



Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc
 An ARRL Affiliated Repeater Group
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Sunshine Committee

I hope this message brings a little sunshine into your lives. How is everyone? I sincerely hope you are doing well. I ask that you continue your good thoughts and prayers for Juanita, KC6KAR, while she has not been feeling as well as she has in the past.

I ask that you join me and send good thoughts and prayers to Victoria Thompson, KE6FSU. She had surgery recently. She is progressing very well, however.

Our good thoughts are prayers are with you ladies. We hope for a speedy recovery for you.

If you know of anyone who may be a bit under the weather, please let me know. And I would like to thank you all for letting me know when someone is ill. The good thing about that recently is when it's time for print, they are feeling well again.

Good health to you all.

Burgie
 KE6MSF

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!!!

Thank you all for coming out to our June meeting. It's always so nice to see you all, and we appreciate you getting up early on a Sunday morning to attend the meeting.

Our next meeting on July 13th, we will be receiving 2 free breakfasts compliments of Denny's. So come on out and join us. You may be one of the lucky winners.

Don't forget our annual picnic is one month earlier this year. It will be Sunday, August 17th in Point Richmond, Knox Miller Park. Please try to come out and join us. We have a good time and lots of delicious food!!

I hope to see you all at our July 13th meeting. Take care,

Burgie, KE6MSF

ARRL BOUNTY

Thank You to several members that have remembered to process their ARRL membership renewal through the club.

You can do this each time you renew with ARRL. The club gets \$2 for every renewal. If you are joining as new membership the club gets \$15.

When you get your renewal notice from ARRL, use the **SPECIAL** affiliated renewal form instead. You can get the form from Victoria, KE6FSU, Barbara, KD6OKJ, or Burgie, KE6MSF. Soon you will be able to download it from the club web site.

These are the steps to take:

1. Get the special affiliated club ARRL renewal form
2. Fill out only the special form,
3. Add your ARRL membership number if you have one
4. Make your check for your full amount out to **Contra Costa Communications Club, Inc**
5. Mail the check and form to the club mail box.

I fill out the club portion of the paperwork and send it in with a check from the club for the balance due the ARRL.
 Victoria, KE6FSU Treasurer

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Deadline for submissions: The 25th of each mo.

If you have Ham Radio related up coming event or an article for the good of the club please e-mail or send an electronic version to the editor.

Thank You

2008 CONTRA COSTA COMMUNICATIONS CLUB, INC.

DAILY AND WEEKLY NETS

DAYS	NET CONTROLLER	REPEATER/NET NAME/TIME
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	DAN – KF6HQO (Backup CHET – WA6PAC) BURGIE-KE6MSF, JAN-N6UYE [ROTATE] BOB-W6WTJ GARY – KG6RJA BOB – AB4AL ALTERNATE STAN-KB6SEI	145.110 OVER-THE-HILL 7:10 AM
WEEKLY - TUESDAY	ED-KA6OFR ALTERNATE ROBBY - N6MNL	224.300 QRM NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY – WEDNESDAY		
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE	145.110 WEST CONTRA COSTA CTY ARES/RACES 6:45 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	ROTATE THURSDAY NIGHTS IN ORDER ROBBY-N6MNL, ANDREW-KM6VT, ALTERNATE: FRED-KC6VLL, BARBARA-KD6OKJ BOB – AB4AL, DAN – KF6HQO	145.110 CLUB NET 7:30 PM
WEEKLY - THURSDAY	BOB – AB4AL	145.110/440.275 TECHNICAL NET 8:00 PM
WEEKLY – SATURDAY & SUNDAY	JOE LEE, W6DOB	145.110 ARRL TRAFFIC NET 7:30 PM

Club Officers FOR 2008

President: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
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 Secretary: Burgie Jones KE6MSF (2009)
 Treasurer: V. Thompson, KE6FSU (2008)
 Trustee: Robby Robinson, N6MNL (2014)
 Director: Jack Burris, K6JEB (2008)
 Director: Ed Caine, KA6OFR (2010)
 Director: Ken Miller KA6TUX (2010)

Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES West County -
 Mike McMillan K6MCM

Repeater Controller's
 [Call & Report any Problems/Concerns]
 Robby.....N6MNL.....
 Ed.....KA6OFR.....
 Red.....N6UMG.....
 Ken.....KA6TUX.....
 Gabe.....WA6KQB.....
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Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

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(Chair) Robert Gregory, AB4AL

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Robby Robinson, N6MNL

NARCC:

Robby Robinson, N6MNL

Picnic:

Fred Neiman, KC6VLL

Christmas:

Barbara Grazer, KD6OKJ

General Meeting June 8, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President, Burgie KE6MSF @ 8 a.m. Introductions were made around the room.

The previous months' minutes were approved as printed in The Communicator.

Treasurers Report: Ck. \$2,038.41: Svgs. \$2,107.33: CD. \$3,698.74.

Trustee Report: The 440 is still in limbo as far as the Air Force is concerned.

Membership Report: We have 111 members!!!
Good Job!!!

Net Controller's Report: Everything is going just great.

No old business.
No new business.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:20 a.m.

Winners for June:
World Radio: Stan Clark KB6SEI

Free Breakfast: Robinson KD6OKJ

Progressive Raffle: Chris Wimmer AB6JG, who was not present to win.
Next months' raffle will be \$20.00.

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones
KE6MSF

June Expense Report

Income:

ARRL Bounty	\$ 4.00
Interest	\$.89
Contributions	\$ <u>42.00</u>
Total	\$ 46.89

Expenses:

World Radio Ad	\$ 70.00
Newsletter & Roster	\$ 142.10
Phone	\$ <u>23.43</u>
Total	\$ 235.53

Board Meeting June 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Burgie, KE6MSF @ 8:30 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

Don Hama KE6ZFP
Victoria Thompson KE6FSU
Ken Miller KA6TUX
Robby Robinson N6MNL
Burgie Jones KE6MSF

Victoria has been working on the budget to directors. All members who were not at the meeting will have their roster mailed to them by Barbara KD6OKJ.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:40 a.m.

Submitted by:

Burgie Jones
KE6MSF

ARRL RE: PAVE PAWS in California. (Via NARCC)

The 85th is the Air Force Engineering unit out of Keesler AFB that is responsible for all of the interference testing. They have recently finished some testing and it usually takes 4-6 weeks for them to share the results with ARRL and the FCC. It takes some time for the ARRL and FCC to work with the report once received.

Anyone who unilaterally decides they are going to just go back on line is making a potential major mistake. This is not a temporary interference problem. Anyone who goes back on line without mitigation risks a permanent shut down order from the FCC as well as potentially forcing the Air Force to request a mandatory quiet zone within 150-miles or so of the radar site of **ALL** amateur 70-cm activity. This is not a "passing problem". Amateur interference mitigation around the PPR sites is permanent.

This a small part of long response to NARCC by Dan Henderson, N1ND, ARRL Regulatory Information Manager . His e-mail contains a lot of information on why the problem has happened and what the Air Force does that they need Amateur Radio Operators to cooperate with repeater restrictions.

The Full article will appear in the August Newsletter.

Membership Report

NEW MEMBER:

Let us WELCOME to our family Mike McMillan K6MCM and his wife Carol. Mike holds an Extra Class License and can be heard on 2 meters. Mike is also a retiree.

ANOTHER MEMBER RETIRES:

Ok all retirees welcome Fred Neiman KC6VLL to your special fellowship. Watch out Fred you are going to be busier now and might have to go back to work to rest. Enjoy, we all know your desire it. Oh, by the way get up for the 7:10 morning net where retirement advice can be had.

NEW ARES/RACES COORDINATOR FOR WEST

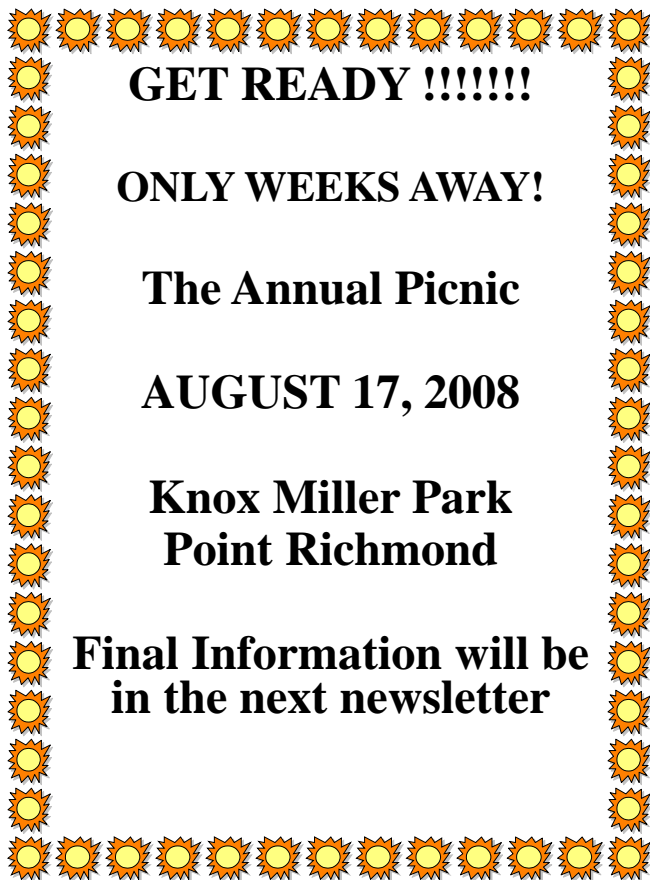
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY: Mike McMillan K6MCM is our new Emergency Coordinator for West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES and can be reached at 510-223-3052. If you are interested in being a member or have any questions please call him. We want to thank him for all his time and efforts in this position. Let's support Mike and help when called upon.

LARGE THANK YOU TO A VERY HARD

WORKING PERSON: I want to thank a member of the 4C's family for his years of holding the position of Emergency Coordinator ARES/RACES for West Contra Costa County. Stephen Adams KF6WNH has worked very long hours and attended meetings, ran weekly nets, handled concerns of members, performed the secretary duties for the county wide ARES/RACES meeting held monthly. I know there are things I might have left out but I and Rob know how hard he worked and how much he personally cared for this group. Thanks Stephen we are going to miss your great leadership. Let us not forget two other hard working persons/members who also served as our ARES/RACES coordinators - Rich Parker KD6JCT and Rachel Lewellen KB6LHR.

SILENT KEY: Burnus Bacom WB6UYJ became a silent key in June. Burnus was 83 and a member of our family since April 1987. He held a General Class License and was a member of ARRL. To his family from all of our members it was a honor to know him and be able to call him a friend. There is a visitation, Friday, June 27th between 1-8pm at Chapel of the Mission Bells, San Pablo 510-232-6552. There will be a service July 19 th at 11 am at the Masonic Lodge in San Pablo.

73 Barbara Robinson KD6OKJ



GET READY !!!!!!!

ONLY WEEKS AWAY!

The Annual Picnic

AUGUST 17, 2008

**Knox Miller Park
Point Richmond**

**Final Information will be
in the next newsletter**

VE TEST DATES

EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. The remaining dates for 2008 are Jul. 27th, and Oct. 26th.

Tests are in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. The 2008 fee (and retest fee) is \$14. For info call 510-846-1587 or 510-741-8227.

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POSTMASTER: ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Next Regular Club Meeting: July 13, 2008

Denny's on the corner of San Pablo Ave. and Potrero Ave in El Cerrito, CA 94530

Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Club meeting at 8:00 a.m. Board meeting at 8:45