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



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Thank You, George NR6I



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!!!

Can you believe Summer is about to come to an end and Fall is upon us? Fall is one of my favorite times of the year.

If you missed our annual picnic, you missed a good one! Fred, W6BBQ, Audrey KF6MVH, and their grandsons braved the morning cold and went to the picnic site early. We all want to say a special Thank You!!! The food was excellent and the friendship is great!! Thank you all for coming.

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we have several items that will need to be taken care of. Something to think about....my term will end the end of this year, therefore, we will be looking for a president and a secretary. If anyone is interested, please let me know.

I wish you all good health and look forward to seeing you at the meeting or hearing you on the radio.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

Sunshine Committee



Hi all....I hope this message finds you well and healthy. This has not been a good month for many of us who are ill.

John Billones, WD6GGC

Cecill Henden, N6EBQ

Michael Shannon, KD6QDM

Dan Kelley, KF6HQO

Sam Watson, N6VIF

Scott Gwin, KE6WPP

We'd like to thank all who have been involved keeping us up-to-date with the progress of the individuals. We will continue to send good thoughts your way and our prayers will continue to be with you all. We'll keep the cards coming. We all wish you well!!!

Burgie, KE6MSF

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2009 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) BARBARA-KD6OKJ , JIM-KI6YXW (Rotate) BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA ALTERNATE: BOB – AB4AL STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	DAN – KF6HQO BOB – AB4AL ROBBY-N6MNL JIM— KI6YXW RICH KO6FR	224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY-N6MNL ANDREW KM6VT ALTERNATE : FRED W6BBQ BARBARA KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers FOR 2009

President: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
V. Pres: Don Hamma KE6ZFP (2009)
Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
Treasurer: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ (2011)
Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
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Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)
Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

Committee Chairperson

Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -
Mike McMillan K6MCM

Repeater Controller's Call to report any problems or
Robby.....N6MNL.....concerns
Ed.....KA6OFR.....
Red.....N6UMG.....
Ken.....KA6TUX.....
Gabe.....WA6KQB.....
Fred ...W6BBQ
Bob..... AB4AL.....

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Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

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(Chair) Robert Gregory AB4AL

Paul Mason WA6EUZ

Paul Henson KF6FMX

Packet:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

General Meeting Minutes August 9 , 2009

The meeting was called to order @ 8 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$550.04

Savings: \$5,009.21

Repeater Fund Collected Today:\$35.68

Net Controllers Report:

Bob W6WTJ says all is "Cool Cool"

Old Business: A reminder of our annual picnic was brought up.

New Business: No new business.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8: 15 a.m.

Monthly winners:

Free Breakfast:

Robert Seymour KI6KOU

Progressive Raffle:

Willie Harris, W6HST who was not present.

You must be present to win. Next months raffle will be \$35.00.

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

MEMBERSHIP

Neal Gregory KI6LCC has taken his grandfather's call sign W8ROE.

I know you will be proud of that call sign including your dad AB4AL.

Congratulations.

Barbara KD6OKJ

Good Samaritans Get Some Legal Protection:

SB 39 and AB 83 were signed into law yesterday by Governor Schwarzenegger. They take effect immediately.

Good Samaritans now have immunity from suit unless they act in a reckless or grossly negligent manner.

Disaster Service Workers are also protected under the legislation, provided they are activated by a competent authority and provided that they are acting within the scope of their duties.

From a message sent by Christina Capurro Sand, WO1NDR and provided by Randy KA6BQF (Thanks Randy!)

Vanity Call Sign Fees to Increase September 10

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40.

Now that notice of the increase has been published in the Federal Register, the increase will take effect in 30 days, September 10, 2009.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

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The notice in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009," includes regulatory fees. These fees are expected to recover a total of \$341,875,000 during FY2009, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

For more information, see the recent ARRL-Web article, "FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year" at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/18/10825/?nc=1>.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: September 12, 2009

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