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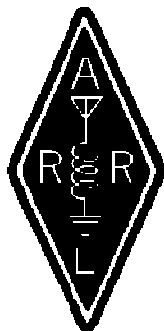
## EBARC Meetings

September 12, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

"Co. Co. Co. Sheriff's ACS"  
Harry Styron, K6HS/AFA9HS

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

The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date,  
time, & location, contact President Ken Fowler, KO6NO, at 222-0830.



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**September 12<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting**  
**Ron Smith, KE6RS, 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.**

Our presenter on September 12<sup>th</sup> will be Harry Styron, K6HS/AFA9HS. Harry will speak to the club about the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Auxiliary Communications Service.

**Treasurer's Report**  
**July 2014**

**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

JULY GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$4,364.80  
Income:  
 New Member: KK6NDG ..... \$30.00  
 Refreshment Kitty ..... 9.10  
 Total General Income: ..... \$39.10

Disbursements

PG&E (July) ..... \$49.31  
 Total General Disbursements ..... \$49.31  
 Ending Balance ..... \$4,354.59

(portion as petty cash..... \$39.39)

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

JULY STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: ..... \$3,380.78  
Income:  
 Equipment Sale ..... \$85.00  
 Bank Interest Q2 ..... 0.12  
 Total Station Income ..... \$85.12

Disbursements:

Storage Costs: ..... \$87.00  
 Ending Balance ..... \$3,378.90

**General Meeting Minutes**  
**August 8, 2014**

**Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, 15 members and a guest signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of the July, 2014 meeting were approved, as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Program:** First Vice-President Ron Smith reported that tonight's program will be Joe Fisher, K5EJL, on MESH networking. September's program will be Harry Styron, K6HS – Contra Costa County Sheriff Department's Auxiliary Communications System. The October program (during Pacificon) is to be announced.

**Hospitality:** Stanton filling in for Jay. Please "Feed the Kitty."

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch reported deadline for *The Blown Fuse* comes early; next Tuesday! She also asked members to please respond to the emailed survey re: changing the club's day and/or time for monthly meetings. We have new members: Hal Graboske, KK6NDF, and Jim Fast, KK6NDG.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins reported club financial information: General Fund spent \$10.21 more than it took in. Station Fund spent \$1.88 more than we

brought in. We earned 12 cents interest for the quarter. We're still solvent.

**Secretary:** Secretary Spalding reported no incoming mail received.

**Station Manager:** Gleason reported the club station is pretty much gone.

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins mentioned Holstein 100 event in far west Marin, 3 others in Marin, and a couple in Sonoma. There's nothing around here.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman reported updating website wording to indicate we're looking to relocate the club station.

**President:** Fowler reported status of the W6CUS Club Station: It's all packed away. Storage locker has Field Day gear and some club records. The station building still has some trash in it, possibly some historical items and auxiliary equipment. There are office chairs & misc. building materials as well. The 45' Rohn Tower still needs to come down. We need a crew to lower that antenna and also move the 75' Tri-X tower (laying on the ground) to Marin. Truck or trailer needed. City of Richmond had been talking of providing some EOC space for us. That's on hold until further notice. Demolition of the club building hasn't yet happened. Possibly the Richmond Rec. Dept. budget has been trimmed. We might have vacated earlier than we needed to. We're working on reducing storage costs of our equipment (\$77/mo). Looking to store stuff at people's houses, within the next month. The Executive Committee voted at this point of the general meeting to cut PG&E service. (Stanton will take care of this, as the bill is in his name).

License class for General class license runs September 9<sup>th</sup> to Dec 9<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Alvarado Adult School, 5625 Sutter St., Richmond. More details are on the EBARC website.

We need members to run for EBARC Board positions for next year: President, and 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Programs) officers are stepping down. Other positions also open to new members, including Secretary.

**New Member:** Hal Grabowske, KK6NDF, was introduced.

**Announcements:** Sharon reminded us about the new FCC ruling. Expired General, Advanced, and Extra licensees can now easily get General or Extra licenses. This requires proof of their former license and taking only the Technician test at a VE session. Details are on the EBARC website.

4C's repeater still down. Meanwhile the Vallejo 2M repeater is available: 145.310 kHz, 88.5 PL. See [www.nbara.org](http://www.nbara.org).

**Next Meeting:** September 12, 2014.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the general meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, our Austin, TX member, Joe Fisher, K5EJL, gave an extensive and interesting overview of the MESH networking system, with live demos of the gear involved. He also flashed the MESH OS onto gear brought by members and guests.

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

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## 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 2014 is October 26<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2014 is \$15. Info: 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, until recently, has maintained a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

## 2014 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President .....	222-0830
Ron Smith, KE6RS, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair.....	724-5099
Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair .....	384-4233
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor.....	741-8227
Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary .....	528-1144
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair.....	526-4089
Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large .....	847-3583
Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF, Member-at-Large.....	499-5606

## 2014 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
Field Day Chair .....	
Silent Key Chair .....	
Awards Chair.....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair .....	
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](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com), phone 510 223-3052.  
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.