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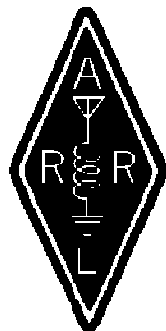
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EBARC Meetings

May 8, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

“High Altitude APRS Balloon”
Kareem Shaik, KK6PUZ



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Apian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date,
time, & location, contact President Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, at 384-4233.

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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]

May 8th EBARC Meeting

Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

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

At our May 8th meeting, our speaker is Kareem Shaik, KK6PUZ. He will speak about an APRS system launched on a high altitude balloon as part of a UC Berkeley science project.

President's Message

Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH

We are permitted! The permitting process is complete, and EBARC Field Day is a GO! The dates are June 27-28th at Cesar Chavez Park in the Berkeley Marina. I'll try to recruit the Cal students who took part in the recent VE exams (a club record of 66 new Techs, 5 Generals, and 3 Extras).

I'd like to thank Stanton Gleason for the great refreshments he has provided. Thanks also to Pambos and Gwen for the pizza. Of course, please feed the kitty!

We have several exciting speakers in the coming months. Ken will talk about Field Day on June 12th. If any club member is having trouble making it to the meetings, please let us know and we'll try to arrange transportation.

Treasurer's Report

March 2015

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

MARCH GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$5,056.37
Income:
New Member; W6MRR\$30.00
Refreshment Kitty Jan.....9.60
Total General Income:.....\$39.60

Disbursements

Blown Fuse\$110.38
Postage (Taxes).....1.40
Total General Disbursements.....\$111.78
Ending Balance\$4,984.19
(portion as petty cash..... \$39.20)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MARCH STATION FUND

Beginning Balance:\$2,900.14
Income:
Total Station Income\$0.00

Disbursements:

Storage Costs\$77.00
Ending Balance\$2,823.14

George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill:
"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play. Bring a friend... if you have one."

Winston Churchill, in reply:
"Cannot possibly attend first night. Will attend second... if there is one."

EBARC Field Day 2015

Ken Fowler, KO6NO

Field Day is coming up soon; June 27-28 at Cesar Chavez Park, Berkeley! We will need six people to set up on Friday, six to eight operators for Saturday and Sunday, and six to take down on Sunday. Jobs include setting up and taking down tents, power systems, towers, and antennas. Operators include people to operate and log in the afternoon and night. Operation should include CW, Digital, and SSB modes. We'll finalize plans at our June general meeting.

To volunteer, contact Ken at 222-0830 or ko6no@comcast.net.

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

Public Service Events

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

We have two public service events where EBARC takes the lead in organizing the radio volunteers. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far.

1) May 03: The Grizzly Peak Century bike ride. Webpage is http://w6sg.net/site/?page_id=220. We have the basic station assignments covered, but we can use additional SAG drivers and additional operators at Net Control. This supports the Grizzly Peak Cyclists and the 500-700 participants.

2) June 6: The FAGES II BSA hike. Webpage is http://w6sg.net/site/?page_id=205. We still need volunteers for many stations, both drive-up and hike-in. This supports the safety of the Scouts and Scouters who participate.

Contact ka6bqf@arrl.net to volunteer.

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 2015 are April 26, July 26, and October 25. The fee for 2015 is \$15. Info: 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- 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 \$30 for individual membership, \$35 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. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus.

2015 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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RFI Committee Chair.....
 Historian.....

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa EMCOMM Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
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 (traffic)	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.