a lot of knowledge about ham radios and electronics, had building skills, worked for years as a machinist at Chevron. He acquired a large collection of old tube radios, newer radios, both hand-held and desktop, antennas and all the peripherals. In fact, he collected so many radios and tools, and equipment that he had two containers on his property to hold his inventory, besides what he had in his large shop. He loved that workshop where he could relax in front of his wood-burning stove, sitting in his recliner, especially pleasant on cold days and rainy days.

Bob was a great storyteller, talking about his childhood days growing up on the dairy farm. He grew up in the Richmond area and knew about the people, shops, restaurants in the area. He talked about his favorite hamburger place, (Flippy's), where they would keep his favorite mustard in the fridge for him. He was a regular at the first Wednesday at Ogres meeting at Sukie's, where he loved to kid around with the waitresses. They all knew just how he liked his chicken Caesar salad, without the chicken, but with a whole avocado instead.

In his younger days, he enjoyed deer hunting, but he loved telling stories of hunting gophers, sitting by the gopher hole waiting to get rid of the gopher with his shotgun, until one day when the sheriff arrived and warned him against using the shotgun in a neighborhood setting!

For years, Bob had a big flatbed truck. For Field Day, he would load up all the equipment and antennas and take them to Caesar Chavez park and help set up and later take down the emergency station. When he lived in the Frontier Trailer Park on San Pablo Dam Road, everyone called him "Trailer Court Bob." Barbara Robinson says she used to call him a goat, because he could go out of his front door and climb up the hill to the repeater site. He also used the flatbed truck to help set up for the yearly picnic and for years would arrive incredibly early to hold our spot while the set-up crew and cooks went to have breakfast.

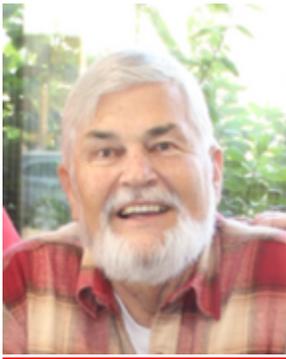
Bob was a very generous person, not only with his time and talent, but with his money. He would go to Costco and buy hamburger to donate to the soup kitchen, or he would buy new clothes to take to the men at the Veterans home, he helped the Bay Area Rescue Mission, Grip, Saint Jude's and the Pinole Senior Center. During the last year, he was giving away radios, antennas and equipment. He gave one man a complete welding set-up. He was also generous with his outreach. He would go through the roster and contact people he had not heard from in a while, and visit them, or email them to see how they were doing. When he ran the morning net, he listened to everyone and remembered their interests and hobbies, or he would share some advice from his experience.

All through his illness, he stayed optimistic and kept a sense of humor even as he lamented no longer being able to do the things he loved.

Bob will be missed by all of us. Comments have started coming in since people have heard that Bob is now a Silent Key. Please send me your memories and stories of Bob and I will compile them into a memory book to give to Bob's wife, Joanne. Since we can't gather to share these moments in person, your written words will be a good send off for a great ham.

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ,

Membership Chairman



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