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EBARC Meetings

July 13, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

"CERT & RACES"
Ron Bunch, W4FEK

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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July 13th 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.

Ron Bunch, W4FEK, from Contra Costa RACES will speak to the club on CERT and preparedness. Want to know how to get involved? Want to know how to get prepared? Come to the July 13th EBARC meeting, and bring a friend!

Boy Scouts Thank Hams for Hike

[The following thank-you is from Don Scott, 1992 Fages II hike founder, BSA - Editor]

Thanks to the EBARC and 4C's members who participated, and to the ham scouters that stepped forward to help us fill in holes in coverage.

Thank you also for the use of the 145.110 repeater.

The following amateurs were involved in the communications effort:

- Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU (planning)
- Jack Burris, K6JEB
- Pam Coville, KI6KOZ
- Roy Adam, N6FUN
- John Wood, N6JDW
- Vince Venem, KJ6LVW
- Khelmer Manalo, KJ6QID
- William Wells, WB6NLL
- Ken Fowler, KO6NO
- Rita Brenden, KG6WPN
- Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

On behalf of the Order of the Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America, thank you so very much for your wonderful radio monitoring coverage on 6/2/2012.

This was the 30th staging and the 20th anniversary of the Fages II 20-mile hike. You fine folks have been supporting us on every staging since June 1994, with the exception of October 2001 (re: post-9/11/2001 activities).

Of the 168 hikers starting this time, 166 completed the hike (a 98% completion rate). Whether it be in hiking conditions of blue sky, fog, high winds, heavy rain, or extreme heat, our overall 20-year-stats are now 2,054 hikes completed out of 2,239 hikers started (a 91.7% completion rate).

A 20-mile day hike with an elevation change of some 1,400 feet is no easy task under any conditions. Quite a number of these successful hikes might not have ever been completed if we didn't have you fantastic folks monitoring the progress of each unit at the various checkpoints.

We certainly look forward to the great assistance of EBARC once again on the first Saturday in June next year for Fages II 2013. You folks are the best !

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

History of EBARC's Newsletter Name

[The following communication was received from former club member, Steve Barton, WA6TGB, (now in Colorado). – Editor]

It was '68 or '69. East Bay Radio Club meetings were held at a community center in El Cerrito, not too far from Portola School. Art Neumann, WB6ZAZ, and I were students at El Cerrito High - the old one before the wrecking ball - where there was a simple electronics program. There was a contest for naming the newsletter. Art submitted a couple of names. I also submitted several names, including "The Blown Fuse" (I'd blown a fuse in one of my radios by shorting something out with a screwdriver a few days before).

If I remember right, the prize for my winning entry was a soldering iron. I'm surprised the newsletter still has the same name after 40 years, although the masthead logo has changed a bit.

[Note: The masthead logo was created by silent key and longtime newsletter editor, John Billones, WD6GGC, aka "Golden Gate Charlie." – Editor]

General Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2012

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Acting Secretary

Opening: The meeting was called to order in the El Sobrante Library at 19:34 by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 18 members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. The question for the night was, "What was the rig that you first used?" The minutes of the May 11, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

Program: First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be about club Field Day preparations. Next month's program is scheduled to be by W4FEK, Ron Bunch, Secretary of Contra Costa RACES, on working

with CERT. Radio Sausalito, an independent low-power jazz station will be a later program.

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

Membership: Third Vice-President Primbsch reported that *The Blown Fuse* was going fine. Renewing members were KG6ATH and W6BBQ.

Finance: Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information for May. General fund balance was \$3,967.74. Station fund balance was \$3,664.25. Monthly income was \$28.00; expenses were \$94.77. April and May PG&E bills were paid.

Secretary: Secretary McMillan was absent. Jenkins reported no correspondence of significance received, except for the PG&E bills.

Station Manager: Was absent. Jenkins reported that Stanton was out of hospital, and recovering at home.

Public Events/Education: Fowler reported on the Boy Scouts' Fages II hike on June 02. Jenkins reported on events in Marin; Dipsea 6/10, Double Dipsea 6/23, Marin Century 8/04, and Holstein 100 8/18.

Web Page: Webmaster Hoffman had no report.

President: Fowler reported on the Fages II hike, thanks to Randy and Jack for picking it up. EBARC name badges are available from member Joe Lee (phone number in roster). Red Cross ERV's will be going for restocking on 6/08 and exercising their radios. There will be a test for EC-01 on 8/11. Fowler reported on radio activities on the Iowa. Ken will be operating for Museum Ships weekend from the Hornet.

New Members and Guests: Guest; Thyme Seigel KJ6PVU

Announcements: Jack reported on working at the Golden Gate Bridge Anniversary special event.

Next Meeting: the next meeting will be on July 13, 2012.

Closing: There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 20:10.

Presentation: After a break for refreshments, Jack Burris, K6JEB and Ken Fowler had comments and a presentation related to Field Day. \$12.00 was collected in the refreshment kitty.

Treasurer's Report May 2012

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

MAY GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance: \$4,034.51

Income:

Renewals, Individual: KG6ATH..... 25.00

Refreshment Kitty: 3.00

Total General Income: \$28.00

Disbursements

PG&E (Apr) \$20.40

PG&E (May)..... 22.14

Blown Fuse 23.58

Meeting Food 28.65

Total General Disbursements \$94.77

Ending Balance \$3,967.74

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MAY STATION FUND²

Beginning Balance: \$3,664.25

Income: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$0.00

Ending Balance \$3,664.25

²\$888.62 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

You Know You Are A CW Addict If...

By Jim Key, NT2F

- 1) Rather than saying "Huh?" you say "di di dah dah di dit."
- 2) You wake up in the middle of the night with a million crickets chirping, and all you can think of is trying to bust the pile-up.
- 3) Rather than talk in your sleep, your fingers twitch out code.
- 4) The first time you heard Beethoven's 5th symphony all you heard was "V" being sent over and over and... Then it dawned on you why it is called the 5th symphony.
- 5) You find yourself saying "di dah dit" rather than "Yes."
- 6) Someone calls you a "freak" and you yell back "Up 5."
- 7) Rather than make rude gestures at idiot drivers, using your car horn, you tap out that they are a "!!*@@###!!."
- 8) You can pick out that QRP 3PY in a massive pileup, but don't hear your wife calling from the next room.
- 9) On your honeymoon night, you pretended to go to the bathroom so you could work the Heard Island DXpedition on your RockMite.
- 10) You've gotten in a fist fight on Field Day over iambic A-mode versus iambic B-mode.

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 remaining test dates for 2012 are July 22 and October 28. The fee for 2012 remains \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- 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).
- 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 \$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.

2012 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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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	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.