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EBARC Meetings

August 14, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

TBD (virtual)

Check your email for Zoom link



The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date, time, & location, contact President Jay Sparks, at rajama@pacbell.net.

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August 14th EBARC Meeting

The August 14th General EBARC meeting will be held as a virtual Zoom meeting only. The Zoom link will be sent via email and be posted on ebarc.org. If you haven't used Zoom before, please check it out in advance. We hope you join us!

Silent Key, W6WTJ

Bob Szentimrey, W6WTJ, passed away on Sunday, July 26th after suffering many health problems. John Tim, W6QNT, says, "When I first met him, he was called 'Trailer Court Bob' because he lived in a trailer court in El Sobrante. He was known for his skill of 'quietly catching gophers.' At that time he was tall, skinny and full of energy. We shall all miss him."

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, is collecting your memories and tributes about Bob for his wife, Joanne. Send your stories to Audrey at audrey.nieman@gmail.com.

Treasurer's Report

June 2020

Maria Hauger, KI6ENT, Treasurer

JUNE GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$9,159.05

Income:

New Member: KN6CRT.....\$15.00

Donation: KN6CRT.....7.50

Earned Interest.....0.02

Total General Income:.....\$22.52

Disbursements:

Total General Disbursements.....\$0.00

Ending Balance\$9,181.57

(portion as petty cash..... \$40.00)

(portion as a US Bank CD... \$5,000.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships

JUNE PAYPAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance\$96.80

Ending Balance\$96.80

New W6CUS Trustee

It's official at the FCC! Martin Rothfield, W6MRR, is the new trustee for EBARC's callsign (W6CUS). Thanks Martin!

Field Day 2020 Results

Check your Field Day entry status here:

<http://field-day.arrl.org/fdentriescvd.php>

You can sort by callsign or club name. At press time, there were EBARC entries.

Food for Thought

Mathison Ott recommends this link:

<https://qrpblog.com/2020/07/whats-wrong-with-ham-radio/>

Request for QSL Cards

Peter Hoffman, W6DEI

It usually takes me 4 or 5 hours to put together a PowerPoint slide deck for an EBARC presentation. And back at the beginning of March this year I started working on one for an upcoming meeting. It's a non-technical topic, "The History of QSLing" where we look at the evolution of this common ham practice. It started somewhere around 1916 with hams sending reception reports to each other, evolved into what we now call QSL cards, and eventually the modern practice of online QSLing with Log Book of the World (LOTW), Club Log, and eQSL. It attempts to explain the "hows" and "whys" of QSLing but is also a look into the rich culture that's expressed in our QSL cards.

Anyway, with the onset of the pandemic and "shelter in place" the usual 4-5 hours of preparation has turned into 4 months of adding, subtracting, and refining the slides. Will that make it better than my usual presentations? I'll leave that to others to say. But I've been having fun researching the topic and continuing to evolve the presentation.

The slides include a couple of QSL cards from friends and fellow EBARC members (KE6RS and K6JEB specifically). But it struck me during our last Zoom meeting that I should ask members to send me their QSL cards so I can include them too. Whether they're simple or elaborate I think it would be great to have them. So if you can send me a digital copy via email (w6dei@arrrl.net) or even snail mail me one I can scan or photograph, I will add them all to the presentation.

Now the only question is when will we be able to resume physical meetings? I could do the presentation via Zoom, but would much prefer to wait until we get back to "the new normal." Only Dr. Fauci (and our own judgement) can tell us when that will be, but here's hoping it's sooner rather than later. Until then, stay safe!

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

Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo pi

1,000,000 aches = 1 megahertz

2,000 pounds of Chinese soup = Won Ton

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.ebarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Calendar of Bay Area Ham Radio Public Service Events."
- 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 test date for 2020 (might be canceled because of COVID) is Oct 25. The fee is \$15. Candidates must preregister at davidotey@comcast.net or call 510-741-8227.
- East Bay Section ARRL ARES; arrrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb. CoCoCo ACS Training: Details from "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrrl.net, (415) 215-6658, or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. Also see Sheriff Office's Communications Unit David Nielson, K6CDN, davidnielson@yahoo.com

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, send email to ebham.office@gmail.com, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.ebarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus, or on Facebook's "East Bay Amateur Radio Club."

2020 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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Todd Teachout, KM6HFU, Member-at-Large.....	799-6051

2020 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

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Webmaster, Facebook, & Meetup	
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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(ACS) 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

ACS West CoCoCo: "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arri.net, (415) 215-6658.
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