



Repeater ID: WA6KQB

Frequencies 145.110, 224.300, 444.275 PL 82.5

WA6KQB - Home Page: <http://www.wa6kqb.org>



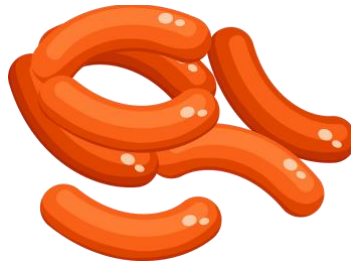
 **Holiday Party is Coming Up Soon – Have You RSVP'd?** 

**Sunday, December 8, 1:00pm - 4:00pm**  
**Las Casitas Mobile Home Park, 3000 Broadway**  
**American Canyon**

Please join us! The holiday party is a potluck lunch, so please contact Jan AC5RB by text message at 510-846-3829 to let her know that you will attend. Include your name, how many in your group, and what potluck item you plan to bring. There will be small gift items for every member attending, provided by the club. The cost is \$5.00 per person, and you can pay at the event. At press time, we have RSVPs for 20 people. We hope to see you there!

## Linked repeaters, Allstar, and EchoLink

Links – don't you love them?



But what about EchoLink? And the link between our 2 meter and 440 repeaters?

- Barring technical difficulties, Allstar and EchoLink are always “live” on the 4Cs 440 repeater.
- The 4Cs 2 meter and 440 repeaters are linked *with each other* from 7:00-8:00am Monday through Friday, and from 6:35-8:35pm on Thursdays.

This means that **the two repeaters are linked during the 7:10am weekday morning nets, and the weekly Thursday evening net at 7:30pm. You can use the Allstar/EchoLink connection for all of the aforementioned nets.**

### It's That Time Again – Renew Your Membership!

If you haven't already renewed your membership for the coming year, it's time to do it! Annual dues are \$30.00 for regular membership, \$20.00 for retiree membership, and \$300.00 for a life membership. If your household has a second ham, a family membership is available for an additional \$20.00. Please make your check payable to CCCC, Inc. and mail it to:

Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc.  
PO Box 20661  
El Sobrante, CA 94820-0661

## President's Message

As my term as the 4Cs president comes to an end in this season of thanksgiving, I want to thank all of you, including but not limited to:

- Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, and NZ6Q John and his team of VEs that came out to host a ham cram in Richmond on November 9.
- Donors to the 4Cs in honor of Silent Keys
- Bay Area Mesh (BAM, formerly SFWEM) for being our emergency communications partner
- Our sister amateur radio organizations in the area, EBARC and KAROECHO, for continuing to serve West Contra Costa's needs
- Karen and Jay Fenton for being the big champions of 4Cs and the periodic practices for the masses
- Net Controllers – DJ, Audrey, Xia, Jan, and Howdy, who keep the nets going
- Jan for spicing things up with the Questions of the Day
- Xia and her assistant editors for keeping us up-to-date with the newsletters
- Audrey for being our rock and providing a steady hand on the club with a Zoom link
- Howdy for being our Technical Committee Chair and the Club Vice President

I wish I had more time to participate on the nets or help out with the Tech Committee. Speaking of participation: It is good to have a "private network," but our 220 MHz repeater (donated by a member – thank you!) could use more love. I want to increase the 220 traffic by increasing the number of stations who have 220 capability. My idea is to organize a group buy of 220 MHz band radios,

I have a number of TYT-branded TH-9000D mono-band 220 MHz mobile radios and I'm happy with how that model performs. I want to see how many of our members would be interested in participating in a group buy, so we can obtain pricing that is lower than the TYT/Retevis list price of about \$150. A Mini-DIN Packet Adapter add-on by RPC Electronics can affordably add packet to this radio <https://www.rpc-electronics.com/tytminidin.php> (or any 9000D series mono-band mobile radios).

Let's get more active on the 220 -- remember, if we don't use it, we lose it!

Let me know by December 31, 2024 if you're interested, so we can get the group buy going!

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party!

Wing Lok, K6YDE

**Treasurer's Report:**

November 17, 2024

Audrey Nieman, Treasurer W6BBQ

Checking Account

Balance Forward: \$ 6140.67

Income: \$ 0.00Disbursements: \$ 0.00Checking Account Balance: \$ 6140.67Savings Account

Balance Forward: \$ 2632.64

No Change

Total funds: \$ 8773.31**Membership Report:**

There will be a holiday party held jointly with EBARC and Karo-Echo on Sunday, December 8. See page 1 for details. There will be no Zoom meeting in December.

2025 membership dues are payable now through February 15.

Regular members: \$30, additional family member \$20

Retired members: \$20, additional family member \$20

Send dues to:

PO Box 20661

El Sobrante, CA 94820

## Trivia report

Jan AC5RB informs us that her latest numbers show that she (and her helpers) asked 30 questions of 19 participants. Everyone was got the right answer on 4 of the questions, and *one* question stumped everyone! In case you missed it, the question was:

Who was the longest-reigning monarch in history. Choices were:

1. Louis XIV of France
2. Elizabeth II of England
3. Rama IX of Thailand
4. Johann II of Liechtenstein

Are you stumped? The answer is at the end of the newsletter. 😊

## Photos from the recent Richmond ham cram (thank you Wing K6YDE)



## Contra Costa Communication Club Inc -- Net Schedule

\*Indicates EchoLink connection active on both 144.110 and 444.275 MHz

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

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## **Club Officers**

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Happy Thanksgiving, from assistant editors Scoop and Pepper!



Trivia answer: Louis XIV was King of France from 1643 until his death in 1715, reigning 72 years and 110 days, the longest of any sovereign.

