# The Communicator June 2025

Newsletter for the Contra Costa Communication Club



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## Field Day June 28 – June 29

**Field Day is ham radio's open house.** Every June, more than 31,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

There's no shortage of Field Day events in the Bay Area. See the flyer below for information on the EBARC/Karo Echo Field Day event. For other sites, go to <a href="https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator">https://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator</a> and enter your zip code in the top left search box.

# KAGATSMPH

# Amateur Radio Field Day





# A Family Friendly Event ARRL FIELD DAY

- Come get on a radio and talk with people around the country
  - ⇒ Or even the world!
  - Make contact with a satellite or maybe the ISS
  - ⇒ You don't need a radio license to participate
- Ham radio operators will demonstrate emergency communications
  - Yes, you can communicate with your neighbors or afar without cellular or internet, and send emails with a radio
  - ⇒ See Morse code in action
- · Test out the latest walkie-talkies
  - Your local communication when cellular is down

## June 28 from 11 am - 5 pm

#### Where: Kensington Park

Arlington Ave at Kensington Park Road, Kensington

Park then walk to the event near the basketball courts

For a great video of Field Day 2023 go to https://www.karoecho.net (video link in green box)

Questions? Contact Jim at marksjd54@gmail.com

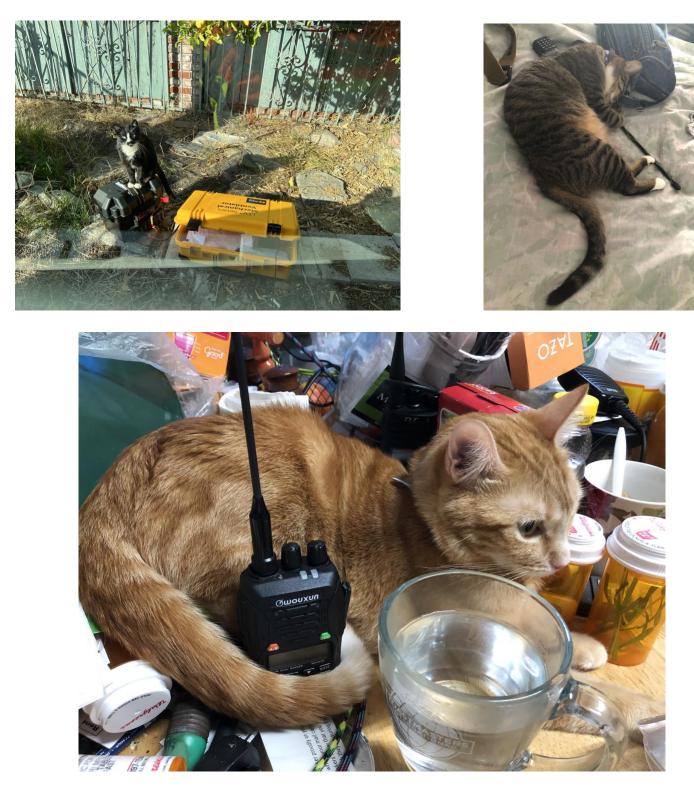
Hosted by Karo Echo Ham Radio Club

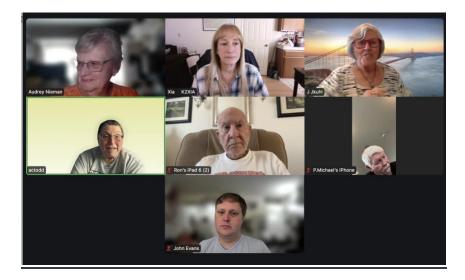




# Radio is for cool cats only

Wing K6YDE has some radio lovin' kitties! Check out his felines' embrace of the ins and outs of ham radio (clockwise from top left: Kitty, Benji, and Princess)





The Zoom meeting was brought to order by President Alvin Todd KK6UQX at 10:10AM. Also present were Treasurer Audrey Nieman W6BBQ, Secretary Jan Kuhl AC5RB, Communicator Editor Xia Horowitz K2XIA, members Ron Smith KE6RS, Michael Nicholson K6CUG, and John Evans K06FCY. Introductions were made.

Minutes Report: Jan AC5RB noted that there was no meeting in May so no minutes. Enjoyed the Pizza Social.

Treasurer Report: Audrey W6BBQ submitted report as listed in the Communicator.

Net Control Reports: Xia K2XIA said the participation varies but have had several nets into the double digits. It's good to hear new people and old friends on the nets.

Trivia Report: Since the April meeting, Jan AC5RB asked 49 questions. There were 29 participants. There were 21 questions that everyone answered correctly, and she only stumped the group twice. She thanked them all for participating. She added that sometimes she chooses questions that she thinks most people would answer correctly but thinks the "patter" of explanations would be of interest.

Field Day: Even though CCCC is not hosting a Field Day event, many members also belong to other clubs that are. EBARC and Karo Echo are doing one by the Kensington Library, and all are invited to come. The dates are June 28-29, 2025.

Fall Picnic: Alvin KK6UQX will set a board meeting to select a date; particulars to be discussed and presented to the membership.

Middle School Radio Introduction: John KO6FCY has been working with the Helms Middle School students to introduce them to amateur radio and its uses for emergency communication. Working along with a fire drill tactical safe areas for practice is a good use. The school year is about over but will present again next fall. Karen KK6ZPM has been working on different communication drills also. Meeting adjourned 10:35 AM

Respectfully submitted Jan Kuhl, Secretary

#### Amateur Extra License Course

If you are interested in upgrading your General license to Amateur Extra, you might want to check out the course offered by the <u>Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club</u>. The 10-session class will be held in person and via Zoom, each Tuesday from June 24 to August 26, 7:00-9:00 PM. The in-person sessions will be held at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton. More information and a link to register for this class can be found at <u>https://www.mdarc.org/education-and-testing/class-details</u>.

## **Reducing Fire Risk**

Are you concerned about protecting your home during peak fire season? <u>Cal Fire</u> has resource pages for you to review, with advice on "<u>home hardening</u>" and <u>defensible</u> <u>space</u>, as well as a list of active fire incidents. Their home page is <u>www.fire.ca.gov</u>. Also consider downloading the Watch Duty app for your smartphone or tablet, which can alert you to fires in your local area.



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# Contra Costa Communication Club Inc -- Net Schedule

\*Indicates EchoLink connection active on <u>both</u> 144.110 and 444.275 MHz

Day	Time		Net Controller		Net Name/Repeater
Monday Morning*	7:10am		Jan	AC5RB	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Tuesday Morning*	7:10am		Audrey	W6BBQ	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
<b>Tuesday</b> Evening	7:30pm		dj	KJ6DJ	220 Net 224.300 MHz
Wednesday Morning*	7:10am		Howdy	KE6BEE	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Thursday Morning*	7:10am		Xia	K2XIA	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Thursday Evening*	7:30pm	Wk 1 Wk 2 Wk 3 Wk 4 Wk 5	Audrey Audrey Jan Xia dj	W6BBQ W6BBQ AC5RB K2XIA KJ6DJ	Club Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Friday Morning*	7:10am		Alvin	KK6UQX	Over the Hill Net 144.110/444.275 MHz
Saturday morning	9:00am		Alvin	KK6UQX	Bay Shores EmComm 145.110 MHz
	9:15am		Alvin	KK6UQX	EmComm 440 Net 444.275 MHz
	9:30am		Alvin	KK6UQX	EmComm 220 Net 224.300 MHz
	9:40am		dj	KJ6DJ	FL Digi Training Net 444.275 MHz

# Club Officers

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