

THE COMMUNICATOR July & August 2010

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



Sunshine Committee



Hello Everyone!!!

The sun is shining and the weather is beautiful if warm!! It finally is beginning to feel like — summer? Did we see some spring with day or of winter in the last couple of weeks?

Even though your name is not here please know we are thinking of you. It is good to hear you when you are able to check in on the radio and if you are not able we miss you.

Be assured that we are thinking about you and praying you will get well soon!!!! We miss you all!!

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

The Annual Picnic is almost here.

Sunday, September 12

at

Knox Miller Park in Pt. Richmond.

Helpers come early

Gathering beings around

11 a.m.

Dining on Fabulous Fred BBQ

When it ready

Open to members, their families and
guests.



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Pacificon 2010

The West Coast Ham Radio Convention
is

Coming Back!

After a one year hiatus, PACIFICON 2010, the great west coast ham radio convention, returns to the San Francisco Bay Area and will again be sponsored by the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club. Pacificon 2010 will take place Friday, October 15th through Sunday, October 17th, at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel at 2600 Bishop Drive in San Ramon, California.

For More Information go to <http://www.pacificon.org>

2010 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	BURGIE, KE6MFS (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BOB – AB4AL BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA ALTERNATE: BARBARA-KD6OKJ 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 2010

President: Fred Neiman W6BBQ (2011)
 V. Pres: Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ (2011)
 Secretary: Raplh Hall W6EFD (2012)
 Treasurer: V. Thompson KE6FSU (2012)
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
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 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

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Call to report any problems or concerns

Robby.....N6MNL.....
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....
 Red.....N6UMG.....
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....
 Gabe.....WA6KQB.....
 Fred ...W6BBQ
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

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 Paul Henson KF6FMX

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Robby Robinson N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

President's Corner—July

Well the end of June has turned out to be a little busy. I started to get E-Mails telling me about a safety fair at the City of San Pablo that was to be held on Saturday the 26th. After they put out maps showing a 4C's booth, I had to show up. They said I would have power, so I figured that I would bring some radios and have them play in the background. After I got there I didn't find any power, but being a HAM, I did not let that ruin my day. I parked my truck behind the booth and ran the radios off the battery. That proved to be the best thing of the day as the wind came up and blew and blew. My booth ended up against my truck and the three booths next to me ended up twenty feet away. We ended up taping the booths together with good old duct tape, but with the wind chill factor, we all about froze. Everyone stood next to their booths in the sun and talked to the guests.

The other problem was that the same weekend was field day and I was in charge of the field day for the EOC in Martinez. I could not be two places at the same time, so I beat on Robbie until he said he would help with the field day until I could get there. Thanks Robbie.

Speaking of field day, there is one on almost every street corner. They all have a GOTO radios set up where anyone can talk on HF even without a ham ticket. They are all open to the public and invite people to come out and find out what hamming is all about.

I think that the reason for the 4C's, is as a repeater club. We keep "loaning" our repeater to other groups so they can do public service events. Most of these events require a person sitting in one place and informing net control that a group has passed a certain check point and nobody is hurt or lost. Not hard to do. Maybe it is time to stop loaning and start using our repeater, and, more importantly, our repeater users. EBARC seems to get the calls for help for public service so maybe someone who attends their meeting will bring back the info for us.

When you get to the meeting on July 11th you will find that Audrey and I will not be there as that is the weekend of the family gathering of Audrey's clan in Watsonville. With 10 kids in the family, now all senior citizens, when this family gathers, it gathers a lot of people. We all spend the week before trying to remember

whose child is whose. Then it is how did they grow that much in just a year? After the kid roll call, then there is the new wives and husbands roll call. There are lots of those. By the time it is over, I have to look at my ID to remember who I am.

Y'all have fun at the meeting and remember bring a future ham with you.

Fred, W6BBQ

General Meeting Minutes June 13, 2010

Meeting was called to order by President Fred, W6BBQ. Introductions were made around the room.

Trustee: Repeater Shack: Roger, KE6SZG, Don KE6ZFP and Robby N6MNL went to the hill on May 15 and installed square blocks of concrete with a treated 8 x 4 x 4 on top of them on the East side of the building. It was a very interesting operation as it took from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m. Roger and Don dug out under the side. We had to bolt a 2 x 4 on the side and use a jack to raise the side up for the installation. It was a very good job and much appreciated. Those two guys worked hard.

Grass at repeater site: June 7 Robby N6MNL, Ken KO6NO & Fred W6BBQ attacked the weed patch at the repeater site about 7 a.m. and finished by 10 a.m. Robby found out how heavy the gas weed-eater is. Actually, it got heavier as time went on. His arms finally went limp. That was a lot of grass. Thanks guys for a job well done. Robby

Free Breakfast: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (The progressive Raffle for this month will held at the Jul meeting.)

Submitted by: Ralph Hall W6EFD

(There was no Board Meeting in June.)

President's Corner—August

Well, we made it through another family reunion for Audrey's family. Boy, when that group gathers, it is quite a gathering. Thanks to Barbara for running the meeting for me.

QST,QST,QST, welcome to nets that most of you have forgotten. The morning nets are getting

Income and Expense Report June and July 2010

Income	Expenses
ARRL Club Bounty \$ 2.00	USPS Mail Box. \$ 72.00
Memberships: \$ 144.50	Telephone \$ 74.60
Contributions \$ 48.00	Total Expense \$ 146.60
Total Income \$ 194.50	

about 15 check-ins, but the Thursday net has as few as 5 check-ins and the Tuesday net gets only about 8. The net controllers arrange their schedules to make sure they are there to run these nets. You would think that there would be more than 5 or 10 percent of the members who would join them.

The annual picnic is just around the corner, and at the next meeting the cook would like to know what he should cook. We have had hamburgers/hotdogs, tri-tip, and chicken. Typing about the picnic reminds me to have you remember that the picnic will in place of our September meeting. It will be the second Sunday and will not start until about 11:00. Bring yourself, your chair, and a guest if you wish. We will eat about 1:00 and you go home when your jaw gets sore from all the talking.

Paul Mason, W5ANT, is back from New Mexico and back working on the new equipment for the repeater and he hopes to be finished soon. He did suffer a big setback since when he came back, he found that the bad guys had broken in to his house. What they didn't take, they threw on the ground.

Remember keep thoughts of food in our head, check in on a net and see ya at the meeting .

Fred, W6BBQ

General Meeting Minutes July 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Barbara Robinson, KD6OKJ. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: Victoria, KE6FSU, stated the bank balances are Sv. 946.26: Ck: \$5,017.02. Repeater Fund for today: \$19.00. Thank you all for your contribution.

We will hold our annual picnic on Sunday, September 12 at Knox Miller Park in Pt. Richmond. The picnic usually starts around 11 a.m. It is open to members and to their families and guests. If anyone would like to come early and help Fred and Audrey help set up, please ask Fred to times. Our annual picnic is a lot of fun! We hope you will be able to join us!!!

Ed Caine, KA6OFR, fell and sustained an injury to his upper femur. He will need some rehab. Please join us and keep him in your prayers!!

Sam Watson, N6VIF, we are keeping you in our prayers also and hope you return home soon!!

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned.

Free Breakfast: John Percival, WI6O

Two Progressive Raffles this month since we did not have one last month. First raffle is worth \$5.00:

1. Gary Gross KE6QR...not present. Next raffle

worth \$10.00:

2. Michael McMilan K6MCM...not present.

Next month's progressive raffle will be worth \$15.00.

Submitted by: Ralph Hall, W6EFD

(There was no Board meeting in July)

Membership July 2010 Report

Help me welcome these new Members and their family members to the 4C's.

Peter Johnston KJ6IAD Peter license is a Tech and he is an member of ARRL. Regular membership.

Robert Bowling K6ZLG and spouse is Shirley. Robert holds an General license and is an member of ARRL. Retired membership.

Welcome again it is so very nice to have you and your family as part of ours. Net controller's please update your list as I have a feeling these 3 will be on your net if not already.

Thanks again to everyone for their support to our club.

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Membership Chairperson

ARRL EXAM TESTING

Tri-City VE Group

Dates for 2010

August 19 Thursday 6:30-9 pm

September 9 Saturday 9-11:30 am

November 13 Saturday 9-11:30 am

December 16 Thursday 6:30-9 pm

Location: Hurricane Electric

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: August 8, 2010

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