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EBARC Meetings



July 8, 2011, 7:30 p.m.
Rich Holoch, KY6R
"Logging and QSLing"



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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July 8th EBARC Meeting

Jack Burris, K6JEB, Program Chair

We'll meet in the community meeting room at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way. Enter through the back door.

For our July meeting, Rich Holoch, KY6R, will talk to us about logging and QSLing. Rich spoke at EBARC earlier this year about DX antennas.

Rich says, "The work expression, '*The job isn't finished until the paperwork is done.*' is very similar to an old ham expression, '*The final courtesy of a QSO is a QSL card.*' Even though postage is a lot more than it was back in 1973, when my Novice ticket arrived in my mailbox on my 13th birthday, I still love receiving QSL cards in the mail. I run to the mailbox like I was still a kid. I pretty much work only DX these days, and to defray postage costs, you now have the option to QSL electronically and for free (so long as you keep a logbook). It has never been easier to QSL.

I will present part of my collection of very rare DX QSL cards, and also share some of the old vintage cards from the past. I'll also cover the

ARRL's LOTW and eQSL, and compare and contrast cards with electronic QSL's and why and when you might use one method over the other. I'll share some funny stories about the QSL cards and how they remind me of some 'interesting' ways that I worked the stations whose call signs appear on the QSL."

Public Service Opportunities

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

Sunday, July 24 - Summer Sun Day: a hike on Mt. Tam for disadvantaged youth. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fixed station operators and radio equipped hikers (sweeps) are needed.

Saturday, August 6 - Marin Double Century: a 200 mile bike ride in Marin County. Morning, midday, afternoon and evening assignments are available. Fixed station operators, SAG ride-along operators and SAG drivers needed.

Saturday, August 20 - Holstein Hundred: a 100 mile bike ride in West Marin and West Sonoma Counties. Morning, midday, and afternoon assignments are available. Fixed station operators, SAG ride-along operators, and SAG drivers are needed.

Contact Randy, KA6BQF, ka6bqf@arrl.net, 510 526.4089; or Michael Fischer, K6MLF, fischer@igc.org to sign up.

Silent Key:

Will Senior, K6SEZ

Mike Fahmie, WA6ZTY, reports: "Will Senior, K6SEZ, passed away on May 5th. Will was one of my main Elmers back in the early 60s. At the time, he worked for the City of Berkeley in their radio shop. He homebrewed a lot of his gear. I remember using his homebrew 2 meter AM radio when I was a Novice. In recent years, he got on HF and put up a 20M Yagi to keep in touch with his daughter, AD6XM, who was living in South America."

Treasurer's Report

April 2011

John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

APRIL GENERAL FUND¹

3/31/11 Beginning Balance \$3,712.16
From Don Pool..... 19.00
Textbook Sales 208.00
Coffee Kitty 8.28
Textbook Purchase -224.60
Refreshments..... -18.19
New Member DavisTodhunter 25.00
Davis Todhunter Refund -6.25
CA State filing fee -20.00
CA DOJ filing fee -5.65
Blown Fuse (May/June) -75.52
Postage for tax return -6.32
Earned Interest 0.55
(Income Subtotal: \$260.83)
(Expense Subtotal: \$356.53)
4/30/11 Ending Balance..... \$3,616.46

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

APRIL STATION FUND²

3/31/11 Beginning Balance \$4,797.00
Rig filter components -189.24
4/30/11 Ending Balance..... \$4,607.76

²\$1,669 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total April Income \$260.83
Total April Disbursements..... \$545.77

Treasurer's Report

May 2011

John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

MAY GENERAL FUND¹

4/30/11 Beginning Balance \$3,616.46
Cancel check #1013 20.00
Donation (R. Jenkins) 300.00
Earned Interest 0.61
Coffee Kitty 18.25
(Expense Subtotal: \$0.00)
5/31/11 Ending Balance..... \$3,955.32

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MAY STATION FUND²

4/30/11 Beginning Balance \$4,607.76
5/31/11 Ending Balance \$4,607.76

²\$1,669 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total May Income..... \$338.86
Total May Disbursements..... \$0.00

General Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2011

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 19:34 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign-in sheet available. Eighteen members and guests signed in. A round of introductions was the first order of business. Guests were announced.

First Vice President Burriss reported that tonight's presentation will be by Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, on his DXpedition to Niue. Jack will be presenting a Field Day program in June.

Second Vice President Sparks had refreshments available.

Third Vice President Primbsch was absent. Ken commented on the two-month edition of the newsletter (May/June).

Treasurer Wood Presented his finance report for April. April ended with \$3,616.46 in the general fund and \$4,607.76 in the station fund. There were \$260.83 income and \$545.77 expenses.

Education: Randy Jenkins reported on two classes running.

Public Service Events: Ken reported on the BSA FAGES II hike, June 4.

Station Manager: Stanton Gleason reported that we were waiting on the roofing materials.

Webmaster Hoffman reported that he was making a space for breaking news on the web page.

President Fowler commented on Field Day, to be held on June 25-26. Participants are needed. Ken also reported on a possible contact at Richmond OES.

Jack had sign-up sheets for Field Day.

Ken reported on an event May 15 at the Maritime Historical Radio Society in Marin. He also reported on the Military's Amateur Crossband Test on May 14.

Mathison Ott announced the upcoming Maker Fair.

The next general meeting is June 10, 2011. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:58.

A presentation was made by Alan Eshleman, K6SRZ, on the DXpedition to Niue. Jack Burris presented Alan with a Certificate of Appreciation.

General Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2011

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 19:36 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign-in sheet available. Seventeen members or guests signed in. A round of introductions was the first order of business.

The minutes of the May 3 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

First Vice President Burris will be presenting a Field Day program tonight.

Second Vice President Sparks had refreshments available. Cups were needed. Please "Feed the Kitty!"

Third Vice President Primbsch reported new members.

Treasurer Wood presented his finance report for May. The month ended with \$3,955.32 in the general fund and \$4,607.76 in the station fund. There was \$338.86 income and no expenses.

Education: Ken and Randy reported that classes are completed and a special VE session was held.

Station Manager: Stanton Gleason had no report.

Webmaster Hoffman was looking for photos for the webpage.

President Ken Fowler commented on the state of the club. He thanked the volunteers for the BSA FAGES II hike and presented certificates and awards. Guests and new members were announced. The solar flux numbers for Field Day were discussed. KRE will have an open house July 19 The Hornet ARS is Saturday June 11.

The next meeting: July 8, 2011. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 20:00.

The program was presented by Jack Burris about Field Day.

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW LICENSE & A CORRECTION:** Don Pool earned his General license, call sign KJ6PPT. His correct street address is 6709 Glenwood Way, El Cerrito.
- **NEW LICENSE:** Davis L. Todhunter has received his new Technician license. His call sign is KJ6PPR.

- **NEW MEMBER:** Robert C. Frederick, KJ6PPU, has a General license. He lives at 2227 Greenridge Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803. His phone is 510-223-5760, and his email is subert97@aol.com. He is a CERT member.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Alan Biocca, WB6ZQZ, has an Extra license. He lives at 5027 Sweetwood Dr., Richmond, CA 94803. His email is Alan.Biocca@gmail.com, and his phone is 510-758-7104. His main interests are antennas and antenna launchers. His other interests are electronics and software engineering.
- **RETURNING MEMBER:** Chris Biocca, KG6LXL, has a Technician license. He is Alan Biocca's family member, and has the same address and telephone number. His email is CBiocca@gmail.com. His interests include anime, video games, and reading.

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

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2nd Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at www.asvaro.org. Talk-in on 145.27 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL).
- 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 remaining tests for 2011 are Jul 24th and Oct. 23rd. The fee is \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 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.

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- Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Member-at-Large - Club Station Manager, 385-4044
- Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large, 847-3583

2011 EBARC's Other Contacts

- Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee, 415-305-2547
- Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Webmaster, Publicity Chair, 525-0694
- Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair, 724-0533

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

[The full list of officers and nets is being summarized this month to save on printing costs. – Ye Olde Editor]

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 Legislative Affairs
 RFI Committee Chair
 Historian

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
"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

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