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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meetings



December 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

Election Results, Officer Installation,  
& Party: EBARC Members



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 13<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.**

For December we'll count the ballots and install the 2014 EBARC Officers. We'll also have an informal meeting with conversation, and perhaps a surprise. If you're inclined, bring a holiday snack to share.



## 4Cs / EBARC 2013 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 14, 2013  
Open at 11:30 a.m., Eat at noon

Recreation Room  
Tara Hills Mobile Manor  
16401 San Pablo Ave.  
San Pablo, CA 94806

Catered buffet by Kinder's Deli in Hercules

Buffet includes:  
BBQ Ribs and Chicken Quarters  
Fresh Fruit Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad,  
BBQ Beans and Dinner Rolls  
Donated Desserts  
Regular Soda, Diet Soda, & Water

**Directions:** The park is located at the corner of Tara Hills Dr. and San Pablo Ave. The entrance is on Tara Hills Dr.

From I-80 southbound, exit at Appian Way: Stay in the middle lane (you will be turning right at the light at the end of the ramp). After you turn right, immediately move into the left turn lane and make the left turn onto Tara Hills Drive. Go straight until you cross San Pablo Ave. You are at your destination.

From I-80 northbound, exit at Appian Way, turn left at the signal at the end of the ramp. Once over the freeway, move into the left turn lane to make the left turn onto Tara Hills Drive. Go straight until you cross San Pablo Ave. You are at your destination.

**Parking:** There are a few parking spaces on the street around the Recreation Room and 3 or 4 visitor spaces behind it. Main parking is on the street around the entrance of the park. Parking on the streets inside the park is limited. Do not block any residence driveway if you park on any streets in the park.

Guests are welcome. You must pay and RSVP by December 1st. Please include the call sign (if any) and the name of each person who will attend. Let us know what each of them wants to drink; regular soda, diet soda, or water. The cost is \$20 per person. Make your check payable to "Contra Costa Communications Club," and mail it to

CCCC Inc.  
PO Box 20661  
El Sobrante, CA 94820-0661

To donate a dessert to the  
4Cs/EBARC holiday party,  
contact Victoria Thompson,  
KE6FSU; ke6fsu@sbcglobal.net or  
510-724-4966.

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**September 2013 (corrected)**  
**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,550.17

Income:

New memberships: KQ1N (partial) .. \$20.00

Renewals, individual: KDTSWU ..... 30.00

Refreshment Kitty ..... 4.83

Total General Income: ..... \$54.83

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (Sep/Oct) ..... \$29.95

Meeting Food ..... 34.96

PG&E (September) ..... 22.24

Total General Disbursements ..... \$87.15

Ending Balance ..... \$3,517.85

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

SEPTEMBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: ..... \$3,520.80

Income: Bank Interest ..... \$0.30

Disbursements: ..... \$0.00

Ending Balance ..... \$3,521.10

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**Treasurer's Report**  
**October 2013**  
**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

OCTOBER GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,517.85

Income: ..... 0.00

Total General Income: ..... \$0.00

Disbursements

PG&E (October) ..... \$20.05

Total General Disbursements.....\$20.05

Ending Balance .....\$3,497.80

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

OCTOBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: .....\$3,521.10

Income: .....\$0.00

Disbursements: .....\$0.00

Ending Balance .....\$3,521.10

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**General Meeting Minutes**

**November 8, 2013**

**Michael McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, members signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of both the September 13 and October 11, 2013 meetings were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burriss reported that tonight's program will be a Zombie Shuffle. Next month's program is scheduled to be the Holiday Meeting; Jack is open to ideas or suggestions for the program.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks provided an excellent array with a reminder to "feed the kitty."

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch reported membership renewals will be mailed with the election ballots. If your membership information changed, please note it on the renewal form. *The Blown Fuse* is on schedule.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information. General fund balance: \$3,532.79. Station fund balance: \$3,521.10. No monthly income and expenses were \$20.05.

**Secretary:** Secretary McMillan reported no correspondence of significance forwarded to Secretary.

**Station Manager:** Gleason reported nothing new at the station.

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins reported Technician class is being held in Marin. Ken expects to have a Technician class in the spring. Fees should be greatly reduced due to a favorable review by the school district. Last VE session of the year was held in October, nine passed. Schedule has been set for 2014 in January, April, July, and October.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman reported nothing new with our website.

**President:** Fowler reported last month's meeting discussed the new club antenna analyzer. He stated it can be connected to a computer for remote control. Device can identify the length of a cable. A committee will be formed to oversee analyzer use.

**New Members and Guests:** none present.

**Announcements:** Wake Island was heard by Ron Smith. Other DXpeditions are going on. Sweepstakes are coming next week. The EBARC/4Cs dinner party is coming December 14, details are in the newsletter.

Nominations were then taken from the floor for the slate of EBARC 2014 club officers. Those nominated and accepting nomination are:

President: Ken Fowler, KO6NO

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Ron Smith, KE6RS

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

Secretary: Robin Spalding, N6RLS

Treasurer: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Ballots will be mailed to all members, please vote and return your ballot. Ballots will be counted by an independent three-person panel during the December general meeting.

**Next Meeting:** the next general meeting will be on December 13, 2013.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned about 8:00 p.m.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, Jack Burris, K6JEB, introduced club members to a mini Zombie Shuffle. The actual Zombie Shuffle radio contest is held on the Friday night before Halloween (Oct. 25 this year). The contest philosophy; "There is no point to the Zombie Shuffle whatsoever except to get on the air and have fun with fellow Zombies and QRPers." The fun includes Elvis stations (worth 666 points) and, like Zombies, a rebirth rule allowing you to work the same station on a band every two hours (they just won't die). You can learn more about Zombie ham radio at their website:  
<http://www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/zombie.htm>

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**This month we have a fresh ad from Ham Radio Outlet. Please patronize our advertiser!**

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

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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 test dates for 2014 are January 26<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and October 26<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2014 is \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- 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.

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](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.

## 2013 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  
 Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Member-at-Large ..... 528-1144

## 2013 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

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