

THE COMMUNICATOR

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!!!

I'd like to thank you all for coming out to the meetings on Sunday mornings. We appreciate your support. The Pizza party was a great success. There were 27 in attendance. It was so good to see all of you. There were some we haven't seen in quite a while and what a nice surprise that was!! I hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day! Our next event will be the club picnic. We haven't decided on a date yet but we will bring it up at the next meeting so we can publish it in the newsletter. Hopefully, this will give everyone plenty of time to mark their calendars and join us. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Burgie,

KE6MSF



Sunshine Committee

Hello everyone!

I hope this message finds you well and healthy.

I only know of 2 members who are still not up to par that was reported last month.

Dan Kelley, KF6HQO

Roger Nelums, KE6SZG

Both Dan & Roger are progressing and it's going to take some time for both Dan & Roger to get back to their spunky selves.

It's good to hear you on the air on Mondays Dan as our net controller. Keep up the good work!

Burgie, KE6MSF

NEW REPEATER CONTROLLER

Thanks to Fred Nieman W6BBQ for accepting the position of repeater controller. This is a very important responsibility of being available to assist when we have a problem with the repeaters. There was a vacancy as Howard Burke, KE6PTT is no longer available. We were very grateful for the many years that Howard did help in many ways as he was also on the technical committee and programmer.

I might add that Fred is always there when help is needed at the repeater site. Thanks Fred from all of us.

Robby N6MNL

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DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	DAN – KF6HQO (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BURGIE-KE6MSF, JAN-N6UYE [ROTATE] BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA BOB – AB4AL ALTERNATE STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY	ED-KA6OFR ALTERNATE ROBBY - N6MNL	224.300 QRM NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY – WEDNESDAY		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE THURSDAY NIGHTS IN ORDER ROBBY-N6MNL, ANDREW-KM6VT, ALTERNATE: FRED-W6BBQ, BARBARA-KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL, DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110/444.275 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)
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 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -
 Mike McMillan K6MCM

Repeater Controller's
 [Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]
 Robby.....N6MNL.....
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....
 Red.....N6UMG.....
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....
 Gabe.....WA6KQB.....
 Fred ...W6BBQ
 Bob..... AB4AL.....

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Membership:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Technical Committee:

(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

Board Meeting Minutes April 19 , 2009

There was no new business discussed. Those in attendance were:

Ken Miller KA6TUX
Don Hamma KE6ZFP
Robby Robinson N6MNL
Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ
Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Also in attendance were:

Peter Mendoza KD6QZH
Paul Henson KF6FMX

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

General Meeting Minutes April 19 , 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie KE6MSF. Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: CK: \$1,897.47
Sv: \$5,005.03

Trustees Report: It was decided not to obtain a new 440 antenna because we have a low gain one. If we had a high gain antenna we would likely be shut down.

Paul Mason & Robby, along with others, have worked very hard at the repeater site. We thank you all so very much for your hard work!!!!

A new fence is required at the repeater site. We shall get some estimates.

And the Winner is:

- CQ Magazine: Gary Savelli KG6RJA
- Free Breakfast: Paul Henson KF6FMX
- Progressive Raffle: Larry Doyle W6CTQ,
Larry was not present at the meeting. Therefore, next months raffle will be \$20.00.

Winner of the Drake T-4XC and all the goodies that go with it is: Gary Britton KE6CQ. After much thought and discussion, Gary has decided not to accept the radio. Therefore, we will draw 3 more names at the next meeting. The

first name drawn will have the option of accepting the radio. If he/she decides not to accept the radio, the second name drawn will have the option, etc. etc. Good luck everyone!

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Lightning Protecting for Ham Radio Stations

A second PDF file is coming with this months newsletter. The article was provided by Paul - W5ANT (ex-WA6EUZ). Paul notes that this is info everyone needs to know and it is in language that doesn't require an EE Degree to understand. The article is too long to include in the text of the newsletter. If you get your newsletter by snail mail you can request a copy of the article by :

- A. providing an e-mail address for it to be sent to you as a pdf file. You will need to advise if the newsletter is still requested as a paper copy or your are now able to receive the newsletter by e-mail.
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DUMP CAKE

- 1 - 20 ounce can crushed pineapple
- 1 - 21 ounce can cherry pie filling
- 1 dry yellow cake mix
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 3 ounce can (1-1/4 cups) coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans or sliced almonds

Preheat oven 350 degrees F. Layer ingredients as listed in a lightly greased 9 x 11 pan. Bake for 1 hour.

Best served warm topped with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream. Store Dump Cake in the refrigerator and reheat in the microwave.

This serves 40 to 50, perfect for pot lucks.

Coming Events:

- 4C's meeting: June 14. See you at Denny's!
- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at www.cc-races.org or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. [Marin Radio Society has given CCCC permission to run all nets on their repeater 146.700, PL is 179.9 until the 4Cs repeater is fixed.]
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The dates for 2009 will probably be Jan. 25th, Apr. 26th, Jul. 26th, & Oct. 25th. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2009 test fee is \$15. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.

HOLIDAYS OBSERVED IN JUNE

June-6

Child Health Day

D-Day

June-7

Boone Day

June-8

Best Friend's Day

June-11

King Kamehameha Day (Hawaii)

June-14

Flag Day

June-17

Bunker Hill Day

June-19

Emancipation Day (Texas)

Juneteenth (Milwaukee, Wisconsin & Texas)

June-28

World War 1 Day



Vision Research Month

Fireworks Safety Months

Light the Night for Sight Months

National Candy Month

Adopt-a-Shelter-Cat Month

Cancer in the Sun Month

Dairy Month

National Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Month.

National Iced Tea Month

National Pest Control Month c.

Safety Month

Scleroderma Awareness Month n

Zoo and Aquarium Month

First Full Week

National Fragrance Week

Canadian Environment Week

Second Week

Aphasia Awareness Week

Brain Tumor Awareness Week.

Headache Awareness Week

Third Week

Hug Holiday

Lightning Safety Awareness Week

National Little League Baseball Week

(National Candy Month, Hug Holiday get my vote!)

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DJ-196T 2MHT

- 5 Watt out
 - 40 memories
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 - Auto Dialer
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 - 100 mems • Built-in TNC 1200 & 9600 Baud
 - Front Panel GPS in • Rear DB-9 port
 - CTCSS/DCS Encode/Decode built in
- Low Pricing!**



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Next Regular Club Meeting: June 14, 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