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From the President

After four years of fantastic service, Johnny Hart, N6DVJ, is giving up the position of the Membership Chair at the end of the year. For some reason, I thought it was longer than that but, nonetheless, he has done a great job, and we will certainly miss his hard work. This being the case, we are in need of someone to take his place. The person should be somewhat computer literate. Now, we don't mean you have to program or anything like that, but being able to turn the machine on and maybe run a program like Microsoft Works would be great. The membership data is now in Works format but would be easily converted to other formats such as Access or even Excel. The format used would be entirely up to the new chairman. How busy would the position be? Well, that could vary. At the end of the year, and at the beginning of each new year, memberships usually come in at a fast pace but will slow down as the spring and summer approach. I have been told that normal maintenance would take about an hour or so a week if it is kept up. If you think you would like to tackle this very important job, please contact me. My phone number is listed on page 2 or, as always, you can contact me by e-mail at nz6t@arrl.org. Just think about it; you could be one of the very first persons to welcome new people into our club, and you would know their WAMO number before anyone else. Now, is that incentive, or what?



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Club Picnic

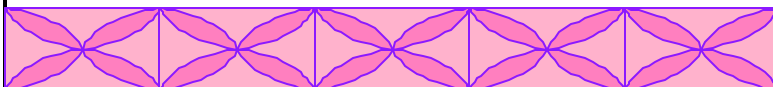
August 18th



La Mesita Park

La Mesa

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General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, August 8th, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 11, 2001

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Tuck Miller, NZ6T, at 1900 hrs. This evening's speaker was presented to the Club membership. He is John Moore and he gave a presentation on the history of the U.S. flag.

SECRETARY'S report as published in the *Counterpoise* was approved.

TREASURER'S report was given by Tuck, NZ6T. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

ESTATE chairman reported that the Club has undertaken the sale for Ernestine Mobley in the amount of \$150. Mrs. Mobley wrote a very nice letter to the Club thanking the Club for its help in the liquidation of the estate. The Club Secretary was directed to write a return letter to Mrs. Mobley.

MEMBERSHIP chairman Johnny Hart, N6DVJ, announced that there are 271 members and the last WAMO number issued was 1582. Johnny also noted that this will be his last year as the membership chairman. He stated that he would like to be replaced before the end of the year so that he might be able to train his successor. He thanked the Club for its support during the years he has served at the post. Tuck asked for a volunteer to come forward to take over the duties as membership chairman.

AFFILIATED CLUBS Mike, N6OPH, reported that the last SANDARC meeting appointed Alex, WB6DTR, as the liaison to SANDARC. The Del Mar Fair at the time of the meeting had sent over 111 traffic messages.

FIELD DAY chairman reported that the Club effort was successful with 1839 phone QSO's, 197 CW QSO's and 12 digital QSO's totaling 4514 points.

HEALTH & WELFARE news was offered by Tuck, NZ6T. He announced that Gunner, KD6CYS, had collapsed at the swap meet and went to the hospital. He has since recovered and is now at home. W6FF is currently at Kaiser Zion hospital. Also Forrest, KS6L, has had hip replacement surgery and George, WA6PTZ, also had some knee surgery. Walt Davis, WA6ODQ, became a silent key during the "I love a clean San Diego" event.

Tuck noted that the Club picnic would be held at La Mesita Park in La Mesa on August 18th starting at 1100 hrs.

It was moved and seconded that the Club donate \$100 to the "Toys for Tots" program in honor of our speaker this evening. Motion was carried.

SOCIAL chairman Al, KA6RLX, announced that he was \$34 over budget for the Field Day operation. It was moved and seconded that Al be reimbursed for the overage. Motion was carried.

Tuck, NZ6T, announced that if the meeting day is to be changed from Wednesday to Thursday, then the search must begin now so that a proper site can be chosen.

Tuck, NZ6T, suggested that the WS6F call be used as a contest call for the Club. Then the required pleadings with the FCC should begin very soon. The WS6F call would be in addition to the Club call of WA6BGS. The WS6F call would be used during contests in which the Club would participate. The call WS6F belonged to the late Charles Roy. It was moved and seconded that the Club adopt WS6F as its contest call. Motion was carried.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2050 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael P. Maston, N6OPH, Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



From the President Continued

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As most of you know, our membership has dropped considerably. Why is that? Is it the programs? I know that our VP is working hard to bring you interesting speakers on various topics. Is it our meeting place or maybe even the night that we gather together? When we received notice from our previous meeting center, we had to find a place and we had to find one quick. Don't get me wrong; other clubs are having the same problem. Could it be like the CB radio phase back in the early 70's, when it seemed as if every car on the road had a CB radio; then after a few years, the novelty wore off? We need to get back in the swing of things. Do we want to switch our meetings back to Thursday nights? If we do, that would mean we would have to leave where we are now. Is there a better place that we could meet? Also, would we be shooting ourselves in the foot by changing our meeting nights once again? To be honest, I like where we are meeting right now. I feel it is more conducive to a friendly atmosphere. I need your thoughts. Once again, feel free to drop me an e-mail, snail mail or give me a phone call. I would like to hear from you.

It's picnic time and La Mesita Park is the place to be — Saturday, August 18th at 11 a.m., with the club providing hamburgers, hot dogs, soft drinks (pop for us Midwesterners) and essential condiments. What do you need to bring? Well, how about a dish full of your favorite recipe to share with others. Oh, you might also want to bring some chairs for you and your family to kick back on. We will start eating at 12 noon sharp. Talk in frequency will be any of the Club frequencies. For those of you who don't remember, La Mesita Park is located off Dallas Street, which runs off Fletcher Parkway. I am not promising, as I will have to bring this up before the board and/or general membership, but we even have a prize or two for some of the lucky attendees. Got your interest now, right?

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August Birthdays

0771	KK6NF	Mike	Bailey	August 04
0205	WA6MHZ	Pat	Bunsold	August 04
1433	KF6POO	Roy	Stark, Sr.	August 07
1378	KF6JVF	Carolyn	Campbell	August 08
1262	N6SZO	Joe	Corones	August 10
1338	W6FF	George	Karavantes	August 10
0770	KK6NH	Leslie	Day	August 11
0913	WA6APN	Tom	Thomas	August 11
0985	KD6HVZ	Jim	Green	August 12
0481	N6HHU	Philip	Fish	August 12
0508	K6ICT	Ken	Harvey	August 14
0965	KD6FQV	Louise	Goodman	August 17
1310	N6EVE	Evelyn	Miller	August 17
0526	KF6YB	Oscar	Quintanilla	August 17
1108	KD6VKZ	Ed	Ebbert	August 19
0887	N6YJO	Chuck	Behnke	August 19
0590	N6DVJ	Johnny	Hart	August 22
0437	KC6NXZ	Tom	Caudle	August 23
1152	KE6BZD	Ron	Mahoney	August 24
1146	KO6AB	Jerry	Miller, Jr.	August 25
1314	KE6TAM	Gerald	Miller, Sr.	August 31



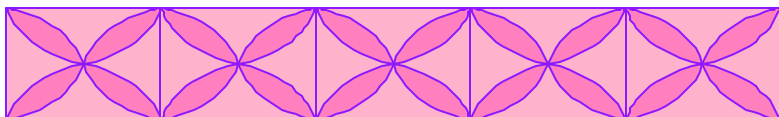
Happy
Birthday!!!!

Welcome to our newest members!!!

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1582	KG6CKB	Tim	Best
1583	KG6GZB	Carla	Weber

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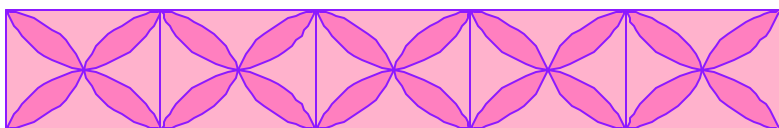
I better quit for now as our esteemed Counterpoise Editor is probably pulling out her hair, saying "Tuck, shut up, I need the space!!" Oh well, if you have something you would like to contribute for publication, hey send it to her. I am sure when space permits, she will get it in. Show us your writing skills. 73 everyone! Hope to see you at the next meeting, if not on the air.



Silent Key

In Memory of Harry Coyle,
KD6DFH ["Don't Forget Harry"] —

"People who die are not buried in a field, they are buried in the heart." (Rwandan Adage)



August Speaker

Robert Stafford
of the ARRL

General Membership
Meeting — 8/8/01

Did You Know?

Mr. Monopoly

Out of work in Philadelphia during the Depression, Charles Darrow supported his family by fixing electric appliances, patching concrete and walking dogs. He also invented things: puzzles and beach toys and a new bridge score pad, while musing about old times like vacations in Atlantic City.

One night in 1931, Darrow sat down at the kitchen table and sketched the names of various Atlantic City streets on the oilcloth. He colored the name spaces and cut tiny houses and hotels from bits of wooden molding. He typed out title deeds and added dice and buttons for play money. The family played night after night.

Friends soon joined in. Nothing, it seemed, was better for Depression-battered spirits than an hour or two of buying real estate, even the make-believe kind. Enthusiasts wanted their sets, and Darrow accommodated them, making and selling the games for \$2.50; a friend printed the title cards. In the beginning, he made six sets a day. Philadelphia stores demanded more sets; Darrow offered his game to Parker Brothers in Salem, Massachusetts. Parker voted not to buy it.

The game was too complicated, they said, and had 52 errors in it. Darrow persevered and had his printer make up 5,000 sets. Some were sold to Wanamaker's and a few to F.A.O. Schwarz.

Early in 1935, Parker Brothers relented and gave Darrow a contract with royalties on all sets sold. Soon he became a millionaire, gentleman farmer, world traveler and collector of exotic orchids. Monopoly became Parker's biggest seller and America's favorite game. By the mid-1970's, some 80 million sets had been sold.

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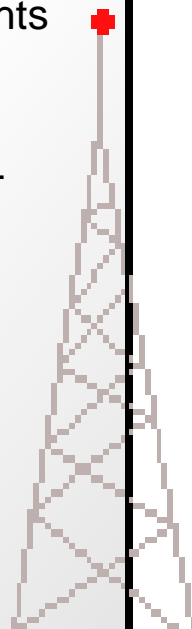
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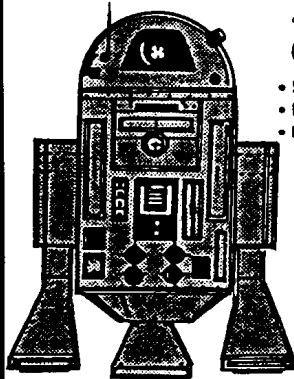
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