

THE COMMUNICATOR

April 2010



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



FROM THE PRES



Sunshine Committee

Hello Everyone!!!

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. To my knowledge, there is no one new to add to our list. I hope that's a good thing. I wish all of you who are not feeling as well as you should be to be back to yourself as soon as possible. We miss you at our monthly club meetings and on the radio. We hope to see and/or hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Burgie, KE6MSF

April
Showers



May
Flowers

Robbie and I visited the Mt Diablo Club in the middle of the month because they had a speaker from the Air Force talking about the Pay-pase (now called Upgraded Early alert) system. This is the cause for all the turn-down-you- power letters being sent owners of 440 repeaters.

It seems that the Air Force is in charge of the radar station at Beale Air Force near Sacramento. We were told that their main mission is to monitor launches of rockets headed our way. They also keep track of space junk so that things don't hit each other in space. Several years ago, the Chinese blew up a satellite and thought it would fall back to earth but it just broke up and stayed in space in some thousands of pieces. There are also many spent rocket parts floating around. The Air Force can have some of the satellites move to avoid being hit. They move the Space Station several times a week.

That is the good part of their job; the bad part is they need to close down any radio stations in the 440 frequencies for about 150 miles of the base to quiet the noise so they can do their job. This means that we can kiss 440 goodbye in the Bay Area. We do not know for sure if our repeater will be affected when it is back up. We will just have to wait and see if we get a letter.

If you are thinking about a new radio you might think about a 220 radio. We have a good repeater on that band and it needs some use. You can start by checking in on the Tuesday net at 7:30 P.M.

See 'ya at the meeting.

Fred, W6BBQ

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2010 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) 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

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**General Meeting Minutes
March 14 , 2010**

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

Treasurers Report:

Checking: \$968.89:

Savings: \$5,015.21.

Repeater Fund: \$36.00.

Thank you all for your contribution!

Membership Chair: If you are in doubt if you have paid your dues, please call Barbara KD6OKJ. She can help you. If not, Robby will give you his infamous phone call. We all love hearing from Robby anyways.

No old business.

No new business.

Our monthly winners this month were:

Free Breakfast: Bob W6WTG

Progressive drawing: Fred KK6UZ.

Congratulations gentlemen!!

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:11 am.

Submitted by: Ralph Hall, W6EFD

**Board Meeting Minutes
March 14 , 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Fred W6BBQ.

Those in attendance were:

Ed Caine KKA6OFR

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Ralph Hall W6EFD

Also in attendance:

Robert Seymour KI6KOU

Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Standing rules were reviewed and corrections were made. Victoria will make a draft with the changes for the board members to review at the April meeting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:47 a.m.

Submitted by: Ralph Hall, W6EFD



Income and Expense Report March 2010

Income

Contributions:	\$ 36 .00
Memberships:	\$412.00
Total Income	\$448.00

Expenses

Newsletter Printing	\$ 0
Attendance Prize	\$ 20.00
Telephone	\$ 32.26
Taxes: Accountant	\$ 150.00
Postage	\$ 2.95
Liability Insurance	\$ 340.00
Total Expense	\$ 545.21

(Staples Rewards paid for the newsletter printing for the March newsletter)

ARRL EXAM TESTING

Tri-City VE Group

Dates for 2010

April 15	Thursday 6:30-9 pm
May 8	Saturday 9-11:30 am
July 10	Saturday 9-11:30 am
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
48233 Warm Springs Blvd
Fremont, CA
(Near highways 680 and 880)

For more information:

Bernhard, AE6YN

Rita, KI6SSQ

SILENT KEY

Bob . Newman, KA6HJV

Long time resident Robert R Newman of Fairfax, CA was surrounded by his family when he passed away on March 27, 2010 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He was 83. Bob was born in Sacramento, CA in 1927 and moved to Fairfax at age 10. Bob was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the 25th Infantry Division. After serving his

country, Bob came home and married his one and only sweetheart in 1953.

Bob worked for Jewel Tea Home Shopping Service for 25 years where he had a large customer base throughout Marin.

Bob was a long time member of the Fairfax Masonic Lodge #556 in Larkspur, CA and served as Secretary for 30 years. He was also a member of the Shiner's, Scottish Rites and Royal Order of Jesters. In addition to his love for his lodge and brethren, Bob was also a member of the Amateur Ham Radio Operators Club and enjoyed his weekly radio call duties.

Bob was preceded in death by his lovely wife Marie in October 1988. His loving son Robert Newman of Vacaville, CA and loving daughter Debra Newman of Santa Cruz, CA and many cousins, survives him. Inurnment will be private at Mt Tamalpais Cemetery. Memorial services are pending and will be held at the Masonic Lodge and will be announced at a later date.

Bob's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the American Cancer Society . Bob was a caring and loving man with a wonderful sense of humor and will be deeply missed by his family, brethren and circle of friends.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: March 14, 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