

THE EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Q  
L  
F

# THE BLOWN FUSE

CLUB STATION W6CUS

VOLUME LX NUMBER 11

NOVEMBER 2012

## EBARC Meetings



November 9, 2012, 7:30 p.m.  
"W6CUS Club Station Orientation"  
EBARC Members



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.

POSTMASTER:  
Address Correction Requested



FIRST CLASS MAIL

THE EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.  
Post Office Box 1393  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

*The Blown Fuse* is published monthly by the East Bay Amateur Radio Club, Inc. and is free to its members. *The Blown Fuse* welcomes articles of interest to its members and amateur radio in general. *The Blown Fuse* reserves the right to edit or reject any material submitted. Material submitted becomes the property of *The Blown Fuse*. Permission is hereby granted to reproduce material printed herein provided proper acknowledgment is given. Editor: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

Deadline for Dec. issue: Tues. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

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

---

## November 9<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting

### Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1<sup>st</sup> VP

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

At the November meeting, we'll look at the history, status, equipment, and access to the EBARC club station in Richmond. There will also be nominations for 2013 club officers.



## 4Cs / EBARC 2012 Holiday Party

Saturday, December 8, 2012  
Open at 11:30 a.m., Eat at noon

Recreation Room  
Tara Hills Mobile Manor  
16401 San Pablo Ave.  
San Pablo, CA 94806

Catered buffet by Kinder's Deli in Hercules

Buffet includes:  
Marinated Ball Tip and Chicken Quarters  
Fresh Fruit Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad,  
BBQ Beans and Dinner Rolls  
Homemade Pies by Mike Camp, K17FQ  
Regular Soda, Diet Soda, & Water

**Directions:** The park is located at the corner of Tara Hills Dr. and San Pablo Ave. The entrance is on Tara Hills Dr.

From I-80 southbound, exit at Appian Way: Stay in the middle lane (you will be turning right at the light at the end of the ramp). After you turn right, immediately move into the left turn lane and make the left turn onto Tara Hills Drive. Go straight until you cross San Pablo Ave. You are at your destination.

From I-80 northbound, exit at Appian Way, turn left at the signal at the end of the ramp. Once over the freeway, move into the left turn lane to make the left turn onto Tara Hills Drive. Go straight until you cross San Pablo Ave. You are at your destination.

**Parking:** There are a few parking spaces on the street around the Recreation Room and 3 or 4 visitor spaces behind it. Main parking is on the street around the entrance of the park. Parking on the streets inside the park is limited. Do not block any residence driveway if you park on any streets in the park.

Guests are welcome. You must pay and RSVP by December 1st. Please include the call sign (if any) and the name of each person who will attend. Let us know what each of them wants to drink; regular soda, diet soda, or water. The cost is \$20 per person. Make your check payable to "Contra Costa Communications Club," and mail it to  
CCCC Inc.  
PO Box 20661  
El Sobrante, CA 94820-0661

---

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

---

**Treasurer's Report**  
**September 2012**  
**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,211.39

Income:

Refreshment Kitty: ..... 8.03

Interest ..... 0.45

Other ..... 1.26

Total General Income: ..... \$9.74

Disbursements

PG&E (September) ..... \$25.52

Blown Fuse ..... 27.83

CA Secretary of State ..... 20.00

Total General Disbursements ..... \$73.35

Ending Balance..... \$3,147.78

<sup>1</sup>\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

SEPTEMBER STATION FUND<sup>2</sup>

Beginning Balance: ..... \$3,520.80

Income: ..... \$0.00

Disbursements: ..... \$0.00

Ending Balance..... \$3,520.80

<sup>2</sup>\$745.17 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

**EBARC 2013 Officers' Election**

The slate so far is:

- President: Ken Fowler, KO6NO
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Jack Burris, K6JEB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
- Secretary: Michael McMillan, K6MCM
- Treasurer: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

At the November general meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Mail-in ballots will then be prepared with all nominees listed. There will also be space for write-in candidates.

The week after the November general meeting, we'll mail ballots to EBARC voting members. Returned ballots must be in the EBARC post office box by the Sunday before the December general meeting (Dec 9<sup>th</sup>). There will be a 3-person committee to count the ballots at the December meeting. If you'd like to be on the ballot-counting committee, contact President Ken Fowler, KO6NO. In the same mailing of your ballot(s), we will include a renewal slip for 2013 membership. Just return the renewal slip and your check with your ballot(s). If you know that you are already a 2013 member, please write "already renewed" and your name on the renewal slip.

**The Second Annual EBARC  
Sweepstakes Award**  
**Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President**

Here is your chance to again participate in some friendly competition within EBARC, and test your ability and skills as a contest operator. The ARRL Sweepstakes weekend events take place in November with the CW contest on Nov. 3-5 and the phone contest on Nov. 17-19. EBARC will offer awards to club members for the categories defined by the ARRL. See ARRL November Sweepstakes for the rules.

Here's what you have to do. 1.) Enter the ARRL Sweepstakes by operating in a category and submit a log to ARRL. 2.) Submit a copy of your entry and log to the EBARC Executive Committee before Dec. 10. Awards will be presented at the December EBARC meeting.

**General Meeting Minutes**  
**October 12, 2012**  
**Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Fowler, KO6NO. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 12 members signed in. A round of self-introductions was made, including the question

“Are you going to attend Pacificon?” No one stated they were. Minutes of the September 14, 2012 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse* after a correction was received from Don Hamma, KE6ZFP; Note #1 had been left off of the Treasurer’s report. It should have said, “\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.” after the General Fund ending balance.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burriss, K6JEB, was absent. Ken stated that tonight’s program will be about using elementary electronic test equipment. Next month’s program is scheduled to be on the history, status, equipment, and access to the club station in Richmond.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks, KJ6HSH, provided refreshments.

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch, AA6XZ, reported that ballots are being prepared for the November EBARC election. A VE test session will be on October 28.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins, KA6BQF, reported club financial information. General fund balance was \$3,147.78; station fund balance was \$3,520.80; total balance was \$6,668.58. Monthly income was \$9.74; expenses were \$73.35.

**Secretary:** Secretary McMillan, K6MCM, reported that the correspondence received was being handled by Treasurer.

**Station Manager:** Gleason, KD6SWU, reported roof work completed. Some roof maintenance will be done next Sunday.

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins, KA6BQF, reported events are done for the year.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman, W6DEI, absent. It was noted that the website should be checked that current dues structure is shown

**President:** Fowler, KO6NO, reported a ham’s relative asked for assistance selling a radio station. The Rigger’s Loft near the Red Oak Victory may be available for use as a club station. Help is needed at

Camp Herms on October 20 for a Boy Scout JOTA and merit badge activity.

**New Members and Guests:** none present

**Announcements:** The EBARC/4Cs holiday party is coming soon. FCC has a notice of proposed rulemaking with some significant changes to amateur radio operations. Nominations for EBARC officer for 2013 will be taken at the November club meeting. While existing officers are willing to continue their roles, other nominations may be made during the November meeting.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on November 9, 2012.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

After a break for refreshments, Ken, KO6NO, led a discussion and demonstration of various types of electronic test equipment useful for amateur radio operators.

---

## Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See [www.eastbayarc.org](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The remaining test date for 2012 is October 28. The fee for 2012 remains \$15. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from [mcmillan50y@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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.

## 2012 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President ..... 222-0830  
 Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1<sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair ..... 415-305-2547  
 Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair ..... 384-4233  
 Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor ..... 741-8227  
 Mike McMillan, K6MCM, Secretary ..... 223-3052  
 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair ..... 526-4089  
 Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large ..... 847-3583  
 John Wood, N6JDW, Member-at-Large ..... 967-8685

## 2012 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Club Station Manager ..... 385-4044  
 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 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 (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](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.