



Sunshine Committee

We hope George Zube, KK6OK, is doing much better. He was in the hospital but is out now and the last report was he's doing much better.

You have been in our thoughts and prayers, George.

We hope this little bit of Sunshine finds you well and happy!

Burgie, KE6MSF

CHARISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 2011

Arrival 11:30 a.m. Eating about 12:00 p.m.

This year's party will be in the Recreation Room at

Tara Hills Mobile Manor

16401 San Pablo Ave.

San Pablo, CA 94806

RSVP by 12-3-2011

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Presidents Corner

I am sorry to start this message with the announcement that we have another SK in our club. Dolores Hambree, KG6CFS, passed away the middle of October. She was a ham only for a short time, but I have known her for over 20 years. She was a leader in the Richmond React Team. I have been with Dolores for several meetings in city hall and every time it took 15 minutes to get from the door to the meeting because everyone that saw her had to stop her and talk about some important item that affected the police. She was a member of the Police commission for many years. The City of Richmond and I will miss her.

This is the last meeting of the year as in December is the Christmas party. So here is a gentle hint that you need to get your money in for the party and include your dues on the same check.

Have you noticed that we have had about a dozen new members join the club in the past year? Have you also noticed that after one meeting we don't see them again or hear them on the air? All of these guys can't be mike shy. Not coming to meeting can be a family thing or maybe when they did come that first time, did we did not make them feel at home? If you know these new hams, talk them into talking on the radio. If we don't get and keep new members, this club will be gone before we know it.

See ya at the meeting. Don't forget to find those KJ hams and bring them with you. If you haven't mailed your party and dues money, bring that also.

Fred, W6BBQ

2011 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	MICHAEL K6CUG BOB AB4AL BOB W6WTJ GARY KG6RJA ALTERNATE: BARBARA KD6OKJ STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY QRM	BARBARA KD6OKJ BOB AB4AL ROBBY N6MNL MICHAEL K6CUG	224.300 CLUB 220 NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	MEMBERS ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROBBY N6MNL ANDREW KM6VT FRED W6BBQ BOB AB4AL BARBARA KD6OKJ	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	OPEN NET	145.110 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY - SATURDAY & SUNDAY		145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers For 2011

President: Fred Neiman W6BBQ (2011
V. Pres: (2013)
Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2013)
Treasurer: V. Thompson KE6FSU (2012)
Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
Director: (2012)
Director: Don Hamma KE6ZFP (2013)
Director: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU (2013)

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Mike McMillan K6MCM

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Red.....N6UMG.....
Ken.....KA6TUX.....
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Bob..... AB4AL.....

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Robby Robinson N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, W6BBQ

Christmas:

Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ

Newsletter:

Victoria Thompson KE6FSU

General Meeting 10-9-11

The meeting was called to order by President Fred, W6BBQ at 8 a.m.

Introductions were made around the room.

Treasurers Report: \$609.87 checking: \$5,022.49 Savings. The repeater fund: \$27.00. Thank you all for donating.

The invitations to the CCCC Christmas party will be mailed. If you'd like, please feel free to include your dues for the upcoming year.

A motion was made and seconded that to accept the nominations for two new board members for 2012, Michael Nicholson, K6CUG and Roger Nelums, KE6SZG. As there were no other nominations from the floor Michael and Roger were deemed elected to office by acclamation. Welcome aboard gentlemen!!

We needed one more board member to have a full board for the year of 2012. Barbara Robinson, KD6OKJ, volunteered to fill that position and was elected to office by acclamation. Welcome aboard Barbara!

Ken Miller will wed Adella on November 12 at 2 p.m. at the Central Assembly 570 Appian Way, El Sobrante. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Ken. Congratulations Ken and Adella!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Progressive Raffle: Bob Szentimrey W6WTJ, which he donated back to the fund.

Free Breakfast: Robert Seymour, KI6KOU.

Submitted by: Burgie Jones, KE6MSF

BOARD MEETING 10-9-11

There was no board meeting.

To Get to the Christmas Party

The Park is located at the corner of Tara Hills Dr. and San Pablo Ave.

The entrance is on Tara Hills Dr.

To Google/MapQuest you need to enter Tara Hills Dr. & San Pablo Ave to get the correct directions.

From I-80 south exit at Appian Way: Stay in the middle lane you will be **turning right** at the light. When you turn right - Immediately move into the **left turn lane** to make the left turn onto Tara Hills. Go straight on Tara Hills until you cross San Pablo Ave.

From I-80 north exit at Appian Way, turn left at the signal once over the freeway move into the **left turn lane** to make the left turn onto Tara Hills. Go straight until you cross San Pablo Ave.

There are a few parking spaces on the street around the Rec Room and 3 or 4 visitor spaces behind it. There is no street parking allowed behind the Rec Room. These spaces should be used by our limited mobility members.

Main parking is on Tara Hills Drive around the entrance to the park. You can park on both sides of the street.

In the park parking on the streets is limited. Do not block any residence drive way if you park on any streets in the park. All streets in the park are considered fire lanes and need to kept open to the fire trucks and ambulances.

Car Pooling is recommended when possible.

Flyers for the party and membership renewal forms were mailed to all members in October. If you did not receive one or need a replacement please call Victoria at 510-326-2361 or e-mail her at ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net

ARRL QUIZ to help you pass the time.

This quiz acknowledges events and individuals that shaped ham radio. For those of you who are new to the hobby, here are some great topics to research online and find out more about what makes ham radio tick. Young or old, new-comer or Old Timer -- happy holidays to all!

- 1) Stew Perry, W1BB, was best known for his exploits on what band?
a. 160 meters b. 80 meters c. 10 meters d. 6 meters
- 2) Who made the first expedition to Clipperton Island, FO8AJ?
a. OH2BH b. W1AW c. W0DX d. PY2RO
- 3) Which ARRL official came up with the idea of DXCC?
a. Hiram Percy Maxim b. John Huntoon c. Don Search d. Clinton DeSoto
- 4) Which DXCC Manager took the program from its post-WWII form and brought the program into the modern era?
a. John Huntoon b. Rod Newkirk c. Bob White d. Don Wallace
- 5) Gus Browning, W4BPD, made the first operation from what DXCC entity?
a. ZD8 (Ascension Island) b. JD1/O (Ogasawara) c. YA (Afghanistan) d. 3Y/B (Bouvet Island)
- 6) At the close of World War I, which branch of the US military had control over the airwaves?
a. Navy b. Marines c. Air Force d. Army
- 7) When the numbered US call districts were first instituted, how many there were?
a. 7 b. 8 c. 9 d. 10
- 8) Who invented the superheterodyne receiver?
a. de Forest b. Armstrong c. Sarnoff d. Tesla
- 9) What was the ARRL HQ station's call sign before W1AW?
a. W1AA b. 1MK c. 1AW d. It was always W1AW.
- 10) What company made the D-104 dynamic microphone?
a. Astatic b. Collins c. Shure d. Heil
- 11) Solar Cycle 19 -- the most active on record -- peaked in what year?
a. 1947 b. 1959 c. 1963 d. 1969
- 12) Clarence Moore, W9LZX, invented what popular antenna?
a. Windom b. ZL-Special c. Quad d. Bobtail

Bonus: Name the French amateur on the European end of the first trans-Atlantic amateur QSO

Answers

- 1) a -- Stew was known as "Mr Top Band." The Stew Perry Top Band Distance Challenge is named after him.
- 2) c -- Bob Denniston, past president of the ARRL (1966-1972) and who spent his last years as VP2VI.
- 3) d -- DeSoto came up with the idea of "geopolitical entities" in the 1930s
- 4) c -- W1CW is rightfully the father of the modern program and is a member of the CQ DX Hall of Fame.
- 5) d -- Bouvet Island, although there is speculation that he never actually landed on the island.
- 6) a -- The Navy didn't want to give up control over the airwaves, either.
- 7) c -- The 10th district was created by splitting up the 9th, due to population growth.
- 8) b -- Edwin Armstrong also invented FM and negative feedback amplifiers
- 9) b -- The station was destroyed by flooding in 1936.
- 10) a -- The D-104 was the ne plus ultra of microphones for many years.
- 11) b -- Video buzz from BBC-1 was often heard in New England on 6 meters!
- 12) c -- Destructive corona discharge in the high, thin mountain air at HCJB in Quito, Ecuador necessitated an antenna element without

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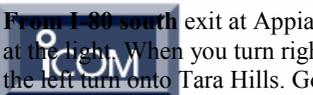
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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: January 8, 2012

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