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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meetings



January 10, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

"Propagation Prediction"  
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI



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 10<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting Ron Smith, KE6RS, 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 our January 10, 2014 meeting Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, will present a program on propagation prediction. In this program, Peter will share with us some of the tools he uses to determine the best times and frequencies to use for contacts with various places.

## Silent Key, John Wood, N6JDW

John Wood, N6JDW, died Dec. 4th. He had held EBARC offices, and was a generous elmer for many hams. He was a gregarious, supportive friend for many. He had been an electronics technician, taught chemistry at high school, and wrote software. He also sang tenor in amateur local musicals. At his assisted living unit, he taught a weekly "Idea Hour." He will be sorely missed by many. If you'd like to be on the boat for the scattering of his ashes next July, contact Sharon, AA6XZ.

## Treasurer's Report November 2013 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

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

Beginning Balance .....\$3,497.80  
Income:  
 Family Renewals: N6MNL/KD6OKJ,  
 KC6OKB/K6KOP, K6BBQ/  
 KF6MVH ..... \$105.00  
 Regular Renewals: AG6RB, KA6BQF,  
 AA6XZ, KJ6PPU, N6SPY, KE6RS,  
 W8JSN, K5EJL, AB6VB, KF6HEX,  
 K6MCM, W6DEI, WI7YN, KD6WNM,  
 WS6V, AF6AQ, KK6BKS, N6JDW,  
 W6QNT, KG6VMA .....600.00  
 Refreshment Kitty .....11.40  
 Total General Income:.....\$716.40

### Disbursements

Blown Fuse (November).....\$36.38  
 Meeting Food .....6.99  
 PG&E (November) .....\$21.10  
 Total General Disbursements.....\$64.47  
 Ending Balance .....\$4,149.73

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

### NOVEMBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: .....\$3,521.10  
Income: .....\$0.00

### Disbursements:

Antenna analyzer .....\$641.96  
 Total Station Disbursements .....\$641.96  
 Ending Balance .....\$2,879.14

## General Meeting Minutes December 13, 2013

**Michael McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of the November 8, 2013 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

During the introductions, President Fowler asked the question, "What improvements will you make to your station for 2014?" Responses included: Repaired a wind-damaged antenna last year; None planned until I pass the Extra exam; Set up a two-radio interface for contesting; Help more fellow hams; Not a lot of time for radio; No purchases in mind; Get a long-wire antenna up; Clean up my station; and Upgrade my station from an HT to a mobile.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be the EBARC Officers vote count followed by a "CW Jamboree" and social hour.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks was absent. Many members contributed to an excellent holiday dessert buffet.

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch reported deadline for *The Blown Fuse* comes early this month. Renewals are steadily coming in. Mention was made of recent silent key John Wood, N6JDW.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information. General fund balance was \$4,149.73; station fund balance was \$2,879.14. Monthly income was \$716.40; expenses were \$64.47. Station expenses were \$641.96 for the antenna analyzer.

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

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

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins reported a recent Tech class concluded in Marin. Fees for WCCAE classes may be reduced after their review. Fowler may hold Tech class in the spring; also one possible in Kensington.

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

**President:** Fowler reported an Arduino clone being auctioned tonight. Events coming in 2014 include the Grizzly Peak bike ride in May, Boy Scout Fages II hike in June, and Field Day in June. Help will be needed with each event, see Ken for details.

**New Members and Guests:** Simon Poulton, KK6IJZ, joined EBARC at this meeting.

**Announcements:** It was announced the 10-meter contest had just begun; California Historical Radio Society is being relocated to Alameda; and an estate sale of old radio gear will be held on Sunday.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on January 10, 2014.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, election results were counted and announced:

President: Ken Fowler  
1st Vice President: Ron Smith  
2nd Vice President: Jay Sparks  
3rd Vice President: Sharon Primbsch  
Secretary: Robin Spalding  
Treasurer: Randy Jenkins

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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.

### 2014 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President ..... 222-0830  
 Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair ..... 724-5099  
 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  
 Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary ..... 528-1144  
 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair..... 526-4089  
 Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, 2013 Member-at-Large ..... 847-3583  
 Member-at-Large .....

### 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  
 Silent Key Chair .....

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
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.