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EBARC Meeting

September 11, 2009

7:30 p.m.

To Be Announced



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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 Editor: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ

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

AUGUST INCOME

Coffee Kitty.....\$20.00
 Membership Renewal (W17YN)\$30.00
 Total Aug. Income.....\$50.00

AUGUST DISBURSEMENTS

Blown Fuse Printing (Aug).....\$18.83
 Blown Fuse Postage (Aug).....13.20
 Blown Fuse Printing (Apr)12.09
 Blown Fuse Postage (Apr)13.02
 Total Aug. Disbursements.....\$57.14

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund)\$4,452.61
 Savings (Station Fund*)\$2,899.02

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

Deadline for Oct. issue: Tuesday, Sep. 22nd

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

**Treasurer's Report
 June/July 2009**

Gordon Parsons, NU6W, Treasurer

JUNE/JULY INCOME

Coffee Kitty (June)\$8.00
 Coffee Kitty (July).....7.00
 HRO Advertising180.00
 Coffee Kitty (May)15.25
 Total Jun/Jul Income\$210.25

JUNE/JULY DISBURSEMENTS

Refreshments (June, R. Bowling)\$9.75
 Refreshments (July, R. Bowling)9.75
 Blown Fuse Postage (Apr)13.02
 Blown Fuse Postage (May)13.02
 Blown Fuse Postage (June)13.20
 Blown Fuse Postage (July)12.60
 Blown Fuse Printing (May)12.29
 Blown Fuse Printing (July)14.77
 Total Jun/Jul Disbursements\$98.40

BANK OF THE WEST ACCOUNTS

Checking (General Fund).....\$4,479.75
 Savings (Station Fund*)\$2,899.02

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

**General Meeting Minutes
 August 14, 2009**

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Acting Secty.

The meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m. by President Ken Fowler, KO6NO

Ken reports that Bob Bowling can't attend for a while. Randy is filling in for Hospitality.

Gordy Parsons, NU6W, summarized the June/July Treasurer's report, which will be printed in the next *Blown Fuse*. He discussed the claim for the theft of two generators from the club station. We will be paid the current value for the generators.

Ken reported about Americare (tenants of the building in front of the club station) about P.G. & E restoring the power to them and to the club station. We share Americare's power meter. Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, says he doesn't know whether the power has been restored.

Marin & Sonoma Bike Ride

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Education Chair, said that ARCA is having an accelerated Technician course this fall. There will be a Fall Technican class given by the Marin group. The EBARC/ORCA/ARCA group will not give classes this fall. If you are interested in a General upgrade class, contact Randy or Ken.

Jim Latham, AF6AQ, EBARC member and ARRL East Bay Section Manager, volunteered to publicize classes and events for us. Send details to him at af6aq@arrl.org. Also, one of his goals is to have a section-wide ARES coordinator.

Randy reported on a Marin hike at Tomales for tomorrow morning, and on the "Peak Hike" September 27th (operators needed).

Ken announced a special event on Alcatraz Island tomorrow. N6PSE is their call.

Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, Membership Chair, reported on John Billones. Send her email if you're not receiving email reports on John.

Club Station Chair, Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, announced a public safety fair Sept. 27th at El Cerrito Plaza. We still know nothing about Richmond's plans for the club station, so we need to put new tarps onto the club station roof again. He'll call people individually to volunteer for "re-tarping."

Robbie Robinson, N6MNL, reminded us of the 4Cs/EBARC picnic next Sunday, August 16th.

President Ken says he will talk to people individually to form a nominating committee for next year's officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

KEEP YOUR BATTERIES CHARGED!

Craig Gaevert, K6XLT, is looking for volunteers for the Waves to Wine bike event, on Saturday September 12 and Sunday September 13. The event starts in San Francisco and passes through Marin County on Saturday, and then continues in Sonoma County on Sunday. Please contact k6xlt@sonic.net to volunteer.

Cruella Challenge Century

The Cruella Challenge Century bicycling ride is asking for communications support on Saturday, October 24. The main route travels around Mt Diablo, going through Concord, Pleasant Hill, Lafayette, Orinda, the 3 bears, Berkeley, Oakland, Moraga, Alamo, and Danville. There will be only 2 routes. Start/finish will be at Oak Hill Park in Danville.

Hams are needed for net control, SAG drivers, aid station communications, and shadows. If you can't work the full day, but can do half, it can be arranged.

Please contact Mike Pompa, KP6MP, at mpompa@inbox.com if you're interested in supporting this event:

Good Samaritan Laws in CA

In 1980, the California Legislature enacted a law that says that no person who in good faith, and not for compensation, renders emergency care at the scene of an emergency shall be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission. To remedy this, California's SB 39 and AB 83 were signed into law August 6, 2009 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. They take effect immediately.

Under AB 83, Good Samaritans now have immunity from civil liability unless they act in a reckless or grossly negligent manner.

Under SB 39, Disaster Service Workers are also protected, provided they are activated by a competent authority and provided that they are acting within the scope of their duties.

A summary is at the LegalNewsline.com link, <http://www.legalnewsline.com/news/222320-schwarzenegger-shields-good-samaritans-from-lawsuits>.

Vanity Call Sign Fee Increase

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase \$1.10, from \$12.30 to \$13.40.

Now that notice of the increase has been published in the *Federal Register*, the increase will take effect on September 10, 2009.

The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The notice in the August 11, 2009 Federal Register, entitled "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2009," includes regulatory fees. These fees are expected to recover a total of \$341,875,000 during FY2009, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates.

For more information, see the recent ARRLWeb article, "FCC Looks to Raise Vanity Call Sign Fees for Second Consecutive Year" at, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/18/10825/?nc=1>.

Amateur Radio Streaming Video James R. Latham, AF6AQ ARRL East Bay Section Manager

There's now an Amateur Radio streaming video site on the Web, www.hamtv.org. Ham Radio TV Events, Communication & Electronics History Webcast With HighSpeed Internet And Windows Media Player is located at <http://www.hamtv.org>. It provides a dedicated high performance server with plenty of bandwidth to the amateur radio community, free of charge.

If your amateur radio club or organization has amateur-radio-related digital video to donate, please send a link for downloading to Robert Koch, wa6uvv@arrl.net with the subject line "consideration to be webcast". Formats accepted are in English 320 X 240 Windows Media, FLASH, MOV, Mpeg 1, Mpeg 2, and Real Video. at 500 Kbps. or greater for conversion.

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 date for 2009 is Oct. 25th, and the fee is \$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.

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.

2009 EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President	222-0830
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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, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s, www.cc-races.org.