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EBARC Meetings



May 13, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
"The Sunspot Cycle"
Tom Simonen, KW6R



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 13th 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.

In May we welcome back speaker Tom Simonen, KW6R. He'll tell us about the sunspot cycle; what it is, why it is important to hams, and why there is a cycle.

President's Message

Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH

In April, Martin Rothfield (W6MRR) gave a fascinating talk on meteor scatter and early big-rig communication. Although Peter has interesting talks coming up, he welcomes suggestions for future presentations. Also, I encourage anyone to present what they are working on, whether you've done it for years or are just learning. Not only is it rewarding to share, but it's a way for members to learn about our hobby, past, present and future.

Field Day is June 25-26th. Please attend the May meeting where Ken will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers. ARRL has announced two new 100-point options, one for social media and another for a designated safety officer. More details at the May meeting. Please help make this important (and fun!) event a success.

Lastly, congratulations to the Heard Island crew (VK0EK). Awesome accomplishment!

Treasurer's Report

March 2016

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

MARCH GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$6,371.70
Income:
Member Renewal: KJ6HSH and
KI6UKC.....\$60.00
New Member: KD6MKC30.00
Refreshment Kitty.....21.00
Total General Income:.....\$111.00

Disbursements

Roster Postage\$28.42
Roster Printing27.81
Total General Expenditures.....\$56.23
Ending Balance\$6,426.47
(portion as petty cash..... \$40.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

MARCH STATION FUND

Beginning Balance:\$1,952.64
Income:\$0.00

Disbursements:

Storage Costs\$83.00
Ending Balance\$1,869.64

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

EBARC News

Our club has a second Member-at-Large, Ken Fowler, KO6NO. Welcome back to the EBARC Executive Committee, Ken!

There's also a new email address for the club; ebarcw6cus@gmail.com. Email to it goes automatically to all the Executive Committee members. We are exploring issues with using it to send messages and the newsletter to our members. Stay tuned!

These two changes are now reflected on the last page of *The Blown Fuse*.

Grizzly Peak Century

We are recruiting amateurs to work at the Grizzly Peak Century bike ride on Sunday, May 1st. Please let us know if you are interested, and include your availability, preferred assignment, and tee shirt size. We welcome new amateurs to join us. Details are at <https://www.grizz.org/century/home/index.php>. To sign up, contact Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, at ka6bqf@gmail.com. We especially need hams to talk at Net Control.

BSA Fages II Hike

We are beginning to recruit communications volunteers to staff the Boy Scouts of America Fages II Hike, to be held in Tilden Park on Saturday, June 4, 2016 (date to be confirmed). Many of the trails have been affected by the recent rains, so be prepared for route changes.

If you are interested in providing help on this event, please let us know. For questions or to sign up, contact Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, at ka6bqf@gmail.com.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.ebarc.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 2016 are Jul. 24th and Oct. 23rd. The fee for 2016 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, send email to ebarcw6cus@gmail.com, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.ebarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus.

2016 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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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.

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TM-D710G | 2M/440 Dualband

• V+V/V+U/U+U operation • Built-in GPS • Built-in TNC for APRS & DX-Cluster operation • 50W 2M & UHF • 1,000 memories • Dual receive • Green or amber backlight colors • Latest APRS firmware w/new features • Sky Command II remote functions



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• High RF output (50W) • Multiple Scan • Dual receive on same band (VxV, UxU) • Echolink® memory (auto dialer) • Echolink® Sysop mode for node terminal ops • Invertible front panel • Choice of green/amber for LCD panel • 104 code digital code squelch



TM-281A | 2 Mtr Mobile

• 65 Watt • 200 Memories • CTCSS/DCS • Mil-Std specs • Hi-quality audio

TH-F6A | 2M/220/440

• Dual channel receive • .1 - 1300 MHz (cell blocked) RX • FM, AM, SSB • 5W 2M/220/440 TX, FM • 435 Memories • Li-Ion Battery



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The radio



FT-991 | HF/50MHz/2M/440 Transceiver

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• Color display-green, blue, orange, purple, gray • GPS/APRS • Packet 1200/9600 bd ready • Spectrum scope • Bluetooth • MicroSD slot • 500 memory per band

FT-60R | 2M/440 5W HT

• Wide receiver coverage • AM air band receive • 1000 memory channels w/alpha labels • Huge LCD display • Rugged die-cast, water resistant case • NOAA severe weather alert with alert scan



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