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## EBARC Meetings

April 10, 2020, 7:30 p.m.  
"Summits On The Air"  
Jeff Kabel, AA6XA



EBARC meets this month at El Sobrante United Methodist Church, 670  
Applan Way, El Sobrante (enter parking opposite 5156 Argyle Rd.)

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

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Deadline for May issue: Tues., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>

*[Articles may be submitted by "snail" mail, by dictation over the 'phone 510-741-8227, or by e-mail to aa6xz@earthlink.net]*

## Temporary Meeting Place!

El Sobrante United Methodist Church  
670 Appian Way, El Sobrante  
Parking entrance is opposite 5156 Argyle Rd.  
GPS coordinates: 37.981938, -122.294720

## April 10<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting Katie Carney, KN6APB

Join EBARC and speaker Jeff Kabel, AA6XA, as we learn about the SOTA (Summits on the Air) program. He'll talk about the equipment often used, where the 'local' hot spots are, and how we might plan a group expedition to activate nearby summits!

*[Note: This meeting may be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If it's held, Jeff may not be available due to work travel. Watch your email or ebarc.org for updates]*

**Check out the new HRO ad  
on the last page!**

## Technician Prep Class Martin Rothfield, W6MRR

This EBARC class (several Wednesdays; March 4 & 18, and April 1, 15, & 22. at 1120 Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito) has been canceled.

## Treasurer's Report February 2020 Maria Hauger, KI6ENT, Treasurer

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

Beginning Balance .....\$9,635.78

#### Income:

Individual Renewal: KK6MO.....\$30.00  
New Members: KN6DYQ, KM6UBY...60.00  
Earned Interest.....0.01  
Refreshment Kitty:.....30.65  
Total General Income:.....\$120.66

#### Disbursements:

Roster Printing, AA6XZ .....\$27.06  
Total General Disbursements.....\$27.06

Ending Balance .....\$9,729.38  
(portion as petty cash..... \$40.00)  
(portion as a US Bank CD... \$5,000.00)

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

### FEBRUARY PAYPAL ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance .....\$96.80  
Ending Balance .....\$96.80

## March General Meeting Minutes Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no EBARC general meeting was held in March, 2020.

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

Jeff Miller, KJ6RHF, offers this COVID-19 hint: "I was listening in on 147.195 PL 123.0 N6ICW. In the evening, an ER doctor from Sutter Hospital in Oakland is putting out great information about the virus. He's in touch with other doctors around the world. This doctor is very knowledgeable. If you listen around 7-10 p.m. or so, he gives updates on where we stand with the virus. He answers questions but won't argue a point."

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*The pessimist sees the glass as half empty.  
The optimist sees the glass as half full.  
The engineer sees a glass that's twice as big  
as it needs to be!*

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## Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See [www.ebarc.org](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The remaining test dates for 2020 are Apr 26, Jul 26, & Oct 25. The fee is \$15. Candidates must preregister at [davidotey@comcast.net](mailto:davidotey@comcast.net) or call 510-741-8227.
- East Bay Section ARRL ARES; [arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb](http://arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb). CoCoCo ACS Training: Details from "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, [kj6dj@arrl.net](mailto:kj6dj@arrl.net), (415) 215-6658, 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, send email to [ebarc.w6cus@gmail.com](mailto:ebarc.w6cus@gmail.com), contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.ebarc.org](http://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

Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, President.....	384-4233
Katie Carney, KN6APB, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair .....	326-3886
Mike Camp, KI7FQ, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality.....	524-0723
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## 2020 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

W6CUS Trustee; Jack Burris, K6JEB.....	415-305-2547
Club Station Manager; Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU.....	385-4044
Education; Ken Fowler, KO6NO.....	222-0830
Webmaster, Facebook, & Meetup .....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair .....	
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## 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@arrl.net](mailto:kj6dj@arrl.net), (415) 215-6658.  
Frequencies: #1=145.110, #2=147.570s.

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*The radio*



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