



# *The Communicator* *October 2019*



## *Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc.*

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**Next Regular Club Meeting: October 13, 2019**  
**Denny's – 11344 San Pablo Ave (at Potrero Ave.), El Cerrito, CA 94530**  
**Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. ※ Club meeting at 8 a.m.**

**CCCC-EBARC Christmas Party**  
**Saturday, December 7, 2019 ※ 11:30 a.m to 2:30 p.m.**  
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### From the Editor



Time surely flies by, and the cooler weather reminds me that it is Fall. As I prepare this edition of *The Communicator*, a

commercial e-mail tells me it is the National Day Two-Way Radio – 10-4 (the ten code for “OK”, which I refrain from using as it is not common language): “It was a beautiful Fall morning in Washington D.C. on October 2, 1978, when President Jimmy Carter made the official proclamation that from then forward, October 4 would be recognized as National Two-Way Radio Day. In making the proclamation, President Carter underscored the importance radios play in emergency communications and heralded the radio as an important tool that enabled citizens and professionals alike to advance public safety as a nation. While radios are primarily for emergency use, the non-emergency channels bring enjoyment and companionship to millions of Americans” Carter said, “including my own family.”

As I persuade my XYL to take a ham cram, try to recall the joy of playing with your first two-way radio. I’m “giddy” with my new “toy.”

**7 3, Wing, K6YDE**

### Sunshine Committee



### President’s Corner

Happy October!

Thank you to all who attended this year's picnic. It was nice to have some face time with you.

The solar power project went from paper to eight installed solar panels. The wiring has begun, and the controller installed. **Jay, KJ6WSS** and **Howdy, KE6BEE** have done an impressive job at the repeater.

Club elections are coming, and I need to appoint a committee. Any volunteers?

Speaking of volunteer: I volunteered as a SAG (support and gear/grub) wagon driver for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike MS: Waves to Wine bike ride. I also helped with the Levi Leipheimer's GranFondo Bike Ride with **Alvin, KK6UQX**. It was quite a contrast. W2W had about 800 riders (two-day event) and Levi’s had nearly 5,000 (one-day event).

Join in to practice in the “Light Up the SF Bay” emergency communication drill on November 16. **David, KJ6AAT** and **Diane, KK6RED** are the West County Co-coordinators. They will be giving a presentation Wednesday, October 9 at the City of Richmond CERT General Meeting 6:30 –8:30 p.m. at the Richmond Senior Center, 2525 MacDonald Avenue. I will also update information on the Club Website, <http://www.wa6kqb.org/>

Fire season is underway so be on alert. Keep your radios in a monitor mode. When a fire begins it is just minutes before it spreads across a large area.

**7 3, dj, KJ6dj**



## Membership Report

Wow, what a great picnic! It was great to see so many of you!

Although it was a bit windy at times, we had comfortable weather. The food was tasty as usual! **Burgie Jones, KE6MSF** and I shopped for the food, and Burgie took picnic reservations.

**Roger Nelums, KE6SZG**, was working the grill with a little help from **Alan Alsing, W6ELS**. They loaded up all the gear and equipment and set up the site early in the morning after **dj, KJ6dj** came out early and made sure we had the site we needed. Forty (40) members of EBARC and CCCC mixed and mingled throughout the day. **Jan Kuhl, AC5RB** set up a raffle for donated items and dj helped with a 50-50 cash drawing, both to make some extra funds to help on the repeater site where the Technical Xommittee is currently putting in solar power. **Monika Smith (XYL of Ron Smith, KE6RS)** and Burgie helped get the food ready and several members donated food for desert. **Jay Fenton, KJ6WSS**, and **Karen Fenton, KK6ZPM**, brought freshly pressed apple juice and apple-pear juice. What a treat! They also brought freshly picked apples. Another member brought delicious pears, and I am remiss in getting that member’s name. dj brought a scrumptious lemon cake, and **Mike Camp, KI7FQ**, brought delicious chocolate chip cookies. Many thanks to those who stayed to load up, especially **Rita Brenden, KG6WPN** and **Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF**, who stayed until the bitter end along with Roger and Alan who did the unloading at my house. All in all, there was great camaraderie and I think a good time was had by all!

[See photos in collages of this newsletter. – *Editor*]

Respectfully submitted,  
**Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Membership Chair**

## Treasurer’s Report

**September 2019**

**Checking Account:.....\$3,327.33**

### **Disbursements:**

09/19/2019: Check No. 1600 – Audrey Nieman (reimburse for picnic expenses) .....\$308.08

**Disbursements Total:.....\$308.08**

### **Deposits:**

09/19/2019: Picnic: Proceeds .....\$200.00

09/19/2019: Picnic: Raffle.....\$87.50

07/14/2019: Dues .....\$50.00

08/11/2019: Solar project donation .....\$60.00

**Deposits Total:.....\$397.50**

**Balance Forward .....\$3,416.75**

**Savings Account Balance Forward ...\$606.52**

**Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treasurer**

## Classified

The Contra Costa Communications Club has a Classified section for members.

Rules subjected to updates by the Board:

- All items for sale shall be amateur radio-related
- One item per member per month.  
Maximum size: ¼ page (8 ½-inch x 11-inch sheet)
- Seller is encouraged to donate 10% of the proceeds to the Club from any sales through the Classified section

Please submit before end of each month when the newsletter is finalized.

- Description, accessories available, condition
- Photo(s) if available
- Price/OBO/Terms
- Contact information

## Member Highlight

### djovida, KJ6dj



**Q:** How did you discover amateur radio?

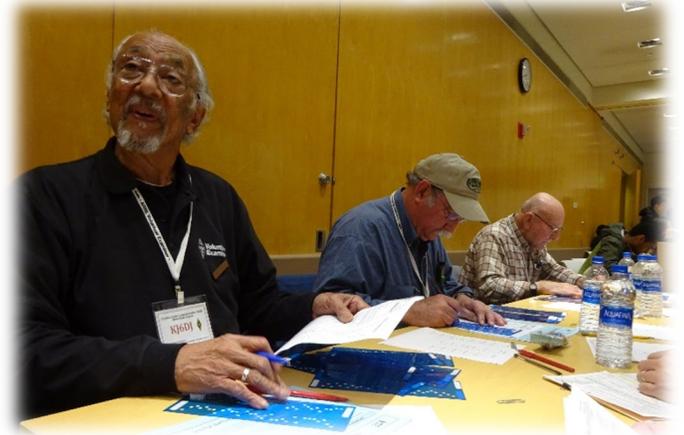
**A:** I had my first experience with radio at the age of 8 or 9. My sister

discarded a 5 tube super heterodyne, and I pulled it out of the trash and made it work. I took the tubes to an appliance store near my house and found the bad one. I bought some kits and began by making a doorbell circuit. Then a switched light. That led to Heathkit projects and ham radio. It wasn't until I went into the military that I found an interest in amateur radio through MARS. CW, though, was a requirement I didn't care for.



**Q:** What brings you joy in amateur radio?

**A:** My military specialty was air to ground/point to point HF radio, FSK and Troposcatter. After my military enlistment I tested and passed my FCC First Phone exam and went to work in broadcast radio and then television. When I retired, I became a ham to continue using my radio skills to serve the community (No code required). I enjoy EmComm, digital messaging and public service. I try to encourage people to get a ticket and get a proven method of staying in contact with others even in the worst situations. I tell newbies the “muscle memory” comes from use. I encourage practice to gain “strength.”



**Q:** If you have more time, what would you like to do – ham or otherwise?

**7A:** When I get a clean bill of health, I plan to take an extended road trip around the U.S. Sort of a “walk-about” with Connie, my XYL. I am also editing some videos that have been waiting for me to make time. I also want to spend time with my grandkids and great-grandkids.



# Contra Costa Communications Club



## East Bay Amateur Radio Club



### Joint Christmas Party



**Saturday, December 7, 2019 ✳ 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

-  Order your meal from Denny's menu
-  Everyone will get a gift!
-  Space limited to 35 – **RSVP to Burgie Jones at [Burgie0001@yahoo.com](mailto:Burgie0001@yahoo.com)**

(The December 2019 4C's monthly meeting **will not** be at our regular Sunday time at Denny's)



**Denny's Restaurant**



**11344 San Pablo Ave in El Cerrito**

**For more information, contact Net  
Controllers on WA6KQB nets:**

Mo-Fr | 7:10 a.m. | 145.110 MHz (-) PL 82.5  
Tue | 7:30 p.m. | 224.300 MHz (-) PL 82.5  
Thur | 7:30 p.m. | 145.110 MHz (-) PL 82.5

**Bring A Friend and Introduce Them to Amateur Radio and the Club!**



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<b>2019 Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc. – Daily and Weekly Nets</b>		
<b>Days</b>	<b>Net Controller</b>	<b>Repeater/Net Name//Time</b>
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	DJ, <b>KJ6DJ</b> (Temp for CAROL, <b>KK6OLL</b> ) JAN, <b>AC5RB</b> GARY, <b>KG6RJA</b> BOB, <b>W6WTJ</b> ALVIN, <b>KK6UQX</b>	145.110 MHz ※ Over-The-Hill Net 7:10 a.m.
Weekly – Monday <b>By Arrangement</b>	DJ, <b>KJ6DJ</b> Contact DJ for confirmation	444.275 MHz ※ Digital Net – 7 p.m. <b>FLDigi Net by Arrangement</b>
Weekly – Tuesday	Net Control Rotates	224.300 MHz ※ Open Net – 7:30 p.m.
Weekly – Thursday	Members Rotate	145.110 MHz ※ West Contra Costa County EmComm Net – 6:45 p.m.
Weekly - Thursday	First week: <b>[Open]</b> Second week: AUDREY, <b>W6BBQ</b> Third Week: JAN, <b>AC5RB</b> Fourth week: JEFF, <b>KJ6RHF</b> Fifth week: DJ, <b>KJ6DJ</b>	145.110 MHz ※ Club Net 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	DJ, <b>KJ6DJ</b>	145.110 MHz ※ Bay Shores Net – 9 a.m.
Saturday	DJ, <b>KJ6DJ</b>	444.275 MHz ※ CERT EmComm Net 10 a.m.

**4C's Website:** <http://www.wa6kqb.org>

**Committee Chairs**

**Club Officers For 2019**

**Membership:** Audrey Nieman, **W6BBQ**

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Roger Nelums, **KE6SZG**

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Jay Fenton, **KJ6WSS**

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**OGER's Lunch**

First Wednesday of every month ※ 11 a.m.

Sukie's Country Kitchen ※ 2400 El Portal Dr., San Pablo

# HAM RADIO OUTLET

**MULTI-STORE BUYING POWER!**

**ICOM**



**IC-7610**  
*All Mode Transceiver*



**IC-7200**  
*HF Transceiver*



**IC-7100**  
*All Mode Transceiver*



**ID-5100A Deluxe**  
*VHF/UHF Dual Band Digital Transceiver*



**ID-51A Plus2**  
*VHF/UHF D-STAR Portable*

**KENWOOD**



**TS-590SG**  
*HF/50MHz Transceiver*



**TM-D710G**  
*2M/440 Dualband*



**TM-V71A**  
*2M/440 DualBand*



**TM-281A**  
*2 Mtr Mobile*



**TH-D74A**  
*2M/220/440 HT*

**YAESU**  
*The radio*



**FT-991A**  
*HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver*



**FTDX1200**  
*100W HF + 6M Transceiver*



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*A100W HF + 6M Transceiver*



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*2M/440 Mobile*



**FT-60R**  
*2M/440 5W HT*

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