



The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's

Counterpoise



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From the President

"Stogie" KG6JCW



Well, I have presided over my first general meeting. We have laid out a course for the New Year. I fore see a change in the direction of the club. I will be encouraging recruiting of new members and also trying to encourage members who have dropped out to rejoin. The biggest problem I see is that we have many people who do not participate in events. We need to encourage all members to participate in the events. I think one of the problems is that we do not advertise the events, enough. We have a new Public Relations Chairman to help us with this problem.

We will be adding new events this year. It is a chill cook party on 20 March at La Mesita Park at 1100hrs. We also will be attempting to prepare for Field Day. This will require us to do equipment repair and prepping. This should have been an ongoing project between the events. On the first Saturday of February 7, 2004, after the Swap Meet breakfast, we will be holding a clean up and inventory at the shed. See everybody at the breakfast, at 9AM. We will determine what repair we need to do to the antenna and equipment. We will accomplish the repair before Field Day. Another first step

that has in progress is that the generator is in the shop for servicing.

We are making progress in the recovery from the Cedar Fire. Currently the 2 Meter repeater is in operation in the Fletcher Hills area. The 220 Mhz repeater rebuild is near completion thanks to Bob Boehme, W6RHV and Chuck Wood, WD6APP. Chuck provided the parts and Bob is doing the repairs. We have ordered the replacement crystals and Bob is building a new Power Amplifier for the repeater. There are other items we need to buy to complete the reinstall of the repeaters; these items are budgeted for in the new approved budget. The club has been invited back to the Crest site. Our move back in depends on the Water District's installing a new building to replace the old one. I hope that this will occur soon. I would like to thank Gary Richardson, N6LRV for keeping the club informed on the progress at Crest. I would also like to thank Gary, John Austin, WA6RLV, Alex Groza, WB6DTR and any other who participate in the setup of the 2 Meter repeater in Fletcher Hills.

The club has two open Chairmanships and we need a person to make coffee and get cookies for the meetings. I would like to fill the positions with a volunteer. I have listed the duties for the positions. They appear elsewhere in this edition.

General Membership Meeting



Thursday, February 12, 7:00 PM

Santee Baptist Church - 9320 Prospect Ave, Santee CA

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President	KG6JCW	Mike "Stogie" Panger	263-4439
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Tuck Miller at:

**E-mail: nz6t@arrl.org or
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Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc. General Membership Meeting Minutes. Wednesday, January 8, 2004

The general membership meeting of the amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW at 1900hrs at the new location at the First Baptist Church in Santee. After the pledge club members were welcomed.

Bob, W6RHV gave a short report on the condition of the 220 repeater. He also welcomed the club to the church hall and stated that we could use the site for meetings and other activities as well.

Before the introduction of this evening's speaker, the "Ham of the Year" plaque was presented to Mike, AE6CQ. Also, the past president's plaque was presented to Pat, WA6MHZ.

The speaker was announced by Vice President Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ. The speaker is Steve WB6TWL who spoke on the "Skywarn" program.

After the break, the meeting then resumed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The secretary's report was approved as published in the *Counterpoise*.

TREASURERS REPORT: Susan, KF6WXA presented the treasurers report. It was approved and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The president presented his appointments to the various committees for consideration of the general membership. They are:

- Education—Mike, N6OPH
- *Counterpoise* Editor—Tuck, NZ6T
- Estate Sales—Tom, N6JOJ
- Elmers—Dan, KD6OKR
- Health & Welfare—vacant
- Club Historian
- Net Manager—Frito, N6WKB
- Social—vacant
- Post Mistress—Evelyn, N6EVE
- Prizes—Carl, WA6PPG
- Membership—Joni, KF6MPB

- Technical—Bob, W6RHV
- Affiliated Clubs—Larry, AE6AV
- SANDARC Delegate—Len, K5WFW
- Public Services—Rich, N6NKJ
- Public Relations—vacant
- Awards—Eric, W6LKK
- Auditor/Finance—Mike, N6OPH
- Field Day—David, KG6QCO
- Welcoming—Mike, AE6CQ

It was moved and seconded that the appointments be approved. The motion was carried. An announcement will be carried in the *Counterpoise* to recruit for the vacant committee chairs.

The budget was then discussed on a line per line basis. It was suggested by Tuck that the income item on estate sales be deleted from the budget. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved. Motion was carried.

The board recommended that the club pay the \$500 to the Elks Lodge for the Christmas Party to be held in December 2004. It has been moved and seconded that the president check alternate sites and forgo the \$500.00 deposit. The motion was withdrawn in light of the news that there is a signed contract. It was moved and seconded that the reservation with the Elks Lodge be cancelled. The motion was carried.

Field Day shed and equipment repair will be carried out on a Saturday. The schedule will be after the swap meet breakfast. This will be carried out on 7 February. Tuck, NZ6T announced that the deadline for the *Counterpoise* is Sunday after the general membership meeting. He espoused publishing of future *Counterpoise* via the internet. Tuck will send a report on the printing costs of the *Counterpoise* to the club president for future consideration. It was moved and seconded that the printing costs, etc. be studied. Motion was carried.

Kids Day is 19 June, 2004 from 1800-2400. Stogie announced that the club should lend the use of its repeater for the kids.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Tom, KB6NXZ is proposing a chili party on 20 March at La Mesita Park at 1100hrs. Bring your chili.

Chris, KR6BC will talk about radar systems and amateur radio for the February meeting.

SANDARC is looking for a convention chairman. The council was dark during November and December. The meeting schedule will resume on the last Thursday of January.

HEALTH & WELFARE reported that Seth Collier, WA6CDD is a SK. A moment of silence was observed.

MEMBERSHIP report was given by Joni, KF6MPB.

She reported there are 181 paid members. 62 memberships expired on 31 December. 1 New member signed up this evening.

WELCOMING reported 47 members present with 6 visitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

A constitutional amendment to change the meeting day from Wednesday to Thursday was read. A constitutional amendment regarding suspending club officers or board members was also read. This constitutes the first reading with no debate. The text of both amendments will be published in the *Counterpoise*. They will be debated at the February general membership meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; Mike, N6IEF announced a field day operation with a special one by one call sign. He asked for volunteer operators to work the site if they are unable to come to the El Cajon site. This is to promote more people from the general public to participate in amateur radio.

Steve Early announced new classes that will be operated in the county and also for memberships in the ARRL

Rich, N6NKJ announced that RAVES will have an awards ceremony at the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center on 12 January at 1900hrs.

Red Cross will hold a thank you picnic on 17 January in Coronado.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 2120hrs.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

Hey, Spread the word!!!



What? Technician Class

When? 13 January 2004

Time? 1900hrs

Where? El Cajon Fire station

Magnolia and Lexington

Instructor: Mike Maston N6OPH

Text: ARRL's Now You're Talking

Next meeting.....

Chris, KR6BC will talk about radar systems and amateur radio for the February 12th meeting.

HELP WANTED!!!

The Club is in need of two chairpersons. They are Health and Welfare, and also the Social Chair. The duties are as follow:

REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL CHAIRMAN

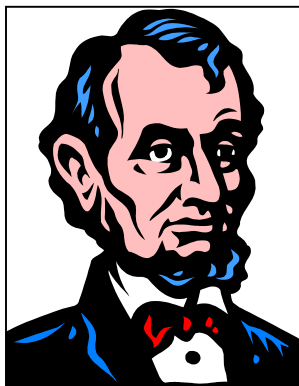
The Social chairman is responsible for the club's social activities. These activities include the acquiring of the foodstuffs needed for the field day, the club picnic and the club Christmas party. During the field day event he would provide the food to the venue and either help cook or distribute it make arrangements to have this done. With the leftovers he provides for the club picnic in August. He does most of the shopping required for the club food events and stores it before each event. He advises the club president on the manner of hosting club food events and other social activities. His social duties are not limited to just the food; however most of the work that he needs to do does involve food. In the past the social chairman has arranged for the catering or potlucks at the club Christmas party and other events.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH & WELFARE CHAIRMAN

It is the job of the Health & Welfare Chairman to report to the club president the names of those who are ill or who are deceased. A get well card or condolence card is usually sent to the family on behalf of the club. He informs the club of these events.

If you would like to help out in one of these positions, contact the Prez at 263-4439 or by e-mail at stogie@cox.net

President's Day



Let me remind you of the Calendar of Events!!

February 2: Ground Hog Day

February 3: Board Meeting

February 7: Swap Meet, Santee Drive in, 6:30 am

February 7: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

February 12: Lincoln's Birthday

February 12: General Meeting

February 14: Valentine's Day

February 16: President's Day

February 21: Swap Meet, Santee Drive in, 6:30 am

February 21: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

Proposed Constitutional Changes

The following changes were proposed at the January 8th meeting. That was the 1st reading. The constitution requires that they also be published in the Counterpoise, and then voted upon at the next general meeting which will be held on February 12, 2004.

Article VIII of the constitution and by-laws of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon shall be amended by inserting the following language after section (b) to wit:

(c)

An officer or sitting board member may be suspended from the club with a two-thirds vote of the board of directors. Said suspension shall only occur for gross malfeasance or dishonesty in office. An officer or board member so suspended shall not exercise their right of franchise or assume the duties of their office until the suspension is lifted. Any suspension must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of the general membership at the next general membership meeting. The board and membership shall be informed of the reasons for suspension. Should the general membership decline to approve the board's action, the board's suspension shall be null and void within the meaning of this article.

(d)

Any vote for suspension within the board shall be by secret ballot.

(e)

Any suspension of an officer or board member shall be lifted no later than their dues anniversary date of the year in which the suspension occurred. It shall be left to the discretion of the board to accept a renewal of club dues by the suspended party.

Article IV of the constitution and by-laws of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon shall be amended by substituting the present language to wit:

In regards to the following sections;

Substitute Wednesday with Thursday

Substitute Wednesday with Thursday; also substitute 7:30PM with 7:00PM

What do these represent?

A broom, rake, dust pan, trash barrel? You guessed it!!

On Saturday Feb 7, right after the swap meet, everyone is invited to attend the monthly swap meet breakfast located at the Ranch House. After breakfast, everyone will travel to the storage shed site, and take an inventory of its contents (for insurance purposes),

Evaluate any repairs that need to be made to antennas, make repairs, and an over all sprucing up of the area.

Plan on being there to lend a hand! The club needs your help!

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elcajonarc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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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)	

SANTEE DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET

10990 WOODSIDE AVE., North
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 449-SWAP
Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics
ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
Gates open 6:30 AM

Show Your Colors!!

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and jackets by contacting
Ed AI6O to either place or
pick up your order. Phone
number on page 2.**

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.

WA6BGS REPEATERS:

Output: 147.420

Input: 146.475

PL: 107.20

224.080 — 107.20 PL

445.900 — 141.30 PL



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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 !!

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A.R.C.E.C., P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

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3. First Name

4. Last Name

5. Street Address

6. City, State, Zip+4

7. Home Phone:

8. Work Phone (optional)

(May we list) ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Date of Birth (year optional)

10. e-mail address

11. ARRL Member
☐ Yes ☐ No

12. ARES Member
☐ Yes ☐ No

12. RACES Member
☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Other Interests

14. Family Membership with:

14. **Sponsored by:**

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2003 Ham of the Year

Michael Martak AE6CQ



Michael has gone out of his way to help out at club events including field day, the picnic, DelMar fair and others for several years now. He is a VEC and assists in testing new hams. He works mainly "behind the scenes" assisting in any way he can. He has been welcoming members and guests to the club meetings for two years. He is always ready to assist a ham (or non-ham) in any way he can. He can be relied on as a nice friendly first impression to anyone showing an interest in ham radio.

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