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EBARC Meeting

June 11, 2010
7:30 p.m.

EBARC Members
"Field Day Planning"



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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Deadline for July issue: Tuesday, June 15th

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

NOTE: The deadline for the July *Blown Fuse* is earlier than usual – June 15th!

June 11th EBARC Program FIELD DAY PLANNING!

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

Field Day is June 25-27! Field Day planning will happen at our June 11th meeting. Our Field Day chair, Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH, will coordinate the effort. Bring your brain, your list of stuff to offer for the weekend, and a way to write down the stuff you plan to bring to the event.

The EBARC Field Day site is at the northwest end of Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley. From 80, take the University Ave. exit and head west. Turn right onto Marina Blvd., then left onto Spinnaker Way. The site itself is north of the traffic circle at the end of Spinnaker, just over the first hill.

Parking will be available, probably in the lot about halfway along Spinnaker Way (or along Spinnaker itself). There will probably be

transportation from the parking area to the site if you don't want to hoof it. Do not park in the traffic circle, as it is locked overnight!

Setup starts 11 a.m. local time Friday, June 25th. The event itself starts at 11 a.m. PDT Saturday and lasts 24 hours. Don't forget a hat, layered clothing, and sunscreen. We'll also need helpers to take everything down and stow it at the Club Station.

Treasurer's Report April 2010 John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

APRIL GENERAL FUND¹

3/31/10 Beginning Balance	\$4,262.01
New Family Members: KI6TYO, KI6TYP, & KI6VLE.....	30.00
Membership Renewals: KG6ATH, KI6KOZ.....	50.00
April Coffee Kitty	<u>9.00</u>
(Income Subtotal: \$89.00)	
P.G.& E.	-164.44
Blown Fuse Printing (May issue).....	-15.80
Blown Fuse Postage (May issue).....	-11.44
Field Day Park Fee.....	-158.00
Refreshments (B. Bowling).....	<u>-11.33</u>
(Expense Subtotal: \$361.01)	
4/30/10 Ending Balance	\$3,990.00

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

APRIL STATION FUND²

3/31/10 Beginning Balance	\$4,294.92
Savings Interest	<u>0.49</u>
4/30/10 Ending Balance	\$4,295.41

²\$1,169 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total April Income	\$89.49
Total April Disbursements	\$361.01

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

General Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2010

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. 20 members and one guest were in attendance. A round of introductions was the first order of business.

The minutes of the April 09, 2010 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

First VP Woodward reported that he had June through October programs filled. June, Field Day; July, John Wood and Sharon Primbsch on Mobile Installations; August, Texx Woodworth and Jack Burriss on Towers; September, Bob Urhammer; and October, Tom Tazlar on Roll-up J-Pole construction.

Second Vice President Bowling was present with refreshments.

Third Vice President Primbsch reported no problems with membership or the newsletter.

Treasurer Wood reported that April finished with \$3990.01 in checking, and 4,295.41 in savings. There were \$89.00 in income and \$361.01 in disbursements from checking.

Secretary Jenkins reported on mail received.

Station Manager Gleason reported that the station was still standing.

Education: Jenkins reported that he was being assisted by Fowler and Woodworth in teaching the Technician class. Two of the students had already gone on pass their Technician Class test.

Website: Hoffman reported that a Bay Area wide public service calendar had been added to the public service listing.

President Fowler reported that it had been a great month. Fowler reported on the May 2 Grizzly Peak Century bike ride. Ken also commented on teaching the Technician class. Ken also commented on the power bill at the club station, which we were working on. Additionally, Ken had an Ohm's law diagram for distribution. In response to a question from the floor, he also commented on the Museum Ships Event which was coming up on June 4 through June 6. Ken commented that USS Hornet would be on the air Saturday, June 5.

Woodworth announced that he had obtained his General license. Texx also reported on the removal of the BPL service in Manassas, Virginia by the utility, and on proposed changes to the 60M band by the Federal Communications Commission.

Two new members were signed up at the meeting: Robin Spalding, N6RLS; and J. Sparks, KJ6HSH.

Jenkins remembered the drawing tickets, so the drawing for door prizes was held.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 20:13 hours.

A presentation was made by David Haycock, KI6AWR, on batteries.

Get On the Air Class

David Haycock, KI6AWR

This free class is ideal for the Technician Class licensee, or anyone who wants to know more about using the VHF and UHF bands. It will be held in Alameda on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June 2010, from 7-9 p.m.. This is a "hands on" class, so bring your radio if you have one (or get ready to purchase one). Location: Alameda Fire Department Training Building, 431 Stardust Place, Alameda, CA. To register, contact me (ki6awr@arrl.net, or 510-846-0011) or Paul Bailey Gates, KA6GEM (paulcbg@comcast.net)

EBARC Roster Update

- **UPGRADE:** “Texx” Woodworth, KG6ATH, upgraded to General. Congratulations!
- **RENEWED:** Pamela Colville, Technician, KI6KOZ, 6201 Tehama Ave., Richmond 94804, phone 525-7959. Her email is recovil@pacbell.net. Welcome back!
- **NEW FAMILY OF THREE:** Sean Leffler, KI6TYO, has a General license, & likes DX and ragchews. He also likes violin, piano, and cats. His email is sean@errno.com. His dad, Sam Leffler, KI6TYP, is also a General with email sam@errno.com. Sean’s mom is Cynthia Livingston, KI6VLE, and has a Technician license. They live at 1197 Cragmont Ave, Berkeley 94708. Their phone is 644-0456. Welcome!
- **NEW MEMBER:** Robin Spelling, N6RLS, is a General ham who likes HF, UHF, PSK, and emergency communications. He is also skilled at audio production. He lives at 1618 Kains Ave., Berkeley, CA 94702. His phone is 510-528-1144, and email is ki6wem@gmail.com.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, is a Technician who likes 2 Meters and off-road vehicles. He lives at 1228 Garfield Ave., Albany, 94706; his phone is 510-384-4233; and his email is rajama@pacbell.net.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Norman Shomber, WB6LLW, is an Advanced ham who likes HF, satellite communications, and radio-controlled model airplanes. He lives at 2000 Rancho Rd., El Sobrante, 94803; his phone is 510-222-3587; and his email is normande@sbcglobal.net

Public Service Help Needed

10-12 volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 05, 2010 for the Boy Scout Hike, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Positions: Net control, check point communications, and trail sweeps. To volunteer, please contact Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF (526-4089, ka6bqf@arrl.net); or Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH, (texx@delong.com, 524-7452).

Calendar of Public Service Events on EBARC Web Page

There’s a new feature on the EBARC web site, www.eastbayarc.org. To see it, click on the “Current Events” box at the top of the home page, and then scroll down to the “Public Service” section. You’ll see a new section called, “Calendar of Bay Area Ham Radio Public Service Events.” It is maintained by members of various Bay Area ham clubs. It uses Google Calendar to list events by date. Click on the one-line header for each event to see its details. Congratulations to all who cooperated in this effort! This makes it really easy for all of us to find an event we’d like to support with ham communications.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.eastbayarc.org, click on “Current Events”, then scroll to “Public Service.”
- 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
- 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 dates for 2010 are 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.

Keep your Batteries Charged!

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, 1st VP - Program Chair..... 524-7452
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 Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large 847-3583

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Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee..... 415-305-2547
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 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

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