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FIRST FRIDAY! →

EBARC Meeting

March 6, 2009

7:30 p.m.

"Setting Up a Station On a Boat"
Tom Tazelaar, KG6MAC



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets the second Friday of each month
at the Salvation Army, 4600 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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QRM de KO6NO

Ken Fowler, EBARC President

EBARC's year continues with great programs and member involvement. The demonstration by John Billones, WD6GGC, at last month's meeting was informative and illustrated the spirit and ingenuity of amateur radio. We need to remember always that "The better is the enemy of the good-enough." John certainly knows how to design for use, and he brings out the "Art" of amateur construction, which is not the same as the "state of the art".

We all appreciate that Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, agreed to accept the nomination for the vacant position of Second Vice-President. His election by acclamation signals the club's confidence that Bob is the right member for the job. The Second VP is a member of the Executive Board and is in charge of the Hospitality Committee for club meetings and events. Now that you have elected him, be sure to offer him your help. Also, since Bob is stepping up from the position of Member-at-Large on the Executive Board, a Member-at-Large position is open. I will be asking members to accept the position.

Our request for information from the Richmond Recreation Department about the future of the club station building has still not been answered. I believe that at some point, we will need to do a job of convincing the city that the station serves the interest of the community and should remain at the present location. Everything in politics resolves to "What have you done for me lately?"

The EBARC Constitution and By-Laws have become slightly out of date since their last amendments in 1992. Some of the language is confusing or in conflict and some of the committee descriptions do not match the current functions. Even the process for amendment is not clear. We are beginning an effort to identify and propose changes which will be presented to the membership for approval. Sharon, AA6XZ; Randy, KA6BQF; and myself (Ken, KO6NO) are acting as a subcommittee to review and revise the Constitution and By-Laws. If you haven't read the By-Laws, they are posted on the EastBayArc.org web page.

Over to you. 73.

March EBARC Meeting

At our general meeting Friday, March 6th, Tom Tazelaar, KG6MAC, will speak to us about setting up a radio station on a boat.
THIS IS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF MARCH!

THE APRIL MEETING WILL ALSO BE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 3RD!

EBARC Badges

To order a club badge with your name and call sign on it, call Joe Lee, W6DOB, at 724-0533. Specify a pin or clip type badge holder. The cost is \$5.25, in cash, and in advance.

Treasurer's Report
February 2009
Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

FEBRUARY INCOME

Regular Renewals: KE6RS, KE6ZFP, KB6WC, KG6WPN, WB6VEX, K6MMG, KI6TZE, KI6KOY, AF6FR, W6QNT, K6LHP, KI6KOZ, WA6QST, N6JGC, KF6WNH, K5EJL, KO6NO	\$425.00
Family Renewal: KE6SZG/KE6MSF, K6KOP/KC6OBX, W6THD/W6THB,	90.00
New Member: KI6JJW	25.00
New K-12 Member: Dara Bahri	10.00
AT&T Credit Refund.....	10.85
Coffee Kitty February	<u>13.88</u>
Total Feb. Income.....	\$574.73

FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing	\$24.53
Blown Fuse Postage	17.64
Postcard Printing.....	6.17
Postcard Postage.....	19.44
Blank Statement Book, AA6XZ	2.16
P.O. Box Rental	<u>86.00</u>
Total Feb. Disbursements	\$155.94

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund).....	\$4,755.96
Savings (Station Fund*)	\$2,833.96

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

General Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2009
Charles Hayes, AF6AB, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 1930.

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 Program, Texx, KG6ATH: Things have shifted around somewhat due to changes in the availability of speakers and possibly due to the shifting from second Friday to first Friday meetings for the next two months. The Salvation Army needs the meeting room on the second Fridays of the next two months, so we

are moving to the first Fridays for those times. That is the 6th of March and the 3rd of April. We will have planning for Field Day in June. Sometime this summer we expect to have a presentation regarding the Lighthouses. Kristen McIntyre may do another of her presentations for us this fall.

Hospitality: The second VP position is open. Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, was nominated for the position and was elected by member acclamation.

Treasurer. Gordy, NU6W: We have had \$357.14 income, \$384.72 in disbursements, fund balance \$4351.05. The phone at the club station has been disconnected, eliminating that regular monthly bill.

Club Station, Stanton, KD6SWU: There will be a working party of volunteers at the club station on February 28th at 9 a.m. We will be lowering the tower to replace the rotor. While we're there we may also repair the temporary plastic tarp on the roof.

Education, Randy, KA6BQF: There will be a General class later this spring. Technician class will be in March. See Randy for details.

Webmaster, Peter, W6DEI: The web site is up, running, and current. www.eastbayarc.org

Revisions to Bylaws, Sharon, AA6XZ: Proposed revisions to bylaws of the club will be on the website.

The future of the club station is still in limbo pending decisions by the city about the park, possibly removal of the Red Cross building in front and possible razing or moving the clubhouse. The city people promise to help the club relocate nearby if necessary.

The Grizzly Peak Cyclists have sent some complementary tickets for that event to the club.

Hornet ARC meeting will be Saturday Feb.14 on the USS Hornet museum ship. All hams are welcome. Just check in with security at the second gangway for directions to the meeting.

After the business meeting was adjourned, John (WD6GGC, Golden Gate Charlie) gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation on home-brewing. John shared projects he has built over the years.

Ham Gear for Sale

The following ham gear is for sale by Wellmon Young, KC6MTN. Call Betty Young at 707-745-1356 or Joe Lee, W6DOB, at 724-0533, or email to kc6mtnop@pacbell.net for more information. He's asking \$250 or best offer.

- Kenwood TS-530S rig with 500 Hz filter
- MFJ 949E tuner
- MFJ 945C tuner
- MFJ 207 HF SWR analyzer
- MFJ 260B 300 watt dry dummy load
- Radio Shack 2 M power amplifier with preamp and helical resonator
- Koss earphone set
- Turner 350 mic and one Panasonic without connector
- five 6146B spare amplifier tubes
- two 12 BY7A spare tubes

Donations to EBARC for Sale

Don Stiver, NN6RF, is donating some radios and other equipment to EBARC, if the club can make use of (or sell) them. Here's the list:

- IC-207H 2-M / 70-cm mobile FM
- Yaesu T 2400H 2M mobile
- Kenwood T241A 2M mobile
- Alinco DJ-C7T 2-M / 70-cm "pocket HT"
- A homebrew linear amp based on the Heathkit SB200, working condition unknown - includes 10 spare 811A tubes.
- Tektronix 585 oscilloscope (it works)

The radios all work, and there are manuals for each of them. For more information, contact Don at 510 233 5846.

EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW MEMBER:** Steve Bjork, KI6JJW, has a General ticket. He lives at 651 Pebble Dr., El Sobrante, CA 94803. His phone is 222-6582. gnu@wraith.sf.ca.us is his email address. He likes DX, contests, packet, and homebrew. He also likes Unix, software, and soldering. Welcome!
- **NEW MEMBER:** Dara Bahri is a high school student who is studying for his Technician license. He lives at 844 Broadmoor Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549. His phone is 925-284-7099. Email him at dbahri123@hotmail.com. He's into computers, programming, and physics.

Future Bay Area Events

- Livermore Swap Meet, 1st Sunday of each month at Robertson Park, 7 a.m. to noon, all year. Talk-in 147.045 MHz. Info: Robert 925-560-5646 (h). More info at 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. The remaining dates for 2009 are Apr. 26th, Jul. 26th, & Oct. 25th. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2009 test fee is \$15. For info call 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.

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.

2009 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President	222-0830
“Texx” Woodworth, KG6ATH, 1 st VP - Program Chair.....	524-7452
Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair	233-5749
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Awards Chair.....	
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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
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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