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EBARC Meeting

January 8, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Program:
To Be Announced
EL SOBRANTE LIBRARY!

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

QRM de KO6NO

Ken Fowler, EBARC President

I hope that all EBARC members have had a delightful Holiday Season. It's always a good time to engage in fellowship with friends and family and to extend the spirit of good will to all. Members who attended the December Holiday Party meeting had a good time and were in great spirits when they departed. One lucky member received a nice bottle of spirits in the novel gift exchange - congrats to Gordy, NU6W. Also, we invented a new method to teach call sign recognition by playing Sharon's Call Sign Bingo.

The start of 2010 is a good time to reflect on our goals and plans. I hope that one of our goals is to make EBARC stronger in order to serve the needs of our members and Amateur Radio. I believe that we have a strong and dedicated Executive Committee who will continue the programs which have made EBARC successful. If you can, please offer to help out on one of our committees or in presenting a program. In particular, we are looking for a Field Day Coordinator and Crew who can start planning as soon as possible.

We still have many problems regarding our meeting place and our club station. We have made some progress toward restoring power to the station thanks to Stanton, KD6SWU, who arranged for PG&E to re-connect the service. Also, we have found a good, if temporary, meeting room at the El Sobrante Library. Members who attended the December meeting expressed satisfaction with the setting.

I hope you are having some fun with radio these days. If you like HF, the Solar Flux Index has been rising, and there are steady sunspots again. This should lead to more ionospheric activity and better HF conditions. It's time to get those dipoles and verticals set up in the backyard. Ten meters may open up any day now. Good DX and 73 de KO6NO

On January 8th at 7:30 p.m., we'll again meet in the community meeting room at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way. Come around to the back door, where the meeting room is.

General Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2009

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Acting Secty.

The meeting at the El Sobrante Library multi-purpose room was called to order at 7:58 p.m. by President Ken Fowler, KO6NO. Ken reported that this meeting place can probably become a regular one for us. As we continue to use it, the library will consider us "regulars." There is no fee. He also reported challenges for next year, including the possible need to close or move the club station.

John Wood, N6JDW, made a motion that the minutes from the November general meeting, as printed in *The Blown Fuse*, be accepted as printed. The motion was seconded by Jack Burris, K6JEB, and passed unanimously.

1st VP and Program Chair Texx, KG6ATH, just returned from a 6-week job in Calexico. He hasn't planned January's program.

3rd VP and Membership Chair Sharon, AA6XZ, reminded members to renew and tell her of any roster changes. Members are encouraged to carefully read the Blown Fuse for the meeting place for the upcoming month.

Treasurer Gordy, NU6W, read the November Treasurer's Report. It includes reimbursement for our stolen generators. The report will be printed in the January "Blown Fuse".

Interim Secretary Sharon, AA6XZ, reported that anyone whose mail arrived at the post office box by last Monday has been renewed for 2010. Other correspondence was junk mail.

Club Station Chair Stanton, KD6SWU, reports that the station's power will be turned back on (probably without Americare) December 17th. The roof is not leaking yet. John Wood, N6JDW, has donated a generator to EBARC, which will be picked up by Stanton et. al.

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, reports that we'll probably hold a Technician class starting near the beginning of April, to be held at the West Contra Costa Adult Education facility. He also reports that the first Sunday in May is the Grizzly Peak Bike Ride. There are many upcoming public service opportunities in Marin County.

Webmaster Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, was absent, but is very capably managing the EBARC Web pages from afar.

Don Hamma, KE6ZFP, has four 250-megabyte Zip disks to give away.

VE Team Liaison Sharon, AA6XZ, reports that the team has secured its normal location at the Oakland OES facility for the 2010 VE exam sessions.

Jack Burris, K6JEB, reported that the solar flux should be about 77 over the weekend. He says 10M is open, and there's even activity on 6M.

Ken, KO6NO, asked for a volunteer to chair our Field Day effort. We need to acquire the site very soon.

Ken, KO6NO, states that he has not yet written a letter to the Salvation Army showing them our payments to them over the years.

Ken, KO6NO, installed EBARC officers for 2010. He thanked Gordy for his long service as our Treasurer, and invited him to be part of our Finance Committee.

Ken, KO6NO, handed out awards to several EBARC members for their service to the club: Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH; Bob Bowling, K6ZLG; Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ; Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU; Russell Wikander, KI6CEZ; Peter Hoffman, W6DEI; Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; and Jack Burris, K6JEB.

Throughout the evening, holiday goodies were consumed, and fun games were played for door prizes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Treasurer's Report October & November 2009 Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER INCOME

Membership Renewals: N6JDW, NU6W, AA6XZ, KE6RS.....	\$100.00
New Member: WA6FNP	25.00
Coffee Kitty (Oct.).....	7.00
Coffee Kitty (Nov.).....	11.00
Insurance Payment	<u>1,150.00</u>
Total Oct./Nov. Income	\$1,293.00

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing (Oct)	\$18.44
Blown Fuse Postage (Oct)	12.76

Blown Fuse Printing (Nov) 18.44
 Blown Fuse Postage (Nov) 13.20
 Postcard stock (AA6XZ)..... 8.77
 Refreshments (B. Bowling) 10.15
 EBARC's share of 4Cs picnic 120.38
 Marsh-Seabury-Smith (liability ins.) .325.00
 Marsh-Seabury-Smith (equipmt ins.)225.00
 Total Oct/Nov. Disbursements. \$752.14

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund)..... \$3,879.41
 Savings (Station Fund*) \$3,831.87

*\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

The insurance check for \$1,150 for the loss of the two W6CUS generators was deposited into the savings account (the station fund).

**Treasurer's Report
 December 2009**

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

DECEMBER INCOME

Membership Renewals:KA6BQF, KF6HEX,
 AI6CEZ, W6QNT, KE6ZWO, KE6EUA,
 K6LHP, W6WTJ, KG6VMA, KG6WNM,
 W8JSN, N6SPY, K5EJL, AB6VB, AF6AQ,
 KO6NO, KD6SWU..... \$425.00
 Family Renewals: N6MNL/KD6OKJ,
 KI6KOU/KI6KOV, K6JEB/KI6FYN,
 KG6VLY/KG6VLX..... 120.00
 Coffee Kitty 13.00
 Total Dec. Income \$558.00

DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing \$24.58
 Blown Fuse Postage 13.20
 Total Dec. Disbursements \$37.78

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund)..... \$4,386.63
 Savings (Station Fund*) \$3,844.87

*\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Many members have not paid their dues for 2010. Regular, individual membership is \$25.

Family membership is \$30. You can mail your payment to the club at P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. [See the form in the prior newsletter. – Ye Olde Editor]

“Get on the Air” Class

ARCA and ORCA are pleased to announce "Get on the Air Class" Part II, a follow up from Part I of the class held on November 16th 2009. Part II of this class is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 18th 2010. The class will be held at the Alameda Fire Training Building at 431 Stardust Place, Alameda, CA 94501.

Topics will include:

- Refresher on repeater operation
- Tips on organizing memory
- Programming memory with a PC
- Improving signal strength
- Getting the most out of your battery
- Advanced applications

Prior participation in Part I of the class is not required. All are welcome. For more information on this free class, please contact David Haycock, KI6AWR, at ki6awr@arrl.net

Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html
- 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 proposed dates for 2010 are Jan. 24th, Apr. 25th, July 25th, and Oct. 24th. The fee for 2010 remains at \$15. Info at 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details at www.cc-races.org 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 \$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, 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.

2010 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President	222-0830
“Texx” Woodworth, KG6ATH, 1 st VP - Program Chair.....	524-7452
Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair	233-5749
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 rd VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor.....	741-8227
John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair	967-8685
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary	526-4089
Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager/2009 Memb-at-Lrg .	385-4044
Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee & 2009 Member-at-Large.....	415-305-2547
Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, 2009 Member-at-Large	847-3583
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Webmaster, Publicity Chair.....	525-0694
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Education Chair	526-4089
Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair.....	724-0533
Mark O’Brien, AF6FR, af6fr@yahoo.com , Ride Coordinator.....	650-776-1817
Awards Chair.....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair.....	
Legislative Affairs	
RFI Committee Chair.....	
Historian	
Gordon Parsons, NU6W, 2009 Treasurer	785-4290

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/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
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

Asst. EC West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, www.cc-races.org.