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EBARC Meeting

May 14, 2010
7:30 p.m.

David Haycock, KI6AWR
"Batteries, Batteries, Batteries"



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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May 14th EBARC Program "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH

David Haycock, KI6AWR, will talk about types of batteries and the ratings to look for or ignore. He'll also discuss charge and discharge rates and whether or not they will damage batteries.

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

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

MARCH GENERAL FUND¹
 2/28/10 Beginning Balance \$4,266.49
 HRO Advertising 180.00
 March Coffee Kitty 9.00
 (Income Subtotal: \$189.00)
 P.G.& E. -84.84
 Blown Fuse Printing (Apr. issue)..... -21.51
 Blown Fuse Postage (Apr. issue)..... -24.64
 Roster Printing -18.88
 Calif. Sec'ty of State..... -20.00
 Refreshments (B. Bowling) -13.46

Refreshments, Nov '09 (B. Bowling). -10.15
 (Expense Subtotal: \$193.48)
 3/31/10 Ending Balance \$4,262.01

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MARCH STATION FUND²
 2/28/10 Beginning Balance \$4,294.92
 3/31/10 Ending Balance \$4,294.92

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

Total March Income.....\$189.00
 Total March Disbursements\$193.48

General Meeting Minutes

Apr 9, 2010

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign-in sheet available. 17 members and one guest were in attendance. A round of introductions was the first order of business.

Minutes of the March 12, 2010 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

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

Second Vice President Bowling was present with refreshments and the new kitty.

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

Treasurer Wood reported that March started with \$4,266.49 in checking, and finished with \$4,097.57, and 4,295.92 in savings. There was \$189.00 in income and \$193.48 in disbursements from checking.

Secretary Jenkins reported on mail received.

Station Manager Gleason reported that plastic had been installed over the roof of building A. Stanton also reported on the high PG&E bill.

Education: Jenkins reported that a class had been scheduled for Technician class license beginning Tuesday, April 13 at the West Contra Costa Adult School. The registration fee of \$25 includes the textbook. Jenkins was also starting a General class in Marin on Sunday, April 18.

Events: Jenkins and Gleason reported on the May 2 Grizzly Peak Century bike ride and the June 5 Boy Scout Hike. Jenkins also reported on additional events in Marin.

Website: Hoffman was not present.

President Fowler reported that radio this week had been up and down with a solar flare. Ken said that the club was running relatively well. There was a discussion of the many aspects of ham radio that the club encompasses. There was additional discussion of the electric bill.

Woodworth reported on SK Trisha Gibbons.

There was discussion on FCC Docket 10-54, regarding the request by American Hospitals Association for a blanket waiver of the FCC rules to allow licensed amateurs who are hospital employees to participate in certification drills, and otherwise transmit messages on behalf of their employers; and FCC Docket 10-72, regarding rules permitting licensed amateur employees to participate in government-sponsored emergency preparedness drills. These subjects were discussed by the assembled members.

Jenkins forgot the drawing tickets, so the drawing was deferred to the May meeting.

There being no further business, the business meeting was adjourned at 20:15 hours.

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: 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.

EBARC 2010 Executive Board

- Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President: 222-0830
- "Texx" Woodworth, KG6ATH, 1st VP – Program Chair; 524-7452
- Bob Bowling: K6ZLG, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair: 233-5749
- Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3rd VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor: 741-8227
- John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer - Finance Committee Chair: 967-8685
- Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary / Education Chair: 526-4089
- Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Member-at-Large - Club Station Manager: 385-4044
- Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large: 847-3583

[The full list of nets and officers is being eliminated from the printed newsletter this month to save space. It will return next month – Ye Olde Editor]

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.

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2010 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and 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
 Awards Chair.....
 Social & Digital Committees Chair.....
 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

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