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EBARC Meetings

April 11, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

"W6BB's Resonant Feedline Antenna"
Bill Mitchell, AG6RB, & Jack Burris, K6JEB

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.
For the location, contact President Ken Fowler, KO6NO, at 222-0830.



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April 11th EBARC Meeting

Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1st VP

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

At our April 11 meeting, Bill Mitchell, AG6RB, and Jack Burris, K6JEB, will tell us about building a resonant feedline antenna for the W6BB station and adjusting it using EBARC's new antenna analyzer.

Treasurer's Report

February 2014

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

FEBRUARY GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$4,301.67

Income:

Family Renewals: W6AKB/KG6LXL/
KB6LHP/KI6ELP \$35.00
Regular Renewals: KJ6WEQ, KJ6DYX,
KJ6DZB, N6JGC 120.00
Total General Income: \$155.00

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (February).....\$32.63
PG&E (February)24.93
Post Office Box Rent128.00
Meeting Food13.98
Postage, Treasurer.....11.20
Total General Disbursements.....\$210.74
Ending Balance\$4,245.93
(Petty Cash on hand \$20.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

FEBRUARY STATION FUND

Beginning Balance:\$2,879.42
Income:\$0.00

Disbursements:\$0.00
Ending Balance\$2,879.42

General Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2014

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign in sheet available. Twenty-one members or guests signed in.

A silent auction of surplus club station equipment was announced. Bidders can write down their bids on the provided sheets.

The minutes of the February 14 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

First Vice President Smith reported on programs. Curtis, WA6UDS, and Doug, KF6AKU, will make tonight's presentation. Jack, K6JEB, and Bill, AG6RB, will make next month's presentation on an antenna they built. Future presentations on antenna modeling software and RACES are being scheduled. For June we will have something related to Field Day.

Second Vice President Sparks was absent. Stanton Gleason brought the refreshments. Please feed the kitty.

Third Vice President Primbsch reported that membership was going fine; we have 66 members. The rosters were mailed. The deadline for articles for *The Blown Fuse* will be April 22 by e-mail. New member – Ned Dairiki, KK6JAC.

Treasurer Jenkins presented his finance report for February. The month ended with \$4,245.93 in the general fund and \$2,879.42 in the station fund. There was \$155.00 income and \$210.74 expenses reported.

Secretary Spalding was absent. Treasurer Jenkins took minutes. There was no mail to report on.

Station Manager Stanton Gleason reported that there will be a work party at the station on Saturday, March 15, to work on dismantling antennas.

Public Events – Jenkins reported that upcoming events were the Grizzly Peak Century in May and the FAGES II Boy Scout Hike in June.

Education – Ken commented we will begin a Technician class on March 25.

Web Page – Peter Hoffman reported webpage had links to last month's presentation and photos of the Rigger's Loft. There is a new link to a VE session registration page.

At-Large Members – Jeff Miller will make contact about a new training facility in Richmond.

President – Ken Fowler commented that it was a busy month, taking apart the club station. A few treasures were discovered in the attic. Ken has another meeting about establishing a station at City Hall.

Ken also mentioned Field Day activity by EBARC. No one stepped forward to head up the effort.

Stanton Gleason reported that San Pablo Dam Road at I-80 would be being worked on, for several months. Bill Mitchell reported that W6BB would be celebrating 100 years at Cal with a special event station using the call W6C, March 21 through March 28; at the Field Station Bldg. 470. Randy Jenkins reported that there would be a VE session in Mill Valley, tomorrow, March 15.

Next meeting: April 11, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:07.

Curtis Ardourel, WA6UDS, and Doug Slusher, KF6AKU, made a presentation on the impacts of Microsoft ceasing support to the XP operating system and Office 2003 in April.

Ham Volunteers Needed

The Boy Scout Fages II 20-mile Hike in Camp Herms and nearby parks will be held Saturday, May 31, 2014 this year (not June 7th). To volunteer, contact Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF.

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for proofreading this month's *Blown Fuse*.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
- 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 16th St.), Oakland. The remaining test dates for 2014 are April 27th, July 27th, and October 26th. The fee for 2014 is \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from mcmillan50y@yahoo.com 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 \$30 for individual membership, \$35 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page 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.

2014 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President 222-0830
 Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1st VP - Program Chair 724-5099
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2014 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

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 Historian

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
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 (traffic)	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"QRM Net"	Tues	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
9 a.m. Talk Net	Mo-Fr	0900 (PL 100.0-)	145.230
Youth Net	Sat	1400 (PL 100.0-)	145.230

RACES, West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.