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## EBARC Meetings

October 8, 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](mailto:rajama@pacbell.net).

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## October 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ebarc.org). We hope you join us! Because of the pandemic, future meetings for (TBD) more months will also be held via Zoom.

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### Some useful conversion factors?

1 million microphones = 1 phone  
2,000 mockingbirds = 2 kilomockingbirds  
10 cards = 1 decacards

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## September 2021 General Minutes Todd Teachout, W8BIK, Secretary

The EBARC General Meeting was held September 10, 2021, virtually, via the Zoom internet conferencing application as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. 19 people attended. The President called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

A Zoom meeting invite was distributed via e-mail on 9/10/2021.

The President welcomed attendees.

### Officer Reports:

President: Jay reported that an effort will be made soon to find a rental storage location to store club equipment. The club equipment is mostly used for Field Day events. Once a location is secured, another effort will be needed to move the equipment from where it currently is stored to the new location. When the time comes, an invitation will be sent for volunteers to move the equipment. Jay also mentioned that the time has come to form a nominating committee to determine a slate of candidates for the 2022 Executive Committee. He asked for volunteers. Contact Jay if you're interested.

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

3rd VP-Membership/Newsletter/VE Testing: Sharon reported the deadline for articles or stories the October *Blown Fuse* newsletter is noted in the newsletter (September 21<sup>st</sup>). No new members joined EBARC in the last month. Due to pandemic restrictions, the October VE session is very uncertain given the impact of the COVID Delta variant.

Treasurer: The club earned \$0.04 last month from interest on deposits. The club balance is \$11,409.07.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Programs: Katie reported that she is preparing a survey to try to determine how best the club should move forward. Hopefully the responses will improve on how the club meets the needs of the current members and appeal

to other amateur licensees in the area enough so they want to join. She expected to distribute the survey in the coming week. She announced the expected program about NOAA Weather Prediction Models will not occur due to the illness of the presenter. Instead she will play a presentation about satellites that was made at the QSO Today Conference last month. Katie repeated Jay's comment about equipment storage location. She also mentioned the Executive Committee was considering an opportunity to partner with Chabot Science and Space Center regarding having an Amateur Radio exhibit or display.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Hospitality. No Report.

### Announcements:

Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the **2021 Sonoma Hamfest** from 8 a.m. to noon on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The event will occur at the First Congregational Church of Sonoma at 252 W. Spain St. in Sonoma. For more info go to <http://www.vomarc.org>

**Pacificon** will be held at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel from 10/15 to 10/17. See [www.pacificon.org](http://www.pacificon.org) for details.

### Old Business

In-Person Meeting Place. A list of three locations was determined to evaluate by an in-person inspection. Due to the impact of the pandemic these locations have not yet been inspected. They will be at some point. A deadline to inspect the identified locations was not offered. Meeting face to face again very much depends on the pandemic getting under better control so that restrictions can be loosened. None of three locations are a "Unicorn Site," a site that allows the club to hold face-to-face meetings, to allow the set up a fixed radio station, and a place to store club equipment.

### New Business

None.

### Program

Due to illness of the presenter, the intended presentation about NOAA Weather Prediction Modeling was postponed to a non-specified future date. Instead, 1st VP Katie showed a recorded presentation from the August 2021 QSO Today Conference about Amateur Radio and Satellite Communication, by Tom Schuessler, N5HYP. The presentation lasted approximately 20 minutes and covered equipment including radios, antenna, and links to locate satellites to contact.

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m. Next meeting is October 8, 2021.

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

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## EB Section Manager Newsletter Mike Patterson, N6JGA

While reviewing some data on our Section, I found that a significant number of East Bay ARRL members are not receiving *Section Manager Newsletters*. My research was prompted by a member who mentioned that he had never received one and didn't know they existed. It turned out that the option to receive them in his ARRL profile wasn't activated. So please tell your friends and club members about these newsletters and encourage them to activate that option in their profile if they haven't done so. Maybe even include a note in your club newsletter about it. *[Done! ...and please join ARRL if you haven't - Ye Olde Editor]*

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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. Because of COVID, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Oct in 2021 has been cancelled. 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. Also see Sheriff Office’s Communications Unit David Nielson, K6CDN, [davidnielson@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:ebham.office@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."

## 2021 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

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## 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 <sup>st</sup> Wed	1200 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	1200 (PL 107.2-)	145.490
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 <sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kj6dj@arrl.net), (415) 215-6658.\*  
 Frequencies: #1=145.110, #2=147.570s.