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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meeting

April 9, 2010  
7:30 p.m.

Program to be Announced



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the  
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Applan Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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**We'll meet in the community meeting room at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way. Enter through the back door.**

## Treasurer's Report February 2010

**John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer**

### FEBRUARY GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

1/31/10 Beginning Balance .....	\$4,279.15
Regular Renewals: K6MMG, KG6WPN, W6EFD, WI7YN, WI6O, KJ6EZB, N6JGC, WA6QJT .....	200.00
Family Renewal: KC6OBK/K6KOP ....	30.00
February Coffee Kitty .....	<u>11.00</u>
(Income Subtotal: \$241.00)	
P.G.& E. ....	-47.53
Door Prizes .....	-67.17
Blown Fuse Printing (Mar. issue) .....	-18.44
Blown Fuse Postage (Mar. issue) .....	-12.76
Refreshments (B. Bowling) .....	-15.76
Post Office Box (annual) .....	<u>-92.00</u>
(Expense Subtotal: \$253.66)	
2/28/10 Ending Balance .....	\$4,266.49

<sup>1</sup>\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

**Note:** January's General Fund's begin and end balances should have been greater by 6 cents.

### FEBRUARY STATION FUND<sup>2</sup>

1/31/10 Beginning Balance .....	\$4,294.36
Interest Earned .....	<u>0.56</u>
2/28/10 Ending Balance .....	\$4,294.92

<sup>2</sup>\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total February Income .....	\$241.56
Total February Disbursements .....	\$253.66

## The View from the Bank John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

Well, things are getting to be a bit more under control. The member dues are mostly received and credited to the bank account. So we are off to another successful year. If any of you still wish to be a member and haven't sent in your dues, please do so. We hate to lose anyone.

We now have sent our income tax report to the IRS and hope that we have successfully gotten all the numbers into the right places. It is at this time that I want to acknowledge Sharon Primbsch's major contribution to this effort. She, in fact, was largely responsible for getting it done. My contribution to the effort was to nod agreeably and to sign and mail the document. Please join me in thanking her for getting it done. Next year will truly be my maiden voyage.

As it is my responsibility to go to the PO Box on a regular basis to collect the mail and to respond to the bills, I've been wondering why I haven't yet received a bank statement for the Station fund (which is held in a savings account). The bank tells me that they only mail out savings account statements on a quarterly basis, so perhaps next month we'll see it.

For those of you who wondered why I wasn't at the club meetings, I have to report that my bout with the H1N1 virus is nearly over. I certainly expect to resume my duties next month. See you then.

# General Meeting Minutes

## March 12, 2010

### Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 19:37 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign-in sheet available. Seventeen members were in attendance. A round of introductions was the first order of business.

The minutes of the February 12, 2010 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

First VP Woodward reported that he was working on programs for April and May. June's program will involve Field Day, July's program will be on mobile installations, and August's program is planned to be on towers. Woodworth also discussed Pacifcon, which will be held in San Ramon in October, and the Santa Clara section Festival in Monterey March 20 and 21.

Second Vice President Bowling was present with refreshments.

Third Vice President Primbsch reported a new member, KI6UKC. Sharon also reported that rosters have been mailed out with the assistance of John Wood, and that the next VE session will be on Sunday, April 25.

Treasurer Wood was not present. Sharon Primbsch reported that John had billed HRO for the advertising in the newsletter. February disbursements totaled \$253.66, and February income totaled \$241.00. The general fund balance was \$4363.25, and the station fund balance was \$4294.36. Wood and Primbsch had been working the club's tax return.

Secretary Jenkins had no report.

Club Station Manager Gleason reported that plastic had been installed over the roof of building. Stanton also reported that he had picked up a generator donated by John Wood. Power and water are on at the station.

Education: Jenkins reported that a class has been scheduled for Technician class license beginning Tuesday, April 13 at the West Contra Costa Adult School. The registration fee of \$25 includes the textbook.

Events: Jenkins reported on the May 2 Grizzly Peak Century bike ride and the June 5 Boy Scout Hike. Jenkins also reported on additional events in Marin, and on an effort put together a Bay area-wide public service webpage.

Website: Hoffman reported that events and classes had been posted on the website. Peter also remarked on the availability of a photo page to display members' station photographs.

President Fowler reported that the club was running relatively well. There was a discussion of the future of the current location of the club station, and possible alternate locations. The need to involve more young people in amateur radio via such organizations as the local junior high school, or the Boy Scouts was discussed. The possibility of public service announcements on local cable television access channel was also discussed.

Jenkins reported on a Notice of Inquiry from the FCC regarding the request by American Hospitals Association for a blanket waiver of the FCC rules to allow licensed amateurs who are hospital employees to participate in certification drills, and otherwise transmit messages on behalf of their employers. This subject was discussed by the assembled members.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 20:31 hours. After the break, Ken Fowler played an old MGM video about amateur radio.

Respectfully submitted, Randy Jenkins,  
KA6BQF, Secretary

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**Found on a bumper sticker: "He who laughs last, thinks slowest."**

## Upcoming Technician Class

EBARC is teaching a class for getting the Technician Amateur Radio License. Classes meet Tuesday evenings, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at the West Contra Costa Adult Education Alvarado Campus, 5625 Sutter Ave, Richmond. There are eight class sessions: April 13, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25; and June 1. The registration fee is \$25 (cash or check only), which pays for the manual. The last class session (June 1<sup>st</sup>) will be an ARRL VE exam, (Technician only) for which the additional fee is \$15. To register, call the Alvarado Campus at 510-559-2660. *[The school may charge \$40 (registration + test). This is unclear at press time. – Editor]*

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## ECOMMWEST

*[Adapted from a message by ARRL Pacific Division Director: Robert Vallio, W6RGG]*

This year's EMCOMMWEST® will take place Friday April 30 - Sunday May 2, 2010 at Reno's Grand Sierra Hotel Resort (it also has an on-site RV park). EMCOMMWEST® 2010 speakers and schedule can be viewed at the Web site [www.emcommwest.org](http://www.emcommwest.org), which will be updated as new forums and sessions are added. Speakers' packages, registration forms, vendor registration, banquet and breakfast tickets, room reservations etc. can be obtained here as well.

One presentation is on the USAF's new RADAR system, formerly known as Pave Paws, in Northern California. Lt. Col. Corey J. Keppler and his staff will explain their mission, their use of the 420 - 450 Mhz band, and why the mitigation of interference is important.

There will also be FEMA ICS and NOAA Weather Spotter training classes offered at the event, and a "get your ham license in one day" class along with VE license testing for all classes.

ARRL's CEO, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, will be the special Saturday night banquet speaker this year! Keynote speaker will be Mark Spencer, WA8SME of the ARRL. This year's EMCOMMWEST® will offer a new "Sunday Brunch" with special guest speaker, Tom Taomina, K5RC, whose huge contest station in Virginia City Highlands, Nevada is legendary.

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## EBARC Roster Update

- **CORRECTION:** (WB6VEX) Bob Uhrhammer's phone is 510-525-1447.
  - **MOVED:** Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T, has moved to 13502 N. Frontage Rd. #275, Yuma, AZ 85367. Her new phone is 928-247-3789.
  - **NEW MEMBER:** David Young, KI6UKC, has a General ticket. He receives mail at P.O. Box 20332, El Sobrante, CA 94820. *[David, please tell me your phone number, and email: call 510-741-8227, or e-mail [aa6xz@earthlink.net](mailto:aa6xz@earthlink.net) – tnx mch, AA6XZ]*
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## Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: [www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at [www.asvaro.org](http://www.asvaro.org). Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The remaining dates for 2010 are Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2010 remains at \$15. Info at 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

## 2010 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President ..... 222-0830  
 "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair..... 524-7452  
 Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair ..... 233-5749  
 Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor..... 741-8227  
 John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer - Finance Committee Chair..... 967-8685  
 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary / Education Chair ..... 526-4089  
 Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Member-at-Large - Club Station Manager . 385-4044  
 Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large ..... 847-3583

## 2010 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee..... 415-305-2547  
 Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Webmaster, Publicity Chair..... 525-0694  
 Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair..... 724-0533  
 Mark O'Brien, AF6FR, [af6fr@yahoo.com](mailto:af6fr@yahoo.com), Ride Coordinator..... 650-776-1817  
 Awards Chair.....  
 Social & Digital Committees Chair.....  
 Legislative Affairs .....  
 RFI Committee Chair.....  
 Historian .....

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"QRM Net"	Tues	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300

RACES, West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, [mcmillan50y@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org).