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# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

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## EBARC Meeting

May 8, 2009

7:30 p.m.

"Earthquake Stuff"  
Bob Uhrhammer, WB6VEX



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

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## QRM de KO6NO

**Ken Fowler, EBARC President**

By now, most of you have heard that the EBARC station was broken into this month. Fortunately the loss was limited to our two generator sets used for Field Day and some damage to the door. None of the radio equipment was taken or damaged. Texx, KG6ATH; who discovered the break-in, Stanton, KD6SWU; and Randy, KA6BQF. took quick action to secure the remaining equipment and repair the door. Some of the loss may be covered by insurance, and Texx thinks he has located a generator set for the June Field Day. Some of you may know the feeling that comes after you have been a burglary victim. However, nothing more could have been done to protect the station. Bad Stuff Happens.

I have been in contact with Keith Jabari of Richmond Parks and Recreation again this month about the future of our station. While the city and Parks Department have no problem with EBARC continuing to occupy the Annex Buildings, and although they are persuaded that an Amateur Radio Facility is useful and desirable within the Parks and Recreation program, they are convinced that the two buildings at 3200 MacDonald Ave. will

have to be removed sometime within two years. Their choice of a location for our club station, however, may not be satisfactory. One site that has been considered is within the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center on Harbor Way near Cutting Ave which is scheduled for completion next year.

So EBARC may have a choice to make in the future about the location of our station. This would be a good time to start searching for possible new homes. So if you know of a business or organization that would like to sponsor us or provide some room for equipment and antennas, we should get into some discussion with them. We will either have to accept what is offered by the city, find ourselves a new home, or consider becoming a club without a station. It's time for some optimism. 73. Ken.

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## May EBARC Meeting

At our general meeting Friday, May 8th, Bob Uhrhammer, WB6VEX, will speak to us about earthquakes. We are back to our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday general meeting schedule starting this month.

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## General Meeting Minutes April 3, 2009

**Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Acting Secretary**

The meeting was called to order at 1939. Secretary Charles Hayes, Treasurer, Gordy Parsons, and Club Station Chair, Stanton Gleason were not present to give reports.

1<sup>st</sup> VP, Texx, reports that Bob Uhrhammer, WB6VEX, will speak to us in May about some aspect of the study of earthquakes. Texx also reported that he and Pam Coville recently helped during a Red Cross radio drill at the club station.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Sharon, reported that there are no new or renewing members this month and that the deadline for next month's newsletter is very tight. Russell Wikander will be the liaison for the April 26<sup>th</sup> EBARC/ORCA/ARCA ARRL VE test session.

Field Day Chair, Peter Hoffman, has registered for our site at Cesar Chavez Park in Berkeley. The fee went down to \$90 from \$160 last year.

Rita reported for Randy that SAG wagon ride-along hams with HTs are still needed for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Grizzly Peak Century bike ride. To volunteer, contact Randy at 526-4089 or ka6bqf@sbcglobal.net

President Ken Fowler reported that Richmond Parks and Recreation Director, Keith Jabari, suggests that our club not spend money on the club station roof, because the city will probably remove all three buildings at the club station site. A skate park is in the works. They will help us find another place, but probably nothing will happen for 6-12 months. Texx mentioned that some Richmond city officials may not know about the lease that currently exists on the front building.

The business meeting adjourned at 1950 for a talk by Joe Fisher, K6EJL

**BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS**

Checking (General Fund) .....\$4,711.38  
Savings (Station Fund\*) .....\$2,848.77

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

**Future Bay Area Events**

- EBARC's Field Day at Cesar Chavez Park, at the north end of the Berkeley Marina, June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, with setup on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Pacificon 2009 will be hosted by EMCOMMWEST, May 1, 2, and 3, at the Circus Circus Hotel, Reno, NV. For info see [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org).
- 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](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- South Bay Electronics Flea Market, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, March through October, De Anza College, Cupertino. Details at [www.asvaro.org](http://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 Jul. 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.cc-races.org) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

*[The list of officers and nets is being eliminated from the printed newsletter this month to save on printing costs. It will return next month.]*

**Treasurer's Report**

**March 2009**

**Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer**

**MARCH INCOME**

Regular Renewals:N6JDW ..... \$25.00  
Coffee Kitty March ..... 0.56  
Total Mar. Income..... \$34.81

**MARCH DISBURSEMENTS**

Blown Fuse Printing ..... \$32.84  
Blown Fuse Postage ..... 12.60  
Club Roster Printing..... 13.22  
Roster Postage ..... 10.92  
Total Mar. Disbursements ..... \$69.58

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](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.

## 2009 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President .....	222-0830
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## 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

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Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, [www.cc-races.org](http://www.cc-races.org).