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EBARC Meetings

December 10, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

TBA

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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December 10th EBARC Meeting

The general EBARC meeting will again be held as a virtual Zoom meeting only. The Zoom link will be sent via email and be posted on ebarc.org. We hope you join us! Because of the pandemic, future meetings for (TBD) more months will also be held via Zoom.

Vote by December 5th!

Please be sure your ballot for 2022 EBARC officers arrives at the PO box by December 5th. Votes will be counted during the following week by a 3-person election team led by Jay Sparks. Results will be announced at our December 10th meeting. Nominated officers are:

- President: Chris Harwood, AA6AT
- 1st Vice President – Program: Katie Carney, KN6APB
- 2nd Vice President - Membership: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
- Secretary: Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ
- Treasurer: Todd Teachout, W8BIK

The nifty election SASE can also include your dues payment and roster update information!

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

Yet more useful conversion factors?

100 rations = 1 C-ration

10 millipedes = 1 centipede

2 wharves = 1 paradox

Treasurer's Report October 2021

Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treas.

OCTOBER GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance\$11,439.11

Income:

Earned Interest.....\$0.04

Total General Income:.....\$0.04

Disbursements:

Total General Disbursements.....\$0.00

Ending Balance\$11,439.15

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

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

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships

November 2021 General Minutes Todd Teachout, W8BIK, Secretary

The EBARC General Meeting was held November 12, 2021, virtually, via the Zoom internet conferencing application as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. 18 people attended. The President called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

A Zoom meeting invite was distributed via e-mail on 11/12/2021.

The President welcomed attendees. In particular Ron Smith, who had been away rehabilitating from a stroke that occurred earlier in the year. Ron offered a brief update of his efforts and expressed great satisfaction in being able to attend tonight's meeting. Other members expressed their pleasure in seeing Ron again and offered more wishes for continued recovery. Welcome back Ron!!!!

Officer Reports:

Secretary: Todd reported that the draft October 2021 EBARC general meeting minutes were published in the November 2021 *Blown Fuse* newsletter. He reported receiving no correction requests. He recommended that the group approve the Minutes. Minutes approved by affirmation.

3rd VP-Membership/Newsletter/VE Testing: Sharon reported the deadline for articles for the December *Blown Fuse* newsletter is noted in the newsletter (November 23rd). No new members joined EBARC in the last month. Due to pandemic restrictions, the January VE radio operator licensing test session looks unlikely, as there are challenges in finding a venue to hold the session. Sharon will be sending out 2022 dues renewal documents and election ballots in the coming days, once the 2022 officer candidates have been determined.

1st VP Programs: Katie Carney reported that tonight's presentation will be about the 100th anniversary of the first transatlantic ham radio call.

Treasurer: Audrey reported that in October there were no new deposits or expenses. Interest earned on club deposits was \$0.04. The October ending fund balance is \$11,439.15 (of which \$5000 is held in a Certificate of Deposit). Audrey indicated that donations are always welcome. She also respectfully asked that all current members renew for 2022.

A question was asked about the dues costs. The current and 2022 rate is \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families. A follow-up question was made regarding where the dues revenue goes. The biggest expense had been insurance costs. There was also PO Box rental. There is an annual fee to pay with the California Secretary of State. With the recent equipment move, there will now be rental expenses to pay for the storage of club equipment. There are other expenses, such as costs associated with Field Day. In 2020 there was the need to pay for a Zoom license. Larry Rosenthal asked to see a summary of costs from the past year.

President: See Old Business and New Business.

2nd VP Hospitality: No report due to absence.

Announcements:

Rick Taft reported that the Chabot Space and Science Center re-opened today after the extensive Phase I remodel. The center has new exhibits celebrating the work from the NASA Ames Research Center. He reported that the telescopes have also reopened to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. The center relies on volunteers who lead tours through the exhibits. If you are interested, contact Rick who will provide more information.

Karen Fenton asked about equipment storage. See more under Old Business.

Old Business

In-Person Meeting Place: Three possible meeting locations were previously determined from the ad hoc meeting location committee. They are; Unitarian Universalist Church in Kensington, Kensington Community Center in Kensington, and Central Stage in Richmond (not Fridays).

Member Mike Camp previously suggested a forth location for consideration: Juku Co-Working Events space at 7019 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito.

These locations need to be further evaluated by an in-person inspection. Due to the impact of the pandemic, these inspections have been deferred. They will occur at some point, date uncertain. The ideal place remains a single location that has space for meetings, has room for a fixed radio station, has space for other club equipment, and is available for little to no financial outlay. A point was made that the venues being considered may have restrictions about meeting on the second Friday of the month. As the locations get vetted, the question of whether to continue to meet on the second Friday of the month will also be considered.

Rick Taft asked about the status of consideration of Chabot Space and Science Center. Some members believe the location is too far south, but no one mentioned whether the location had been eliminated from consideration. The location still needs to be more thoroughly vetted, though. Rick volunteered to look into the location further.

Karen Fenton suggested the club also consider the Open Door United Methodist Church at 6226 Arlington Blvd., Richmond as a meeting place. It is located across from the former Adams Middle School. The most recent in-person meeting location, the El Sobrante United Methodist Church in El Sobrante, was a good place for meetings. The problem with it is that the location, is more far east than where members reside. The location required that most members attending the meeting endure a challenging drive to get there. The Friday evening meeting time coincides with weekend getaway traffic on the I-80 freeway. Open Door Church is closer to where most members live. Consensus was that the Methodist Church in El Sobrante should be considered when inspections take place.

Club Equipment Storage: Club equipment generally consists of items used for Field Day, including but not limited to tents, tables, chairs, radio equipment, signs, and generator. A new location for storing club equipment was found at the Public Storage Facility on Carlson Avenue in Richmond. The executive committee authorized the President, Jay Sparks, to secure a space at the site. A 5'x10' space on the second floor (served by an elevator) was rented at a cost of \$103/month. Equipment was moved November 6th from member Chris Harwood's home to the Public Storage facility. Jay thanked Chris for providing essentially free storage for more than two years to the club. This Public Storage location was settled on after two years of consideration of options about how best and where to store club equipment. If club members have available secure covered space to store club equipment for lesser or no costs, contact any EC member.

New Business

2022 Officer Elections: The club Bylaws call for the nomination of potential 2022 club officers to occur at tonight's meeting. Jay reported that three current officers have agreed to be considered for service in their current roles during 2022. Sharon reported that with the revisions to the Bylaws earlier in the year the 2nd VP, Hospitality, and the two Members at Large positions had been eliminated. Jay reported that he needed to step back from Presidential duties in 2022. Katie reported reluctance to continue in the 1st VP-Programs role for 2022. Jay called for members to be considered for the President role. Member Chris Harwood agreed to be considered. Jay asked for members to be considered for the 1st VP-Programs role. Katie reluctantly agreed to continue in 2022. She indicated that she needs help to make it work. The help could be in the form of the suggestion of topics. If a topic and possible speakers had been determined, perhaps members occasionally could assist to secure the person to speak at a given meeting. Jay formally asked Sharon, Audrey, and Todd

if they wanted to continue in their current roles. They all agreed. Jay asked if others wanted to be considered for serving on the Executive Committee in 2022. There were no other candidate suggestions or volunteer offers to be considered. The 2022 EC candidate slate is

President-Chris Harwood

1st VP-Programs-Katie Carney

2nd VP (formerly 3rd VP)- Membership - Sharon Primbsch

Treasurer-Audrey Nieman

Secretary-Todd Teachout

Jay mentioned that Martin Rothfield is stepping back from being the club Webmaster. Jay agreed to be Webmaster in 2022

Martin is also the trustee for club station W6CUS and is stepping back from that role. Questions arose about what the trustee does. It was reported that the trustee is the control operator of W6CUS, which recently has operated during the ARRL Field Day event. The trustee is responsible for assuring that W6CUS is not inappropriately operated. The trustee needs to coordinate interactions regarding the annual NARC Meetings. After some discussion Chris Harwood indicated he thought the responsibility for trustee duties should reside with the President. Members in attendance agreed with this suggested structure of duties. Chris agreed to be also considered as the W6CUS Trustee for 2022.

Jay thanked those who agreed to be candidates for 2022 EBARC Executive Committee members (a.k.a. Club officer candidates).

Paper ballots will be mailed to members between the November 2021 and the December 2021 meetings with membership renewal notices/requests. Audrey will retrieve ballots from the Post Office. Jay Sparks

volunteered to organize a ballot counting party before the December 2021 meeting. Ballots are due in the PO box by December 5th. Election results will be announced and officer installation will occur at the December 2021 meeting.

Program

1st VP Katie introduced a presentation from Brian Page, N4TRB, about the 100th anniversary of the first successful transatlantic radio contact by amateur radio operators over shortwave frequencies. Katie showed about 20 minutes of the 55-minute presentation. The full presentation can be seen at the following QSO Today Conference link

<https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/player-august.html?link=NTkyODA3MzQw>

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. The next meeting is December 10, 2021.

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. Because of COVID, the 2022 dates have not been set. The fee is \$15. Candidates must preregister at davidotey@comcast.net or call 510-741-8227.
- East Bay Section ARRL ARES; arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb. CoCoCo ACS Training: Details from "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrl.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."

2021 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH, President..... 384-4233
 Katie Carney, KN6APB, 1st VP - Program Chair 326-3886
 Martin Rothfield, W6MRR, 2nd VP - Hospitality Chair / W6CUS Trustee /
 Webmaster,..... 202-262-6345
 Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3rd VP - Membership / *Blown Fuse* Editor..... 741-8227
 Todd Teachout, W8BIK, Secretary..... 799-6051
 Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treasurer / Finance Chair..... 682-7938

2021 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Steering Committee: Katie Carney, KN6APB..... 326-3886
 Education: Ken Fowler, KO6NO..... 222-0830

AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Contra Costa Com. Club Digital Net (by arrangement)	Tue*	1900 (PL 82.5+)	444.275
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
"QRM Net"	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 107.2-)	145.490
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 simplex	145.430
UCB ARC (W6BB) Club Net	Wed	1900 (PL 103.5+)	442.275
West Contra Costa EMCOMM Net	Thu	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
KARO/ECHO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thu	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thu	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0900 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0915 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0930 (PL 82.5+)	444.275

ACS West CoCoCo: "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrl.net, (415) 215-6658.*
 Frequencies: #1=145.110, #2=147.570s.