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## EBARC Meetings



January 11, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
Exploring my 2x2 Yagi Stack  
Rich Holoch, KY6R



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the  
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian 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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**January 11<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.**

At the January meeting, once again we welcome Rich Holoch, KY6R. He'll speak on how, why, and the theory behind his 2x2 Yagi stack which he recently raised.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**November 2012**

**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

NOVEMBER GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,365.83

Income:

Individual Renewals; KE6RS, KI6TZE, K6MCM, W6QNT, W6WTJ, W6EFD, AF6AQ, AA6XZ, W8JSN, WR6R, W6DEI, WS6V, KG6VMA, KD6WNM, K6MMG, KJ6PPU, KJ6HSH, KJ6PPT, WA6UDS, KB6WC, K5EJL, KJ6EZB, KF6HEX, AB6VB, WI6O, and KO6NO ..... \$780.00

Family Renewals; W6BBQ/KF6MVH, KI6KOU/KI6KOV, N6MNL/KD6OKJ, and K6KOP/KC6OBK.....140.00  
 Refreshment Kitty:.....13.00  
 Total General Income:.....\$933.00

Disbursements

PG&E (November) .....\$21.94  
 Blown Fuse & Ballots .....29.20  
 Office Supplies .....34.55  
 Total General Disbursements.....\$85.69  
 Ending Balance .....\$4,213.14

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

NOVEMBER STATION FUND

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

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

**General Meeting Minutes**  
**December 14, 2012**

**Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated. A round of self-introductions was made including the question "What improvements do you plan for your station in 2013?" Answers included move a transmitter, buy first radio, use my station more, upgrade license, upgrade antenna, install a digital voice recorder, and put in a new antenna. Minutes of the November 9, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be the EBARC Officers vote count followed by an informal show-and-tell and social hour.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks welcomed everyone to the excellent holiday spread.

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch reported a lot of renewals came in with the ballots, and one new member joined tonight. She asked for content for the newsletter. VE sessions are planned for the fourth Sunday of January, April, July, and October in 2013.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information. General fund balance was \$4,213.14; station fund balance was \$3,520.80. Monthly income was \$933.00; expenses were \$85.69.

**Secretary:** Secretary McMillan reported no significant correspondence received.

**Station Manager:** Gleason reported roof doesn't leak. Control cable for beam antenna needs to be connected and water service restored.

**Public Events:** The Grizzly Peak Century is coming on first Sunday in May; the Fages II Hike is coming the first Saturday in June. Members were asked to keep the dates open to assist.

**Education:** Fowler reported seven of ten students in the recent class completed the class and obtained their license.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman reported nothing new.

**President:** Fowler asked for a motion that unused funds set aside for the club station roof be returned to the overall station fund. Motion was passed by the membership present. He then mentioned EBARC would like to form an antenna assistance committee to help members with their home antenna systems. The club is also looking into purchasing an antenna analyzer for member use.

**Announcements:** Results of the annual EBARC Board of Directors election were announced: President, Ken Fowler; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Jack Burris; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jay Sparks; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Sharon Primbsch;

Secretary, Mike McMillan; and Treasurer, Randy Jenkins

Other announcements included mention of the Geminids meteor shower and the use of meteor-scatter transmission; straight key night on New Year's; discussion of use of a mag-mount antenna on an aluminum RV roof; and a possible KPH field trip on December 29 (details to be emailed to members).

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on January 11, 2013.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

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## EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW MEMBER:** Charles Bultman, KJ6YLO, is a Technician. He lives at 1412 Hearst Ave. Berkeley. His phone is 510-292-5835. He's interested in CW and DX. His email is ckbultman@yahoo.com.

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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 2013 are January 27<sup>th</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, and October 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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, (2012 Member-at-Large) ..... 847-3583  
 John Wood, N6JDW, (2012 Member-at-Large) ..... 967-8685

## 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.