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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meetings

August 10, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

"Radio Sausalito"



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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## Club Station Roof Work Parties

Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU,  
W6CUS Club Station Manager

There will be work parties for repairing the roof at the club station for the dates 8/12/12 and 8/19/12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you all.



[*EBARC members: Puleeeeee help! The know-how and supplies are already available. The club especially needs volunteers who can work atop the roof itself. We need to finish this work ASAP. – Ye Olde Editor*]

## August 10<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting

Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

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

A speaker from Radio Sausalito will speak to us at our August meeting. The station broadcasts Big Band Jazz as a "Part 15" station on 1610 AM in southern Marin County.

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

## General Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2012

Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 20 members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of the June 8, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program would be by Ron Bunch, W4FEK, on CERT and RACES in Contra Costa. Next month's program is scheduled to be on Radio Sausalito, a small independent radio station.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks provided an excellent array of refreshments.

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch was absent.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information. General fund balance was \$3,527.22; station fund balance was \$3,664.25. Monthly income was \$49.94; expenses were \$490.46 including a \$350 deposit for the Field Day site, which should be refunded.

**Secretary:** Secretary McMillan reported correspondence included renewals, QSL card requests, an Official Observer card, and a *Blown Fuse* address correction.

**Station Manager:** Gleason was absent.

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins reported some events were coming in August. See Randy for details.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman reported all is well with website. Some Field Day photos will be on the site soon.

**President:** Fowler reported a great time was had during Field Day – thanks to all who helped make it a success. Some food and fuel costs were incurred, donations are welcome. EBARC name badge orders are being taken. There are interesting solar conditions lately, including a recent solar flare.

**New Members and Guests:** new member Thyme, KJ6PVU; and guest Larry, KJ6WTL, were acknowledged.

**Announcements:** 4Cs/EBARC annual picnic is coming the second Sunday in September. Due to the difficulty of getting volunteer labor to help repair the club station roof, At-Large member Wikander offered three proposals for the club station: 1) get rid of the station, 2) hire a roofing contractor and assess the costs among members, or 3) buy a foreclosed property and convert it into a new club station location. President Fowler then reviewed club station history and current status. Fowler asked if anyone had ideas to increase the value of the club to members, please share them with any EBARC board member.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on August 10, 2012.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, Ron Bunch, W4FEK, gave a presentation on

RACES and its activities in Contra Costa. They are sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. Their mission is "to train, organize, and deploy radio amateurs in support of Contra Costa County agencies and organizations." The group meets monthly in the county emergency operations center (EOC) in Martinez on the fourth Wednesday of the month. They have a monthly training or exercise on the third Saturday of the month. More information is available on their website at <http://www.coco-races.org/> or by email to [info@coco-races.org](mailto:info@coco-races.org).

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## Treasurer's Report June 2012

**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

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

Beginning Balance: .....	\$3,967.74
<u>Income:</u>	
New Member KJ6PVU .....	12.50
Returning Member W6BBQ.....	25.00
Interest earned .....	0.44
Refreshment Kitty:.....	<u>12.00</u>
Total General Income:.....	\$49.94

### Disbursements

PG&E (June) .....	\$24.70
Blown Fuse Printing .....	15.86
Blown Fuse Postage .....	9.90
Field Day deposit .....	350.00
Field Day site usage fee.....	<u>90.00</u>
Total General Disbursements.....	\$490.46
Ending Balance .....	\$3,527.22

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

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

Beginning Balance: .....	\$3,664.25
<u>Income:</u> .....	\$0.00

<u>Disbursements:</u> .....	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance .....	\$3,664.25

<sup>2</sup>\$888.62 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

## Some Useful Ham Radio Links Robin Spalding, N6RLS

There are so many sources of useful info on the web - with more sites appearing every day. Trying to do a comprehensive list would more than fill a whole issue of *The Blown Fuse*. There are spotting sites, any number of DIY sites, and pages for every known facet of Amateur Radio. Here are just a few that I've found useful, starting with the big ones; QRZ.COM, A6CV.COM, ARRL.ORG, DXZONE.COM, and EHAM.NET - sites any ham will probably already know. Each has links to tons of ham-related info. There are more coming around every day. Start searching!

A useful site for vintage ham info turns out to be the Internet Archive - <http://archive.org/> - a goldmine for vintage material of all kinds. The entire run of *73 Magazine* is available here: <http://archive.org/details/73-magazine>. Obviously some material is too dated for much use today, but many things - antenna construction articles for example - are still quite useful and are still referenced today by folks writing new articles. If you do a search on the Internet Archive site, be sure to select the "media type" to narrow things down - "Audio" or "Moving Images" or "Texts" will bring up subsets of things found in an "All Media Types" search.

Speaking of "vintage" stuff, the ARRL site has excellent references to all their past articles (back to 1915) and product reviews. They are searchable by date or product name/number, and easily printable. (Members only!)

Also, for out-of-date or not-found ("404") pages, especially on Amateur Radio topics: try the Wayback Machine on those "dead" links: <http://archive.org/web/web.php>.

*[There will be more from Robin in a future issue – Ye Olde Editor]*

For Sale: never-used Grundig Classic (short-wave) radio. Contact Vicki Siegel at 510-654-8231 or 510-449-4343.

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## EBARC Roster Update

- **UPGRADE:** Bob Frederick, KJ6PPU, just upgraded to Extra. Congratulations!
- **NEW MEMBER:** Thyme Siegal, KJ6PVU, has a Technician license. She lives at #E 5324 D'Avila Way, El Sobrante, 94803. Her email is [thyme14@juno.com](mailto:thyme14@juno.com), and her phone is 510-669-9646. She's interested in emergency communications.

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## Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See [www.eastbayarc.org](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The remaining test date for 2012 is October 28. The fee for 2012 remains \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- 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).
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from [mcmillan50y@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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I've learned that everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

Andy Rooney

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.

## 2012 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President ..... 222-0830  
 Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair ..... 415-305-2547  
 Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair ..... 384-4233  
 Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor ..... 741-8227  
 Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary ..... 223-3052  
 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair ..... 526-4089  
 Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large ..... 847-3583  
 John Wood, N6JDW, Member-at-Large ..... 967-8685

## 2012 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager ..... 385-4044  
 Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee ..... 415-305-2547  
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 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 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
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](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.