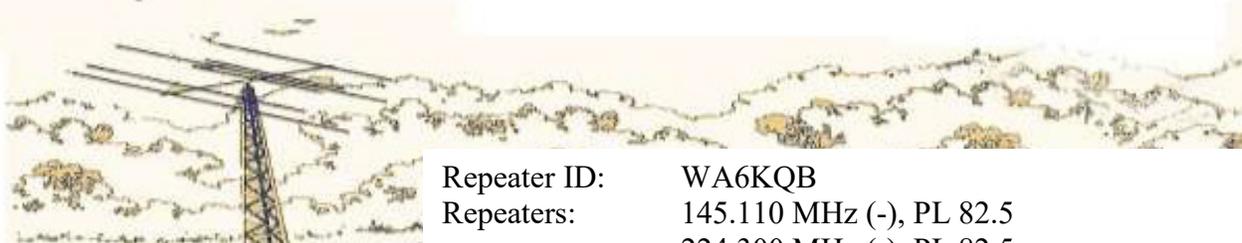




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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: April 14, 2019
Denny's – Corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. ✖ Club meeting at 8 a.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night Meeting: Wednesday May 8, 2019 ✖ 5 to 8 p.m.
Mountain Mike's Pizza – 1516 Fitzgerald Dr., Pinole, CA



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An ARRL-affiliated Repeater
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From the Editor



Hope you survived April Fool's Day unscathed, but then reality seems stranger than fiction these days. I thought we were done with the rain, but I guess not. Winter rains also mean pollen abound, so take care of yourself in April as it is also known as Stress Awareness Month.

Spring Forward brought unexpected joy as **Alan, W6ELS** and **Roger, KE6SZG** went up, resurrected the 220 MHz repeater, and performed other miracles. Now I don't have excuses to not program my 220 MHz rigs. Thank you, gents (see Repeater News)!

Our "Member Highlight." is excited to have **Gary, KG6RJA**, as our second featured member. Thank you very much, Gary!

HF is still crappy, I am slowly going through the lists of frequencies that I got off RepeaterBook and programmed onto the work Icom IC-2820H (Caltrans hams who purchased rigs for the State like Icom, and I am a Kenwood guy).

Stay healthy and safe,

7 3, Wing, KJ6YDE



President's Corner



Hello all,

It's been a rather stay-at-home month mostly. The rain has made us all a little slower. I'm hoping more members will tune in to the Saturday morning EmComm net at 09:00 a.m. This is an attempt to get more club participation in emergency radio service, and an opportunity for members to knock the cobwebs off their antennas. We will be the go-to spot in West Contra County in an emergency.

We will have a board meeting following our Sunday morning meeting. If you have any input for the Board, please stay for the meeting.

I hear the 220 MHz repeater is back on line. Any volunteers for net control?

Good luck to **Audrey, W6BBQ**; **Gary, KG6RJA**; and **Alvin, KK6UQX** on their upcoming General exam (see License Upgrades for breaking news).

Visit the Club Website at <http://wa6kqb.org/> for some links to articles from ARRL and ARES.

7 3, dj, KJ6dj

Repeater News

Technical Committee members **Alan, W6ELS** and **Roger, KE6SZG** went up on the hill and:

- Repaired the broken hinge on the shed door
- Upgraded time on the repeater controller
- Turned on the 220 MHz repeater
- Installed a new set of cans for the 440 MHz repeater

Further activity will take place in the near future.

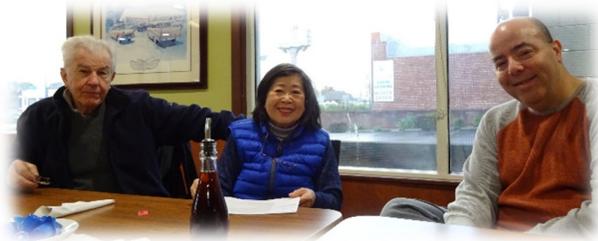
License Upgrades

Congratulations to Club Members who passed their General Class license exam on April 5, 2019:

- **Howdy Goudey, KE6BEE**
- **Judy Lewis, KM6LIY**
- **Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ**
- **John Rudolph, KM6LIX**
- **Alvin Todd, KK6UQX**

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2019



The meeting was brought to order by President **dj, KJ6DJ** at 8:05 am. There were 11 members present. DJ thanked **Wing, KJ6YDE** (now **K6YDE**) for running the meeting last month. Self-introductions were made.

The minutes of the last month's minutes were moved by **Audrey, W6BBQ** and seconded by **Roger, KE6SZG**. Motion carried.



Treasurers Report – see itemized report by **Audrey, W6BBQ** within this Newsletter.

Membership Report – Audrey reported that we have dropped 4 members from no responses, added three new members to a total of 61.



Wing mentioned a packet of information is given to new hams at testing sites by DJ as VE.

Membership Survey – Audrey reported there were 27 returned and tabulated various answers and passed around.



Net Control Reports – discussed shortening intro for protocol and referring to the Club Website. **Burgie, KE6MSF** volunteered to take over Robby's night for the Thursday evening net. Discussed so few checking in. DJ is running Saturday morning nets and getting around 12 check ins and hoping to grow to more. DJ also mentioned the importance of digital connections for future of emergency traffic.

Repeater Report – See "Repeater News."

No updates to **Old Business**.

New Business – Pizza Night and Picnic:

Pizza Night: Set for Wednesday May 8 from 5-8 p.m. at Mountain Mike’s in Pinole, featuring all you can eat buffet.

Picnic: Set for Sunday September 8. The space has been used as first come first served. Burgie is going to check if we can pay for reserving. Roger suggested menu of hamburgers and hot dogs. **Jan, AC5RB** will run a raffle of donated items at the picnic (food-wine-books-prizes), and a 50/50 drawing. Profits of both will go to repeater fund.



Repeater Time Report – See “Repeater News.”

Repeater Fund – \$65.

Breakfast – Burgie, KE6MSF had the winning ticket to have her breakfast partially subsidized.

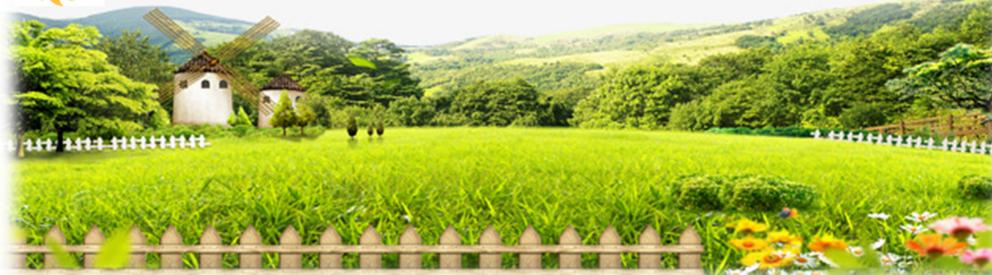
Member Raffle – won by **Max, KF6WXC**, who was not in attendance. Next month will be \$35.

There was no **Board Meeting**.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kuhl, AC5RB, Secretary



Sunshine Committee



The Sunshine Committee wishes you much love, the best health and happiness in April!

Burgie, KE6MSF

Membership Report

The rosters have been sent out by email. If you need it sent again or mailed, please let me know. If you see any errors, please bring them to my attention. When I send corrections, please update your copy!

The board has compiled the survey results and we are studying them for ways to improve membership involvement. The Thursday night net is attracting fewer members each month, but there are a lot of nets on Thursdays, so maybe we should change ours.

We are trying to invite new hams in our area to membership as soon as they get their licenses, so if you know a prospective member, send them to our website for information and a membership application.

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ
Membership Chairperson

Treasurer’s Report

March 2019

Checking Account:\$3,799.62

Disbursements: None

Receipts:

Deposits:

03/08/2019: Dues\$110.00

03/30/2019: Dues\$50.00

: Repeater Funds\$59.00

(Repeater Fund collected \$65.00, less \$6.00 for subsidizing Breakfast winner)

: Deposit Total\$219.00

Balance Forward\$4,018.62

Savings Account Balance Forward ...\$606.52

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treasurer

Member Highlight

Gary Savelli, KG6RJA



Q: Please tell us something about you.

A: I was born in May 1949 in Oakland, CA. I went through schools in Vallejo, CA and played drums in bands in my teenage years. I joined the Army when I turned 18, and spent almost five years, including one year in Vietnam. I married my **XYL, Lorene** in November 1974. In 2003 I retired because of medical reasons. Then we started up a DJ singing business. We have been doing that actively for 17 years. We are happy to host your event, so contact me at 707-552-4200 or jamminwithgary@comcast.net.



Q: How did you get started with amateur radio, and what have you done with it?

A: My brother, **Eugene Savelli, W6QFU** was a ham, and over the years, I tried to get involved in amateur radio. After I retired, I had more time to give it a try. In 2003 I received my Technician license. I love talking on the radio and having fellowship with others.

[Editor's Note: Gary is one of the Over-the-Hill Net Controllers. Chat up a storm with him on Wednesday mornings at 7:10 a.m.! - WKL]



Q: What advice would you give newly-minted hams?

A: The advice I would give to a newly licensed ham is to just get on the radio often, and you would get more accustomed to it faster and be more comfortable.

Q: What would you do if you have more free time?

A: If I had more time, my wife and I would travel more than we already do. We have a beautiful world that we live in, not only outside of the U.S. but this country too. I also want to advance my license to a general class.

2019 Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc. – Daily and Weekly Nets		
Days	Net Controller	Repeater/Net Name//Time
Monday	CAROL KK6OLL	145.110 MHz ※ Over-The-Hill Net 7:10 a.m.
Tuesday	JAN AC5RB	
Wednesday	GARY KG6RJA	
Thursday	BOB W6WTJ	
Friday	ALVIN KK6UQX	
Weekly – Monday By Arrangement	DJ KJ6DJ Contact DJ for confirmation	444.275 MHz ※ Digital Net – 7 p.m. Fldigi Net by Arrangement
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: BURGIE KE6MSF Second week: AUDREY W6BBQ Third Week: JAN AC5RB Fourth week: JEFF KJ6RHF Fifth week: DJ KJ6DJ	145.110 MHz ※ Club Net 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	DJ KJ6DJ	145.110 MHz ※ Bay Shores Net – 9 a.m.
Saturday	DJ KJ6DJ	444.275 MHz ※ CERT EmComm Net 10 a.m.

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

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OGERs Lunch

First Wednesday of every month
11 a.m.
Sukie's Country Kitchen
2400 El Portal Dr., San Pablo



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Forget the Diet

It's All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night!!!

- ✂ Adults: \$8.73 including a beverage.
- ✂ Children 10 yrs. of age & under: \$5.45 including a beverage.



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



Mountain Mike's Pizza

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Located between Lucky grocery store and the old K-Mart store

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