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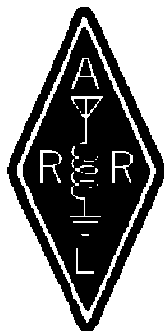
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EBARC Meetings

February 13, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

"2014 Botswana DXpedition"
Jim Colletto, N6TQ



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 Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, at 384-4233.

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February 13th EBARC Meeting **Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, 1st VP**

We'll meet in the community meeting room at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way. Enter through the back door.

At our February 13th meeting, Jim Colletto, N6TQ, will speak about his one-man DXpedition to Botswana in 2014.

President's Message **Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH**

As incoming President, I wish to thank the previous Board members and those who continue to serve. I look forward to my new duties, and I'm enthusiastic as this new year unfolds.

Ken Fowler suggested MESH Network as a possible area of club expansion, and I agree. The technology is such that a distributed network offers another avenue of radio exploration, especially since we lost our shack.

Replacing the club station will be difficult at

best, and paying monthly storage fees is painful. We're open to any ideas on this matter. Please let us know your thoughts.

The club is involved in many events, and we welcome your participation. Last, thank you for attending the monthly meetings. I enjoy seeing and hearing from the members. We will continue to meet on the second Friday, since the survey results did not warrant a change.

EBARC Tweets! **Robin Spalding, N6RLS**

Have you added @w6cus to your Twitter following feed? If you have a Twitter account, especially if your callsign is your handle there, you might want to follow EBARC's tweets. Updates from club meetings and other items of interest to EBARC members are posted there on a regular basis. Feel free to add comments and/or updates of your own to our tweets. Also, tell your ham friends who are not EBARC members about our Twitter page. They might want to add "@w6cus" to their own Twitter following list.

EBARC Badge Anyone?

If you would like to order an EBARC clip-on badge, contact Sharon, AA6XZ, by March 1st, at aa6xz@earthlink.net. It is 3 by 1.5 inches, blue with yellow lettering (see approximation, below). It'll cost you \$8.15. You'll have to "pick up and pay" at a club meeting. Puhleeze, if you order a badge, pick up and pay, so Sharon doesn't get stuck with your bill!

SHARON
AA6XZ

EAST BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Treasurer's Report

December 2014

Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer

DECEMBER GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$4,876.77

Income:

Individual Renewals; WA6UDS, KE6EUA,
AF6AQ, KJ6PPU, N6RLS, KO6NO,
KI6KOZ, K6LHP, W6WTJ, KK6NDJ,
and KJ6DYX \$330.00

Family Renewals; KC6OBK/K6KOP,
W6AKB/KG6LXL/KB6LHP/KI6ELP,
KI6KOU/KI6KOV, W6THB/W6THD,
K6JEB/KI6FYW, and
N6MNL/KD6OKJ 210.00

Refreshment Kitty Dec. 14.00

Total General Income: \$554.00

Disbursements

Blown Fuse (December) \$29.20

Ballot 2014 73.37

Total General Disbursements \$102.57

Ending Balance \$5,328.20
(portion as petty cash \$61.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

DECEMBER STATION FUND

Beginning Balance: \$3,053.90

Income:

Bank Interest (six months) \$0.24

Total Station Income \$0.24

Disbursements:

Total Station Disbursements \$0.00

Ending Balance \$3,054.14

Treasurer's Note: On re-checking the general fund, I discovered that I had entered an expense twice (\$77.57). That adjusts the ending General Fund balance for November (and the beginning balance for December) to \$4,876.77. In January we will have our annual Insurance and Post Office rent costs.

General Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2015

Ron Antaki, KK6NDJ, Secretary

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Jay Sparks. The minutes of the December general meeting were approved as printed in *The Blown Fuse*.

Program: Peter Hoffman reported that next month Jim Colletto, N6TQ, will give a presentation on his solo DXpedition to Botswana last year.

Membership and Newsletter: Sharon reported that 54 members have renewed so far for 2015.

Hospitality: Stanton brought in some good confections and a tasty veggie platter. He mentioned that no one has responded to his request for what they want him to bring in. Please "feed the kitty."

Treasurer: Randy reported the general fund balance is \$5,328.20, and the station fund balance is \$3,054.14. This month we will pay \$232 for this year's equipment insurance and \$300 for this year's liability insurance. Club station equipment storage costs are \$77 per month.

Secretary: No correspondence of significance was forwarded to the Secretary. Ken's January class is listed in the Adult Education catalog, which was mailed to local residents.

Public Events: Randy stated that none are held during this time of the year.

At Large: Robin Spalding agreed to be a Member-At-Large ☺

President: Jay asked members for plans or visions for the coming year.

Floor Announcements: Peter Hoffman knows a group that wants to join us for Field Day, so they can get experience setting up and using the equipment they will use on their upcoming

DXpedition. Ken Fowler volunteered to be Field Day Chair for the club. Sharon asked for a show of hands for members who wish to get EBARC club badges. There's enough interest, so she'll arrange it.

Next Meeting: Feb 13, 2015.

Closing: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. After refreshments, Ken Fowler, KO6NO, continued his presentation on coax losses.

The !@&# "PAST DUE" Stamp!

If the cover of your *Blown Fuse* or the email you received says "PAST DUE," our records show that you have not yet renewed for 2015. If you haven't renewed by mid-February, you won't receive the next issue of the newsletter, and you won't be in the 2015 roster! We'll examine the mail in the EBARC post office box before we cut you off. If you're sure you renewed before mid-February, contact Randy Jenkins at 526-4089! (Apologies to those members who already said they won't renew.)

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

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See 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 16th St.), Oakland. The remaining test dates for 2015 are April 26, July 26, and October 25. The fee for 2015 is \$15. Info: 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from 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, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus.

2015 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, President..... 384-4233
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 Ron Antaki, KK6NDJ, Secretary..... 375-3756
 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair..... 526-4089
 Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Member-at-Large 528-1144
 Member-at-Large

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 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, phone 510 223-3052.
 Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.