



The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's **Counterpoise**



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WA6MHZ

From the President

It's AUCTION time!!!!

Yes, you have waited almost **20 YEARS** for the ARCEC Auction and it is happening April 9th!! So how will it be run? Our Auctioneer, VP Jeff Davis KF6JRM Will be pleased to yell at you **"SOLD!!!!!!"** when you successfully outbid your friends for that most coveted goodie! To make everything go smoothly, We need some volunteers to move items around and stage them.

When you come in, You will need to sign up for a **BIDDER** card. All we need is your callsign or name and you will receive a number. Hold it up when you wish to bid on the item, You may hold it up until you win the bid or give up.

Perhaps you have a box of treasures (junk) that has been collecting dust for years and it is time to make some room in the shack. Bring it in!! Bring a lot in!!!! If you have **REALLY** old junk, there is a Museum curator who will be bidding like crazy on it! (Even over the **VEHEMENT PROTESTS** of his Wife and Son!)

Each item or box of items will have a Lot tag on it where the seller will put his Callsign (If he wants money back from it) and a minimum bid if necessary. The Club will receive 10% of each commissioned sale!! If you don't need reimbursement for it, write the club callsign **WA6BGS** on the Lot Tag so we will know it is a donation

Buyers can run a tab and pay for it all in the end with a check, or cash if necessary, though the Treasurer won't have much change, so a check is preferred. Please be kind to her! Sellers will receive a check for the winning bid amount less 10%, or the total sold less 10% if many items are sold. Please no deals beforehand, and all sales are final. If the seller has marked a minimum bid on the item and no bids are made, then the Auctioneer will ask if the bid can be lowered. We want your items to sell! Please no nickel increments. A dollar increment is preferred, or maybe a quarter if it is a low value item.

If your item does not sell, please take it home and try again next year. Maybe interest will be renewed in it. Yesterdays dregs of debris are today's **PRICELESS TREASURES!!!** We don't know how many will attend, but we have been requested to be out by 10, so hopefully the bidding will end by then. I DO have to go to work in the morning.

What is your bid on this?????

General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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Only My Opinion!!!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ARES??

As many of you are well aware, ARES in the San Diego ARRL Section is in complete turmoil and most of its leadership have either been fired or have resigned. A new substitute organization, RAVES, has been formed to keep the area ready for disaster communications and equipped with readied operators.

But what about ARES, the long time mainstay of Emergency Preparedness? It WILL return, finer than ever, once the REIGN of TYRANNY has concluded and we have PEACE again in San Diego. So don't give up on ARES, just know that it is on hold, for the most part, and active valiant Hams will be there should we experience another Fire or Earthquake.

Ham Radio has had its nose bloodied badly this time around, and has lost considerable favor with our dependent partners in disasters. But there ARE better times coming!! Keep the faith, friends!

Elections are just around the corner!

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ

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Tuck Miller at:

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Deadline is the **Sunday after the General Meeting**. For further information, please call (619) 434-4211

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ROSTER TO BE PRINTED

An updated roster is to be included in next month's newsletter. Also to be included are e-mail addresses that are on hand. Send e-mail to Joni KF6MPB at kf6mpb@hotmail.com to make sure you are on the list.

Want to receive E-mail reminders of club meetings? How 'bout when the latest edition of the Counterpoise is online? Join the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's e-mail reflector. Just send a message to:

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**Amateur Radio Club of El
Cajon, Inc.
General Membership Meeting
Minutes.
Wednesday, March 12, 2003**

Call to Order: 7:00pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. After which Tuck, NZ6T led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Art Goddard, W6XD ARRL Southwestern Division Director, then started a presentation on the recent DX expedition to Corsica. Upon the completion of the presentation we broke for coffee and cookies. The coffee and cookies, which were provided by Vuong Bunsold, KB6RCT and Ben, WA6BEN. At 8:40pm hrs the business section of the meeting was commenced

President's Report: Pat, WA6MHZ pointed out that Field Day was rapidly approaching and that we needed to start organizing for it. Next month is the auction please remember to bring all you old junk.

Secretary's Report: Stogie, KG6JCW: The General meeting Minutes were approved as corrected.

Vice President's Report: Jeff, KG6JRM reported that he now has two students enrolled in the tech class. The class has been delayed and will be started on March 18, 2003. He also stated that he would like more students.

Treasurers Report: Susan, KF6WXA read the Treasurers report into the record.

Past Presidents Report: Mike, N6OPH reported that the audit of the club books was in progress by Joe Utshing, KM6EK and should be complete by the end of the week.

Public Service: Don, KG6NDX mentioned that the Red Cross would be holding Shelter Training on Sat. March 22, 2003 at St. Peter's Catholic Ch, 450 Stagecoach Lane, Fallbrook.

Rich, N6NKJ mentioned that Kazuo, WA6BCC was looking for several voice operators to help with the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament on March 29-30. He can be contacted at wa6bcc-1@juno.com. Another event that is looking for operators and a coordinator is the Kiwanis 5/10 K run in Campo. This event is known for the free/good food. The proposed date is April 19, 2003. Contact Rich, N6NKJ.

SANDARC Report: Mike, N6OPH reported on

the three issues before SANDARC. The constitutional amendment raising of the \$100 spending limit to \$300 which passes. The funding of the emergency cell phone project to the amount of \$300 which passed. The funding of the antenna for the Hillsdale Middle School Project which failed to pass. It was also noted that a nomination committee had been appointed to nominate candidates to run for office. At the next meeting they will make the nominations. The Secretary and Treasurer are resigning these positions need to be filled. SANDARC is looking to fill the position of EFI Coordinator since Bill Smith, KB6MCU has resigned. Also needed is 2006 Convention Chairman. If you are able to fill either of these two positions contact Mike, N6OPH

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KF6MPB reported that there were currently 244 active members

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were members 49 present and that we had 6 visitors present. The visitors were:

Joe Roessler, N7WLR

Ruth Tyler

Steve Lamprides, K6SCL

Tim Hoy, K6CA

Rich Klotsche, NJ6F

Mick Volpe

Health & Welfare: Tuck, NZ6T told a joke and had everyone hooked until the punch line.

Old Business: Tuck NZ6T moved that the Executive Board complete and approve the cleanup of the bylaws. The motion was seconded by Wayne, KF6OZD. After a short discussion the motion was carried.

New Business: None

A MOTION to adjourn by Tuck, NZ6T and was Seconded by Gordon WB6POW. Meeting was at 2115.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW
Secretary, ARC of El Cajon, Inc.

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babes.....**

**.....Come things the
parents should never have said.**

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1297	KE6PMS	PMS	T	Louis	Dunn	April	2
1441	KF6QXO	QXO	T	Irene	Lewis Haag	April	3
1416	KF6NQG	NQG	T	Roy	Stark Jr	April	4
21	K6DS	DS	E	Harley	Gabrielson	April	5
734	NY6J	J	E	Bob	Helt	April	10
				Alec	Sharbutt	April	12
1055	AB6SH	SH	E	John	Hoke	April	13
1291	KE6TPO	TPO		Betty	McCready	April	14
710	AC6RZ	RZ	E	Dick	McCready	April	14
676	N6YBK	YBK	A	Galen	Kelm (L)	April	15
1475	WA6VEY	VEY	A	Robert	Dalzell	April	20
6	WA6BJM	BJM	G	Fred	Moffett (L)	April	23
1101	WB6TPJ	TPJ	G	Joe	Yelkin	April	29



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HAM RADIO TODAY!!

Just released at the January Board of Directors meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, Ham Radio Today is the newest PR tool in the League's weapon arsenal. Narrated by Walter Cronkite, former CBS News anchorman and Amateur Radio Operator KB2GSD, the video and/or CD describe various aspects of the Amateur Radio service, including clips of the recent Colorado and Arizona fires, and also footage from the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001.

The video/cd was directed by Dave Bell W6AQ, and written by Alan Kaul W6RCL. Bill Pasternak WA6ITF and Bill Baker, W1BKR, Bell, and Kaul all produced the video, with Keith Glispie, WA6TFD at doing the editing

You can download the video from the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>

New Members

**No new members this month. Let's keep
RECRUITING!!**

County of San Diego Auction

May 3, 2003

Yard Sale 9:00am

Inside Sale 9:30am

Vehicle Sale 10:00am

As you know, they have everything from cars, computers, bikes, tables, file cabinets and more.....

There are aprox. 21 agencies that send items to the County Auction.

A story about a Viet Nam vet and movie star Ann Margaret which was written by the veteran's wife--unique and well worth reading.

Richard, my husband, never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a rather grainy, 8x10 black-&-white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book-signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo, so he arrived at the bookstore at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing.

When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage. Before her appearance, the bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home.

Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as 2nd in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo. When he did, there were many shouts from the employees that she would not sign it. Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it."

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for "my gentlemen." With that, she

pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him. She then made quite a to-do about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them.

There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear. She then posed for pictures and acted as if he was the only one there. Later, at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears. "That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army," he said. That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet.

I'll never forget Ann Margaret for her graciousness and how much that one small act of kindness meant to my husband. I now make it a point to say, "Thank You," to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country.

If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.

Editor's note: Al Washburn KEBTPJ sent this article to me, and with our present conflict in Iraq, thought this would be appropriate. Our thoughts and prayers are with our men and women in uniform.

Submitting an article??

When submitting articles for publication, please remember, do not submit copyrighted material unless permission has been granted by the originator of the article. Please include that authorization with your submittal.

The Counterpoise is also online in **FULL COLOR!!** Check out the newsletter and the rest of our club web site at:

www.qsl.net/wa6bgs

For any suggestions to the web site, contact the webmaster at kc6nxz@arrl.net

Is your membership ready to expire?

Take a look on your mailing label. Is the expiration date in **RED**? Does it say **EXPIRED**? That means it's time to mail in your yearly dues. Please take time to fill out the membership application elsewhere in this newsletter, and mail it in, or bring it to the next meeting !!

VEC Testing Sites

1st Saturday:	El Cajon El Cajon Central Fire Station, 160 E. Lexington Avenue (in Rear), El Cajon, 10:00 a.m.
2nd Saturday:	Carlsbad Carlsbad Safety Center, Orion Way, Carlsbad, 10:00 a.m.
3rd Saturday:	North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego, CA 92104 Testing time will start at 1000hrs
4th Saturday:	Chula Vista Salvation Army, 643 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 9:00 a.m.
5th or last Saturday:	Escondido Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broadway, Escondido, 10:00 a.m.
To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, please call 465-EXAM (3926)	

WA6BGS NETS

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights

8:00 p.m. local time

10 Meters: 28.480

Tuesday Nite Ragchew net:

8 PM

Nets held on club repeaters.

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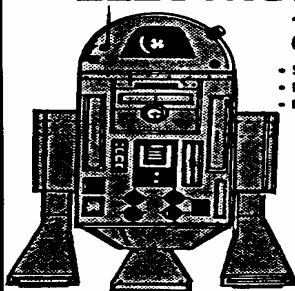


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☐ Yes ☐ No
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- Other Interests
- Family Membership with:
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April 2003

		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5 6:30a Swap Meet 6 pm T Hunt
6 Daylight Savings Time	7	8	9 General Meeting "Auction"	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16 Passover begins at sundown	17	18 Good Friday	19 6:30a Swap Meet 6 pm T Hunt
20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

