

THE EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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# THE BLOWN FUSE

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## EBARC Meeting

November 13, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Vote on Bylaws Changes and  
Election of 2010 Officers



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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## November Meeting Bylaws and Officer Votes

The proposed changes to EBARC's Constitution and Bylaws will be voted upon at the November 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting. These proposed changes are designed to take effect on January 1, 2010. They can be altered at the meeting, before the vote. The current proposed Constitution and Bylaws (as modified during the October general meeting) have been posted on the EBARC Web site [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org) (from which you can print a copy). If you don't have Web access, you may request a printed copy from Sharon, [aa6xz@earthlink.net](mailto:aa6xz@earthlink.net) or 510-741-8227.

The members of the nominating committee for 2010 EBARC officers are: Robbie Robinson, N6MNL; Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF; and Don Hamma, KE6ZFP. They propose the following officers for 2010.

President: Ken Fowler, KO6NO  
1st VP/Program: Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH  
2nd VP/Hospitality: Bob Bowling, K6ZLG  
3rd VP/Membership: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ  
Secretary: (open)  
Treasurer: John Wood, N6JDW and Gordy Parsons, NU6W

If you'd like to run for office, contact Randy Jenkins, Don Hamma, or Robbie Robinson. Additional nominations for 2010 officers will be open at the meeting before the vote. *You must first get the permission of your nominee!*

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### Candidate Statement: Gordy Parsons, NU6W

I have been EBARC Treasurer since 1983. I'm willing to go on. The Treasurer's job does demand that you be at the general meetings to collect and pay money, and I've been at almost all of the regular meetings. My work schedule has changed, so I will be able to attend Board meetings on Mondays. I'll be able to devote more time now to being Treasurer. You can take that to the bank with Gordy!

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### Candidate Statement: John Wood, N6JDW

I have an Extra class license, being first licensed in 1997. I'm pleased to announce that I'm running for Treasurer of EBARC. My professional career consisted of 10 years as an Electronics Tech followed by 30 years as a Software Engineer specializing in Embedded Systems.

My interest in becoming Treasurer is so that I can bring the power of the computer to the job. I believe that we can save a significant amount of our capital by using programs such as TurboTax to prepare our tax filings. Furthermore, Excel provides capabilities for assuring correct calculations of monthly reports and will make it simple to quantify the information needed for tax filings. Also, because I live in San Pablo, I'll be able to make all the Club and Executive meetings so that the club's financial details are available to the rest of the Board.

Finally, I have just completed a couple of difficult years caring for my late wife and am now looking for something new to sink my teeth into. So I'm hoping that you support my candidacy for Treasurer.

# General Meeting Minutes October 9, 2009

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Acting Secty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President Ken Fowler, KO6NO. No guests and 15 members were present.

Program Chair Texx Woodworth, KG6ATH, asked for help with programs for general meetings.

Hospitality Chair, Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, had no report.

There will be an ARRL VE session Oct 25<sup>th</sup> in Oakland.

Treasurer Gordy Parsons, NU6W, read the September Treasurer's report.

The minutes of the October general meeting, as printed in *The Blown Fuse* were accepted as printed (motion by Mike McMillan, seconded by John Wood).

Station Manager, Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, reports that the club station electricity is off again. He can't talk with Americare (in the front building) because their phone is disconnected. President Ken will try to find out what happened to Americare and to our power. We will be putting up new tarps on the roof soon, even though we still have no information from the City of Richmond as to EBARC's status in the building.

Randy Jenkins reported there's a 50-mile fire trail event tomorrow, Oct. 10th.

There was a report on "Golden Gate Charlie" and his condition.

The 4Cs/EBARC Holiday Luncheon will be held December 5<sup>th</sup> In Concord. You must sign up in advance.

Ken reported that the bylaws committee is himself, Randy, and Sharon. The vote will be

at the November meeting (to take effect in 2010).

Ken reported that the nominating committee for 2010 EBARC officers is Robbie Robinson, Randy Jenkins, and Don Hamma. Ken urged people to run for office. Contact a member of the committee if you're interested in serving. Election will be at the November general meeting.

Ken reported that on Oct 16-17, there will be a Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air. The Red Oak Victory and USS Hornet will have stations on the air. Nearby HF contacts for the event will be appreciated. EBARC will have the club station open for the event, if we get a General class control operator to volunteer. Suggested frequencies and times are for Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. local time on 7.260 MHz and 14.263 MHz.

It was reported that the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club (MDARC) will again hold its Pacificon convention in 2010.

The EBARC Executive Committee decided that there will be no crab feed in early 2010.

At the last EBARC Executive Committee meeting, Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, was appointed as an additional Member-at Large.

Member-at-Large Russell Wikander, asked to talk to the generator-replacement committee (himself, Stanton, & Texx) during the break.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. for refreshments and a thorough review of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws changes by the attending members.

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## EBARC Roster Update

- **NEW ADDRESS & PHONE:** Rita Brenden, KG6WPN, now lives at 274 Temple Way Vallejo, CA 94591. Her new phone is 707-557-5521

**Treasurer's Report  
September 2009  
Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer**

SEPTEMBER INCOME

No money received

SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing.....\$18.44  
Blown Fuse Postage ..... 12.76  
2008 Tax Preparation (Al Streit)..... 150.00  
Total Sep. Disbursements ..... \$181.21  
*[Ye Olde Editor gets \$181.20 for the total!]*

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund).....\$4,271.40  
Savings (Station Fund\*) ..... \$2,899.02

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

The 2008 income tax report was prepared by Al Streit, KG6HF. There was no tax payable for 2008. The report was sent Sept. 14, 2009 to the IRS in Ogden, Utah.

**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](http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html)
- 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 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The proposed dates for 2010 are Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2010 has not yet been announced. Info at 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.

**Holiday Party: Contra Costa  
Communications Club & East Bay  
Amateur Radio Club**

**Saturday December 5, 2009**

**11:30 a.m. (seating) 12:00 noon (lunch served)**

Marie Callender's Restaurant & Bakery  
2090 Diamond Blvd., Concord, CA  
(925) 827-4930

*Enter how many order(s) for each entrée & pie.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Meatloaf:** Mashed potatoes & gravy, seasonal mixed vegetables, cornbread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Roasted Turkey:** stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, seasonal mixed vegetables, cornbread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lemon Chicken:** rice pilaf, seasonal mixed vegetables, cornbread

\_\_\_\_\_ **Salad Bar & Soup:** If you need assistance getting your salad & soup, please let Barbara know ahead of time.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Apple Pie**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pumpkin Pie**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chocolate Cream Pie**

Meal includes either foundation drink, iced tea, or coffee.

Bar drinks not included in the price. A full bar is available.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For ordering kid's meals (12 and younger), contact Barbara

Kid's choice \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Kid's choice \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Form & payment must be received by November  
30<sup>th</sup>

Make check payable to "Contra Costa  
Communication Club"

Mail to: P.O. Box 20661

El Sobrante, CA 94820-0661

Questions: Please contact Barbara Grazer-  
Robinson, KD6OKJ, 510-222-4990

We are collecting dues for 2010. They are past due if you pay after December 31, 2009. If your roster information has changed, please include this information with your dues.

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### 2010 EBARC Membership Renewal

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Name

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Call Sign

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License Class (circle)

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Street

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City, State, Zip

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Phone (include area code)

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e-mail address

ARRL Member?     Yes     No  
 Membership Type     Regular     Family  
 Blown Fuse delivery     e-mail     snail mail

Dues: Regular \$25, Family \$30, K-12 \$10

Mail to P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Additional family member name(s), call, and class

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Please use the lines above to tell us your ham interests, and any non-ham skills or hobbies

### 2009 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President    222-0830
  
- “Texx” Woodworth, KG6ATH, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair    524-7452
  
- Bob Bowling, K6ZLG, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair    233-5749
  
- Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor    741-8227
  
- Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair    785-4290
  
- Secretary (empty)
  
- Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager & Member-at-Large    385-4044
  
- Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee & Member-at-Large    415-305-2547
  
- Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Field Day Chair, Webmaster, Publicity Chair    525-0694
  
- Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Events & Education Chair    526-4089
  
- Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair    724-0533
  
- Mark O’Brien, AF6FR, [af6fr@yahoo.com](mailto:af6fr@yahoo.com), Ride Coordinator    650-776-1817
  
- Member-at-Large, Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ    847-3583

**PLEASE ATTEND THE NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. WE NEED A QUORUM OF AT LEAST 15 MEMBERS TO ATTEND, TO RATIFY THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AND VOTE FOR 2010 OFFICERS!**

*[The list of nets is being omitted from the snail-mailed Blown Fuse to save on copying costs. It will return next month. – Ye Olde Editor]*

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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
"Going Home Group"	Mo-Fr	1600 (PL 82.5-)	145.110

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