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# THE BLOWN FUSE

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## EBARC Meetings

July 12, 2019, 7:30 p.m.  
"HF Operating, Especially DX"  
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI



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 Ken Fowler, at [ko6no@comcast.net](mailto:ko6no@comcast.net).

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## 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

## July 12<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting Field Day Debriefing Election of New 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President "HF Operating with a DX Emphasis"

This month we will have a short debriefing about Field Day 2019, led by Mathison Ott, Field Day Chair. He reports that we had 288 SSB phone QSO's (including 21 from the GOTA station) and 186 digital QSO's!

Also at the July 12<sup>th</sup> general meeting, we will again have an election for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, to fill out the remaining 2019 term of former 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Martin Rothfield, W6MRR, who resigned. The election should have happened at the June meeting, as required by our Bylaws. Since there was no nominee, the (late!) election will occur at the July meeting. Nominations remain open, so please volunteer

for this vacant Executive Committee office (contact Ken to volunteer).

Next, the fun starts with a presentation by Peter Hoffman, W6DEI. He will talk about HF operating, with an emphasis on DXing. His talk is geared for all levels of experience, from the new ham to the long-time DXer. It will be a good follow-up to Field Day, where some people got their first taste of HF.

## Treasurer's Report

May 2019

Maria Hauger, KI6ENT, Treasurer

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

Beginning Balance .....	\$8,951.69
Journal entry correction .....	-0.05
Corrected Beginning Balance .....	\$8,951.64

### Income:

New Member: KN6APB .....	\$22.50
Donation: .....	7.50
Earned Interest .....	0.05
Refreshment Kitty: .....	16.00
Total General Income: .....	\$46.05

### Disbursements:

Refreshments .....	\$33.39
Total General Disbursements .....	\$33.39

Ending Balance .....	\$8,964.30
(portion as petty cash .....	(\$40.00)

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

Five cents of earned interest income was incorrectly reported twice on the April report. It is corrected here as a journal entry to this month's beginning balance.

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

## General Meeting Minutes

### Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary

**Opening:** The General EBARC meeting at the El Sobrante United Methodist Church Friday, June 14, 2019 was called to order about 7:30 p.m. by President Ken Fowler. There was a round of introductions, then a break for refreshments.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Minutes of the May meeting, as published in *The Blown Fuse*, were approved by the members present.

**Program/Presentation:** Field Day setup and coordination: Mathison Ott, KJ6DZB, ran through the various details to make this year's event a success. Publicity details and plans to reach the media and public officials were discussed. Highlights of the lengthy ARRL FD Rules were presented and discussed. People continued to sign up for various shifts and/or duties at Field Day.

Members of NALCO were present to discuss their G.O.T.A. tent activities.

Mark Gilligan, KD6MZC, set up his entire digital station to familiarize the other digital operators with it, and practice getting the software and other details ironed out prior to FD itself.

**Hospitality:** Craig Hauger, KI6EMD, mentioned his plans for providing some of the FD food, and reminded us to "feed the kitty."

**Finance:** As the prior Station Fund has been subsumed into the General Fund, Maria Hauger, KI6ENT, reported the ending GF Balance for May to be \$8,964.30. Full details will appear elsewhere in *The Blown Fuse*.

**Public Events/Education:** There is a 20 mile hike coming up. Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, is checking on it.

**Announcements:** We are in the process of changing how our website, ebarc.org, is financed.

We are in search of a new 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Program Chair). No one volunteered or nominated anyone else. The search continues.

**Attendance:** There were 15 EBARC members and 2 guests; John (KM6SNR) and Lynn (KI6FAH) Palmer, both from NALCO, who signed on the meeting roster.

**Closing:** There being no further business, the membership meeting was adjourned about 9:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, 12 July, 2019.

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Definition of coffee (n.): The person upon whom one coughs.

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Definition of decafaalon (n.): The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

## 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 2019 are Jul 28 and Oct 27. The fee for 2019 is still \$15. Info: 510-918-4627 or 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.

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## 2019 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President .....	222-0830
1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair .....	
Craig Hauger, KI6EMD, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality.....	672-8382
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Robin Spalding, N6RLS, Secretary / Twitter .....	528-1144
Maria Hauger, KI6ENT, Treasurer / Finance Committee Chair .....	672-8382
Mathison Ott, KJ6DZB, Member-at-Large / Field Day Chair .....	701-0234
Todd Teachout, KM6HFU, Member-at-Large.....	799-6051

## 2019 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

W6CUS Trustee; Jack Burris, K6JEB.....	415-305-2547
Club Station Manager; Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU.....	385-4044
Education .....	
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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(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. ACS details are at [www.cocoacs.org](http://www.cocoacs.org) [*dead link?*]

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