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EBARC Meetings



December 14, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Installation of 2013 Officers
and Socializing



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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December 14th EBARC Meeting

Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1st VP

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

At the December meeting, a 3-person committee will count the votes that were cast for 2013 club officers. Then we'll install the 2013 Executive Committee. The rest of the evening will be a social hour. Feel free to bring holiday treats to share!

Treasurer's Report

October 2012

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

OCTOBER GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance	\$3,147.78
<u>Income:</u>	
Renewing Members; KD6SWU, KG6WPN, and KA6BQF	90.00
Refreshment Kitty:	3.75
Donation; KD6SWU	5.00
Field Day Deposit Returned	<u>350.00</u>
Total General Income:	\$448.75

Disbursements:

PG&E (October)	\$24.17
Blown Fuse Printing	10.24
Blown Fuse Postage	18.50
4Cs/EBARC picnic	<u>177.79</u>
Total General Disbursements.....	\$230.70
Ending Balance	\$3,365.83

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

OCTOBER STATION FUND²

Beginning Balance:	\$3,520.80
<u>Income:</u>	\$0.00

<u>Disbursements:</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$3,520.80

²\$745.17 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

General Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2012

Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated; 18 members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made including the question "What did you do fun with Amateur radio last month?" Answers included "received a license, worked 10-meters, found electronics kit instructions, provided Nike Marathon comms, helped with a BSA JOTA, did some QRP, taught Tech license class, and went to Pacificon." Minutes of the October 12, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

Program: First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be Stanton about the EBARC station and club officers discussing coming club election. Jack will also demonstrate a software-defined radio. Next month's program will be a social night and the club officer election results. January is scheduled to be Rich Holoch, KY6R, on antennas including his stacked Yagi array. Jack also mentioned field trips being

organized: to KPH at Point Reyes and possibly Elecraft manufacturing plant in Aptos.

Hospitality: Second Vice-President Sparks provided refreshments.

Membership: Third Vice-President Primbsch reported new member Kathy, KI6TZE. Renewal notices will go out with election ballots soon. We will need three volunteers to count ballots at December meeting. Recent VE session was successful, next one fourth Sunday in January.

Finance: Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information. General fund balance was \$3,365.83; station fund balance was \$3,520.80. Monthly income was \$448.75; expenses were \$230.70.

Secretary: Secretary McMillan reported no correspondence of significance.

Station Manager: Gleason reported roof is now watertight. Next project is rotor connection to tall beam.

Public Events/Education: Fowler reported class is going well.

Web Page: Webmaster Hoffman reported membership application on website has been updated.

President: Fowler discussed the EBARC sweepstakes contest (details in *The Blown Fuse*). He encouraged active participation by all members.

New Members and Guests: Kathy, KI6TZE, was recognized as a new member. Three guests were acknowledged.

Announcements: The 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Party is coming in December, details are in *The Blown Fuse*. Andrew Taylor, KM6VT, was mentioned as a silent key.

Next Meeting: the next meeting will be on December 14, 2012.

Closing: There being no further business, the membership meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Program: After a break for refreshments, Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, discussed the EBARC club station on Macdonald Avenue in Richmond: equipment available, how to access, and history of the facility. Jack, K6JEB, displayed a small radio that plugs into a USB port on a laptop. Members assisted Kathy with programming her hand-held radio.

EBARC Roster Update

- **RETURNING MEMBER:** Katherine Branstetter, KI6TZE, is a Technician. She lives at 208 Water St., Richmond, her phone is 510-234-9603, and email is kathbran@well.com. She's in RACES.

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

Future Bay Area Events

- 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Party at the Tara Hills Mobile Manor Recreation Room in San Pablo, Dec. 8th, 11:30 a.m. To attend, you must have signed up and paid in advance.
- 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 test dates for 2013 are January 27th, April 28th, July 28th, and October 27th. The fee for 2013 remains \$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.

2012 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager 385-4044
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 Awards Chair
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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
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 (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.