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# THE BLOWN FUSE

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## EBARC Meetings



September 13, 2013, 7:30 p.m.  
October 11, 2013, 7:30 p.m.

Programs to be Announced



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.

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## Treasurer's Report July 2013

**Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer**

### JULY GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,554.96

Income:

New memberships: KK6FAJ, KJ6SWK,  
KJ6WEQ, KJ6YFY, KH6YLO..... \$15.00  
Membership renewal: KK6FAJ (2014) 30.00  
Refreshment Kitty (June, July) ..... 18.00  
Total General Income: ..... \$63.00

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (July) ..... \$31.12  
PG&E (July) ..... 21.90  
Total General Disbursements ..... \$53.02  
Ending Balance ..... \$3,564.94

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

### JULY STATION FUND

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

Income: ..... \$0.00

Disbursements: ..... \$0.00

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

## Treasurer's Report August 2013 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

### AUGUST GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

Beginning Balance ..... \$3,564.94

Income:

New memberships: KK6COW,  
& Tyler ..... \$35.00  
Total General Income: ..... \$35.00

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (August) ..... \$29.86  
PG&E (August) ..... 19.91  
Total General Disbursements ..... \$49.77  
Ending Balance ..... \$3,550.17

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

### AUGUST STATION FUND

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

Income: ..... \$0.00

Disbursements: ..... \$0.00

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

## Phone Patch Wanted

Do you have an old or unused radio phone patch? If you do and would like to pass it on, Mathison Ott, KJ6DZB, is looking for a used or new radio-to-phone-patch unit with DTMF control. Please contact him via phone 5107010234 or mathisono@gmail.com

## General Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2013

**Michael McMillan, K6MCM, Sec'ty**

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Fowler. Sign-in sheet was circulated, members and guests signed in. A round of self-introductions was made. Minutes of the July 12, 2013 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Program:** First Vice-President Burris reported that tonight's program will be a "show and tell" including member Joe Fisher, K5EJL, direct from Texas.

**Hospitality:** Second Vice-President Sparks provided excellent refreshments along with an encouragement to "feed the kitty."

**Membership:** Third Vice-President Primbsch reported she had recently updated the club information on the ARRL website in response to an ARRL email reminder. Coming issue of The Blown Fuse will be a combined September/October edition.

**Finance:** Treasurer Jenkins was absent. He reported at the Executive Meeting that the General fund balance was \$3,564.94; station fund balance was \$3,520.80. Monthly income was \$63.00; expenses were \$53.02.

**Secretary:** Secretary McMillan reported no written correspondence of significance received.

**Station Manager:** Gleason was absent.

**Public Events/Education:** Jenkins was absent, no other activity reported.

**Web Page:** Webmaster Hoffman reported there is a new link on our website to marine audio segments with ships at sea. He encouraged members to listen to a few.

**President:** Fowler reported the 4Cs/EBARC picnic is coming on Sunday that will include an equipment swap meet to help fund their repeater upgrades. Note that the usual tunnel access to the park may still be closed for repairs.

**Announcements:** The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the *ARRL Handbook* is coming out. A member is looking for information on marine vessel AIS (automatic identification system, see <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/> for example). A nominating committee is needed for the EBARC officer elections coming this fall.

Please see Ken if you are interested in serving, either as an officer or on the nominating committee.

**Next Meeting:** the next meeting will be on September 13, 2013.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**Presentation:** After a break for refreshments, Joe Fisher, K5EJL, took us outside for a look at his rental car radio kit. It allows you to attach a HF/VHF antenna system onto a car trunk using four mag mounts on a stainless steel bracket. He described development and testing of the portable system under a variety of conditions. Jack Burris, K6JEB, demonstrated a brain wave monitoring system linked to a laptop with a Bluetooth connection. Jack described how it can be used to monitor your meditation state.

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EBARC mourns the passing of Don Pool, KJ6PPT. He and his smile will be missed.

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**EBARC Needs 2014 Officers. please contact Ken Fowler at 922-0830.**

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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 2013 are is October 27<sup>th</sup>. The fee for 2013 is \$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.

## 2013 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  
 Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Member-at-Large ..... 528-1144

## 2013 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.