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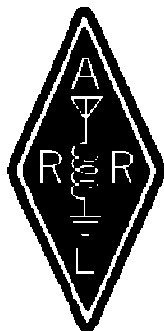
## EBARC Meetings

December 12, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

2015 Ballot Count & Officer Installation  
Holiday Social & Show-and-Tell

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the  
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date,  
time, & location, contact President Ken Fowler, KO6NO, at 222-0830.



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Deadline for Jan. issue: Mon., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **NOTE THE EARLY DEADLINE!**

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

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## **December 12th 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 December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting we will count ballots and install the 2015 EBARC officers. We'll also have our annual social. The club will furnish liquid refreshments and members are asked to bring a holiday snack to share. (No alcohol is allowed in the library.) If you are working on a ham radio-related project, you might bring it for show-and-tell.

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## **CCCC and EBARC Annual Potluck 214 Holiday Party**

**Saturday, December 13, 2014  
Arrival: 11:30 a.m., Eating About Noon**

**Cost: \$5.00 per person, at the door  
Signup deadline is Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>**

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

Contact Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ at 501-6745 or email her at [robar19@aol.com](mailto:robar19@aol.com) to sign up by providing the number of people in your group and saying what dish you will bring. We will need: salads, vegetables, casseroles, crock pot main dishes, and desserts. Also let Barbara know if you can serve on the cleanup crew. Coffee, cold drinks, iced tea, plates, bowls, cups, napkins, and silverware will be provided by a club member.

Directions: The park is located at the corner of Tara Hills Dr. and San Pablo Ave. The entrance is on Tara Hills Dr. 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 in the park is limited. Do not block any residence driveway if you park on any streets in the park.

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## **General Meeting Minutes November 14, 2014 Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary**

**Opening:** President Fowler called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. A round of self-introductions was made; Name, callsign, QTH, recent activities. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 15 members and no guests signed in. Minutes of the October 10th, 2014 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**From Intros:** Peter, W6DEI, worked Afghanistan (1st time) during Tromelin Island pileup. Rick, KD6UL, is new, proud owner of an Elecraft KX3. Ron, KE6RS, noted that his & Rick's KX3 units have consecutive serial numbers (006991 & 006992). Jack, K6JEB, encouraged us to get contesting. Jim Fast, KK6NDG, asked for help with identifying a

transmission on 155.325 MHz (several possibilities were suggested. Sharon, AA6XZ, passed 17 folks at recent UC Berkeley VE session (w/ help from Ron, Randy & Jerry). Ken, KO6NO, went to Pacificon and USS Hornet ARC events. He is also chasing W1AW/P stations (got all except NV) including American Samoa (helped by DX Summit spotter program).

**Program:** First VP Ron Smith said December will be the annual social gathering following the General Meeting. Members are encouraged to bring dessert items to share (cookies, cupcakes, etc...) Club will provide drinks (no alcohol allowed in library). Members are also encouraged to bring any show & tell projects or items to display at December meeting.

**Hospitality:** Second VP Jay Sparks says "Feed The Kitty!"

**Membership:** Third VP Sharon Primbsch reported no new members. Deadline for *The Blown Fuse* comes on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Ballots for Club officers, meeting day change surveys, and membership renewal forms are going out next week. Members are encouraged to submit articles or other things to be published.

**Finance:** Treasurer Randy Jenkins reports we brought in \$80.47 in October, and we spent \$316.10 (including 2 months of storage fees and 4Cs picnic expenses).

**Secretary:** Secretary Spalding reported an invite from the ARRL to attend Pacific Division Leadership Meeting on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Livermore City Council chambers. It includes breakfast rolls & buffet lunch! Contact Ken Fowler if you want to go.

**Public Events/Education:** Randy Jenkins says we're pretty much done for the year and thanked all those who participated. We had a very successful year. Ken reported on the Boy Scout *Jamboree on the Air* event held recently. The highlight was a great QSO with an

Australian station involving a troop of Girl Guides. The club received a certificate for 2013 JOTA activities. Ken also noted he's starting a new Tech license course in January at the Alvarado School for West County Adult Education. It will be 10 weeks on Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting January 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. The book costs \$27.00. EBARC Members are welcome to help with the course.

**Web Page:** Peter Hoffman says nothing new on the website.

**Membership:** Sharon reports no new members. If you have moved, she needs your new snail-mail address for the ballots.

**President:** Ken has been to the old EBARC club station building. The Rohn tower is still standing there, and will come down if someone wants it. Richmond may be delaying eventual tear-down of the building. An offer from W6BB for this tower is welcome if they want to remove it. EBARC doesn't have a club station anymore and may be going in a new direction.

**Floor Announcements:** Stanton seeks help with getting the crank-up tower loaded and driven to Marin. Jack noted a guy operating in S. Dakota, for anyone who wants to make a contact. Randy noted a VE session in Marin on Nov. 23rd. Sharon reminded us about the EBARC / 4Cs Holiday luncheon Saturday, Dec. 13th. Details are in the November *Blown Fuse*. Ron says the 4Cs repeater is still out of order.

**Nominations:** Ken presided over 2015 officer nominations. Randy nominated Ron Antaki, KK6NDJ, for Secretary. Randy nominated Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, for 1st VP. Ron Smith nominated Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, for President. Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, was nominated for 2nd VP. Other positions have their incumbents running again, and were also nominated (Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, and Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer). All nominations were seconded properly, and the slate of officers was completed.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on December 12th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, gave an excellent "MESH Redux" talk, covering the practical basics of setting up and using a MESH network. Jack Burris helped with the demonstration.

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## Treasurer's Report

October 2014

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

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

Beginning Balance ..... \$4,185.10

#### Income:

Membership Renewal, KD6SWU ..... \$30.00

Donations ..... 5.00

Refreshment Kitty Sep. .... 5.00

Refreshment Kitty Oct. .... 5.47

Total General Income: ..... \$45.47

#### Disbursements

PG&E (final) ..... \$5.70

Blown Fuse (October) ..... 78.83

4Cs picnic ..... 77.57

Total General Disbursements ..... \$162.10

Ending Balance ..... \$4,086.47

(portion as petty cash ..... \$30.47)

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

### OCTOBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: ..... \$3,224.90

#### Income:

Equipment Sale ..... \$35.00

Total Station Income ..... \$35.00

#### Disbursements:

Storage Costs ..... \$154.00

Total Station Disbursements ..... \$154.00

Ending Balance ..... \$3,105.09

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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 2015 are January 25, April 26, July 26, and October 25. The fee for 2015 is \$15. Info: 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, until recently, has maintained 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, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair.....	724-5099
Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair .....	384-4233
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor.....	741-8227
Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary .....	528-1144
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair.....	526-4089
Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large .....	847-3583
Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF, Member-at-Large.....	499-5606

## 2014 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
Field Day Chair .....	
Silent Key Chair .....	
Awards Chair.....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair .....	
RFI Committee Chair.....	
Historian.....	

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa EMCOMM 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](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.