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EBARC Meeting

August 13, 2010
7:30 p.m.

"Antenna Towers"
Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH
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.
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]

August 13th EBARC Program Antenna Towers

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

This month Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH, and Jack Burris, K6JEB, will talk about towers.

Treasurer's Report June 2010

John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

JUNE GENERAL FUND¹

5/31/10 Beginning Balance	\$3,871.18
New Members: KJ6DZB, K6YV	25.00
June Coffee Kitty.....	<u>9.00</u>
(Income Subtotal: \$34.00)	
P.G. & E. (June).....	-188.59
P.G. & E. (July)	-21.83
Blown Fuse Printing (July issue)	-10.21
Blown Fuse Postage (July issue)	-10.56
Refreshments (B. Bowling)	<u>-12.07</u>
(Expense Subtotal: \$243.26)	
6/30/10 Ending Balance	\$3,661.92

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

JUNE STATION FUND²

5/31/10 Beginning Balance	\$4,295.41
6/30/10 Ending Balance	\$4,295.41

²\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total June Income.....	\$34.00
Total June Disbursements.....	\$243.26

Silent Key, WB6DXZ

Alan Hubert Craddock, WB6DXZ, resident of Oakland, passed away peacefully in his sleep with his wife Margie by his side on Monday, May 24, 2010 in Albany, California. Alan was born in London, England, on February 1, 1924. He was one of four children. He lived through the London blitz, and he dearly wanted to join the Royal Air Force (RAF), but he was in aircraft design work and wasn't allowed. After World War II, he immigrated to Canada in 1948 and then to the United States in 1960. Alan had a keen interest in electronics and taught himself through radio courses. Eventually, he learned Morse code and began working as a radio officer on Military Sea Command ships during the Vietnam War. He later worked on Chevron Maritime ships. After retirement he joined the East Bay Amateur Radio Club, Contra Costa Communications Club and later, the Radio Club for the Red Oak Victory ship in Richmond where he was chief radio officer.

Get Your EBARC Badges!

Joe Lee, W6DOB, has several EBARC badges that were ordered and paid for by members. If you haven't picked yours up yet, contact Joe at 510-724-0533.

Save These Dates!

Sep. 12 – 4Cs / EBARC picnic
Dec. 11 – 4Cs / EBARC holiday luncheon

Public Service Help Needed

Operators are needed for the Marin Century / Mt. Tam Double Century Ride on Saturday, August 7; and for the Holstein 100 Ride on August 21. Contact Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, ka6bqf@arrl.net for information.

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW MEMBER:** Craig L. Fleming, K6CLF, has a General ticket. He lives at 4632-D Melody Dr., Concord, 94521. You can reach him at navair1@gmail.com or 925-808-9145. He likes Emcomm, D-Star, and digital modes. He also likes flying, & electronics.
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Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
 - 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
 - South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at 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 16th St.), Oakland. The remaining date for 2010 is Oct. 24th. 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 or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.
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[Editor's note: Results for EBARC's 2010 Field Day were not available at press time.]

New ARRL / Red Cross MoU

On Thursday, March 25, 2010, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the American Red Cross (ARC). The MoU, which replaces an earlier Statement of Understanding that expired in 2007, provides a "broad framework for cooperation" between the ARRL and the ARC "in preparing for and responding to disaster relief situations at all levels in rendering assistance and service to victims of disaster, as well as other services for which cooperation may be mutually beneficial."

The Red Cross requires the completion of a criminal background check to participate in Red Cross activities and provides a process by which a volunteer may have a criminal background check performed at no cost to the volunteer. In the case of ARRL volunteers, the Red Cross has agreed to accept an alternative process: ARRL volunteers may arrange, at their own initiative and expense, to have the criminal background check performed by a state or local law enforcement agency.

The Red Cross also has agreed that ARRL volunteers shall not be asked or required to consent to credit checks, mode of living investigations or investigative consumer reports in order to provide a communications function.

Questions that Haunt Me: If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

[Editor's Note: The list of EBARC officers is being omitted from the printed newsletter this month to cut costs. It will return next month.]

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, 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, 1st VP - Program Chair..... 524-7452
 Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair 233-5749
 Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3rd 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
 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, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, www.cc-races.org.