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EBARC Meetings



February 8, 2013, 7:30 p.m.
A Presentation by The
Northern California QRP Club



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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February 8th 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 February meeting, we'll have a presentation from the Northern California QRP Club. We'll learn the magic of making contacts at low power.

2013 Renewals and Roster
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

You may have received email from me (EBARC membership chair) saying that you have not yet renewed for 2013. If you haven't renewed by mid-February, you won't receive the next issue of the newsletter, and you won't be in the 2013 roster! We'll examine the mail in the EBARC post office box before we cut you off. If you're sure you already renewed, contact Randy Jenkins at 526-4089!

In any case, if your roster information has changed, please contact me to correct it!

Treasurer's Report
December 2012
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

DECEMBER GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$4,213.14
Income:
 New Members; KJ6YLO.....\$30.00
 Individual Renewals; N6SPY, K6CUG, N6JDW, KE6EUA, WI7YN, KI6KOZ, K6YV, N6RLS, K6LHP, K6ZLG, KJ6GLR, and AG6FU360.00
 Family Renewals; KI6EMD/KI6ENT, K6JEB/KI6FYW, W6AKB/KG6LXL, and KB6LHP/KI6ELP105.00
 Refreshment Kitty:.....8.00
 Donations10.00
 Interest Earned.....0.45
 Total General Income:.....\$513.45

Disbursements

PG&E (November)\$23.01
 Blown Fuse & Ballots96.82
 Meeting Food31.35
 Total General Disbursements.....\$151.18
 Ending Balance\$4,575.41

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

DECEMBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance:\$3,520.80
Income:\$0.00

Disbursements:\$0.00
 Ending Balance\$3,520.80

New 2013 Member-at-Large

President Ken Fowler, KO6NO, announces that John Wood, N6JDW, has resigned as an EBARC 2013 Member-at-Large. Ken has appointed Robin Spalding, N6RLS, as his replacement. Thanks John, and welcome Robin!

General Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2013

Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of the December 14, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

Program: First Vice-President Burris reported that five people went on the EBARC KPH field trip. It was fantastic to watch the equipment start up. Tonight's program will be Rich Holoch, KY6R, on his new antenna systems. Next month's program may be on QRP, what it is and how to do it.

Hospitality: Second Vice-President Sparks was absent; Gleason provided the refreshments.

Membership: Third Vice-President Primbsch reported 2013 membership cards were available at the meeting for pick up.

Finance: Treasurer Jenkins was absent. He previously provided club financial information to the board. General fund balance was \$4,575.41; station fund balance was \$3,520.80. He has also provided the board with a draft budget for 2013.

Secretary: Secretary McMillan reported no significant correspondence received.

Station Manager: Gleason reported the club station was still there.

Public Events: Grizzly Peak Century bike ride coming on the first Sunday in May. The Boy Scout Fages II hike is coming on Saturday of the first weekend in June. Radio help is always needed with these events.

Education: Sharon reported VE sessions are scheduled for the year. The first will be held on

Sunday, January 27th (see "Bay Area Future Events", below).

Web Page: Webmaster Hoffman reported nothing new.

President: Fowler reported the recent class successfully concluded; he has also been active with radios on the USS Hornet.

New Members and Guests: Three guests were present from the recent license class.

Announcements: Discussion of participation with the amateur radio club station at UC Berkeley, W6BB. USS Hornet Amateur Radio Club was having a meeting tomorrow. There was a request for information on batteries for new radios; several members offered assistance.

Next Meeting: The next EBARC general meeting will be on February 8, 2012.

Closing: There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Presentation: After a break for refreshments, Rich Holoch, KY6R, discussed events leading up to his getting on the DX Honor Roll (mixed) on January 1, 2013. He has 331 entities and says each one holds a unique story. He entertained us with several of the stories involved with these contacts. Rich also described his stacked two-element yagi array, how it provided a higher dB gain than a four-element yagi when working 17 meters from his location in a valley. His presentation was a preview of a Pacificon talk he plans to give.

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

"I've learned that a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks."

Andy Rooney

ARRL Membership

We are an affiliated club of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL). We need to have a portion of EBARC members also be members of ARRL. If you have never been an ARRL member or your membership has lapsed for two years, you can join ARRL through EBARC. In this case, EBARC processes your membership for you, keeping \$15 of your dues as a perk. To do this, ask Sharon, AA6XZ, for the correct form (aa6xz@earthlink.net).

Contra Costa County RACES

As you know, RACES stands for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. It is the official organization for hams who wish to help the government with public service during emergencies. If you live in Contra Costa County and wish to become a member of its RACES group, please contact Mike McMillan, K6MCM, at mcmillan50y@yahoo.com or at 510-223-3052.

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW MEMBER:** Characambos Kesta, KK6BKO, has a Technician license. He lives at 751 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, 94530. His phone is 415-738-8784, and email is kk6bko@gmail.com. He's interested in slow scan TV, ATV, ADTV, ARES, RACES, and CERT. His non-ham interests are photography, video, aviation, sailing, golf, and viticulture.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Gwen Barrett, KK6BKN, has a Technician license. She has the same phone and address as Characombos. Her email is kk6bkn@gmail.com. She's interested in SSTV, ATV, ARES, RACES, and CERT. Her non-ham interest are yoga, art, and animals.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Carrie Joy, KK6BKR, has a Technician license. Her email is carrie_joy@att.net. At press time, her

address, phone and interests aren't available.

- **NEW MEMBER:** James A. Luisi, KK6BKM, has a Technician license. He lives at 59 Southwind Circle, Richmond, 94804. His phone is 510-232-8948, and his email is jimnwanda@att.net. He's interested in emergency communications and CERT.
 - **NEW MEMBER:** Elizabeth "Lisa" Crowley, KK6BKS, has a Technician license. She lives at 2634 Emma Dr., Pinole, 94564. Her phone is 510-724-6968, and her email is emcrowley9@hotmail.com. She's not yet sure what ham interest she has. Her other accomplishments and interests are; triathlete, NRA member, US Army Air Assault qualified, EHS professional, and parenting.
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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."
 - 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 is \$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.
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Alternate Meanings for Common Words

Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.

Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.

Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.

(from *The Washington Post*)

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.

2013 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President 222-0830
 Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1st VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair 415-305-2547
 Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair 384-4233
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 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
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 Awards Chair
 Social & Digital Committees Chair
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 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, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.