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Put DRAWING and the number of tickets in the memo section of your check.

Special Notice to All!!

April 12, the second Sunday in April, is Easter.

Therefore, we will not have our regular monthly meeting until the following week,

Sunday, April 19th.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello everyone!

It was good to see you all at the last meeting. We have had good turnouts. Thank you all for getting up so early on a Sunday morning and attending the monthly meeting. We really appreciate it.

Also, just a reminder in April our monthly meeting will be held on the third Sunday, April 19th. Easter is April 12. The following month in May we will not hold a monthly meeting due to Mothers Day. Hope to see you at our meeting and/or hear you on the radio.

Sincerely, Burgie, KC6MSF



SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Grizzly Peak Century is coming up on Sunday, May 03. We once again have request to provide amateur radio support for this 100 mile bicycle ride, which covers territory from Port Costa to Castro Valley. A number of people have already volunteered, but we can always use some additional support. The Grizzly Peak Cyclists are also looking for volunteers to act as sag drivers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

Randy, KA6BQF ka6bqf@arrl.net , or

Texx, KG6ATH texx@delong.org .

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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) 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

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 Howard...KE6PTT.....
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Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

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Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU



Sunshine Committee

Hello Everyone!

I hope this message finds you happy and healthy. We have had several hams not feeling their spunky selves this month.

Barbara KD6OKJ is doing better. We're very glad to hear that.

Shannon KG6QDM has been under the weather. Listening to him on the radio, he seems to be doing a bit better.

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all. We hope you'll be back to your spunky selves soon.

Burgie, KE6MSF

PACIFICON Moves

EMCOMMWEST 2009, an ARRL specialty convention devoted entirely to emergency communications will host this year's Pacific Division Convention (Pacificon) at the Circus Circus Hotel Resort in Reno, Nevada May 1-3.

Supervisor of the ARRL's Field and Public Service Team Steve Ewald, WV1X, will host an emergency communications forum and deliver the keynote address. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, former Special Counsel of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, will be the speaker at the Saturday evening banquet; Hollingsworth will also present a forum on the legal aspects of emergency communications.

SKYWARN and storm spotter training will also be offered. ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W64RGG, and Vice Director Andy Oppel, N6AJO, will lead the ARRL Forum.

On Saturday, May 2, look for the Reno Spring Hamswap to start at 6 AM adjacent to the hotel (corner of Sixth and Si-

erra).

Board Meeting February 8 , 2009

There was no board meeting this month.

General Meeting February 8 , 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF, @ 8:00 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

Tresusers Report: Savings 5001.94

Checking 2235.63

Membership report: The renewal dues are coming in. If you haven't renewed, please try to do so soon. Barbara will be making the new roster soon.

Trustee: Robby, N6MNL, talked about the repeater. They have been working hard at the repeater site. I'd like to thank all of you who help us out. You're doing a great job!

No old business.

No new business.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:17 a.m.

Monthly Winners:

Randy Jenkins KA6BQF Free breakfast.

John Billones WD6GGC CQ magazine (World Radio)

Virginia Summerer, KF6HEX, Progressive Raffle. She was not at the meeting so next meeting will be \$10.

Two free breakfasts were donated by

John, WD6GGC and those winners were: Don Hamma, KE6ZFP & Robby Robinson, N6MNL. Thank you John!!

Submitted by: Burgie Jones KE6MSF



Coming Events:

- 4C's meeting: March 8. 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.

DIVISION HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

MONTEREY BAY RADIOFEST 2009 - ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section convention will be on March 7 & 8, 2009 at the Monterey Moose Family Center, 555 Canyon Del Rey (HWY 218) Monterey, CA 93940. For more information, go to <http://www.radiofest.org/>

INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION - The 2009 International DX convention will be held 17-19 Apr 2009 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, CA. This year's host is the Northern California DX Club. Additional information is at <http://www.dxconvention.org>.

VALLEY OF THE MOON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAMFEST (San Francisco) - The 2009 VOM-ARC Hamfest will be on April 25, in beautiful Sonoma, CA. For more information, go to: <http://vomarc.org/>

EMCOMM WEST - ARRL Nevada Section hosts this event on May 1-3, 2009 at the Circus Circus Hotel in Reno, Nevada. Go to <http://emcommwest.org/> for more information.



Amateur Radio Technician License Class Spring 2009

Start Date: Sunday, March 8th, 2008
Time: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Frequency: Weekly 3/8, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4
Duration: 5 weeks
Location: Marin Amateur Radio Society
27 Shell Road, Mill Valley, CA
Text: The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (Technician)
(Available from ARRL, HRO Oakland or at the first class)
Cost: Class is free, ARRL manual is \$25
Test session: 9:00 am Saturday, April 11, 2009
(Marin Amateur Radio Society, 27 Shell Road, Mill Valley, CA)
Test Fee: \$15
Contact : Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF
(ka6bqf@arrrl.net)

Dave Hodgson, KG6TCJ
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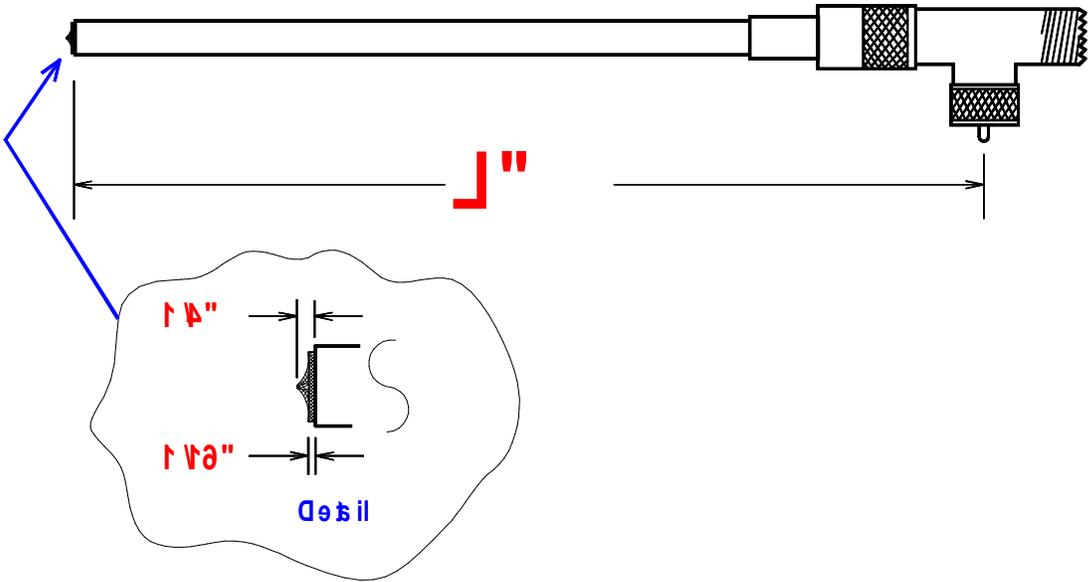
Visalia International DX Convention 2009

The 2009 International DX Convention will take place April 17th, 18th & 19th, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned convention that is sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club. It is expected to draw visitors from around the World and will feature programs from recent DX-Peditions and contest operations.

To celebrate this, the 60th year of this event, your Convention Committee has planned the following Special Attractions:

- Contest Academy by the Northern California Contest Club.
- Radio Arcala Project by OH2BH and OH8NC.
- Special Guest and Banquet Speaker: The Hon. J. Scott Redd (K0DQ), Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret).
- Breakfast Program: The Desecheo, K5D DX-Pedition.

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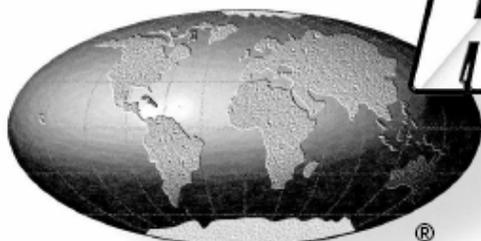
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Next Regular Club Meeting: March 8, 2009

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