

# The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's



# Counterpoise



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## 2003 Officers Board of Directors



**L-R, Michael Martak AE6CQ, Mike "Stogie" Panger KG6JCW, Joni Cranmore KF6MPB, Gordon Ripley WB6POW, Susan Kochel KF6WXA, Larry Plummer AE6AV, Mike Lebo N6IEF, Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ, Rich Beisgl N6NKJ and Mike Maston N6OPH. Not pictured, Jeff Davis KG6JRM**

After a 22 year absence, Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ has returned as President of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. Pat has served in many capacities for the club, last serving as President in 1980. Pat brings to the club many years of Amateur Radio service including 2 stints as the Southwestern Division Convention Chair, and also 2 terms as the San Diego Section Manager. Other officers elected were Jeff Davis KG6JRM as Vice President, Mike "Stogie" Panger KG6JCW as Secretary, and Susan Kochel KF6WXA as Treasurer. Newly elected to the Board of Directors were Larry Plummer AE6AV, Gordon Ripley WB6POW, and Mike Lebo N6IEF. Returning to the Board are Michael Martak AE6CQ, Joni Cranmore KF6MPB, and Rich Beisgl N6NKJ. Mike Maston N6OPH is now serving as the club's Past President. Leaving the Board were Chemi Ruiz KD6PRV, and Erich Bennet W6LKK. Leaving the Officer ranks were Tom Caudle KC6NXZ as Secretary, Nancy Paine as Treasurer and Tuck Miller NZ6T as Past President. Many thanks to those who have, and to those who will serve.

**Remember, Helping Others, Always Worthwhile!!**

**General Membership Meeting      🕒 Wednesday, January 8, 2003 7:00 PM  
La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa**

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## From the President

### Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ



HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season! Thanks to all who came and made our Christmas Party such a great success! I am honored to be your Prez for 2003. Who am I? WA6MHZ, with my wife Vuong KB6RCT and son Ben WA6BEN. We live up in the little Hamlet known as Crest. My house is EASY to spot. It's the one with 25 antennas on the roof (much to the neighbors Displeasure!) But that is why I chose Crest, NO antenna ordinances or CC&Rs !

I've been in the club since about 1972, and was Prez back in 1980, What was Ham Radio like back then? NO computers, that's for sure! The fanciest one money could buy was an IBM with about 64K of memory and maybe a 5MB Hard drive. Notice, that is MB, not GB! No such thing as a Color Monitor! The best you got was a green or yellow screen Monochrome! 2 Meter FM was just beginning to take off, but all the rigs were Crystal controlled. Maybe a few early synthesized rigs were just coming out. HF rigs still had mostly TUBES in the final, and CW was a quite common mode! But many things have NOT changed! Field day is much the way it used to be, though back then all the logs were copied on paper. I still prefer to log by hand and dupe in my head. DX was DX, though we had no Packetcluster to make it easy. What is an INTERNET?? And Hams used to build a lot more; there were Heathkits and magazines full of projects you could whip up in your workshop. Today, you have to order the Pre-Programmed microprocessor chips from the developer! ICs were big enough to see with out a magnifying glass. Resistors had wires coming from each end, and variable capacitors were the size of a Cell Phone! Some hams had radios in their cars, but it would really lug down the Engine when you transmitted. Swapmeets were called HAMFESTS and no one heard of one every MONTH! We waited a year for the next one! But CLUBS were the main focus of Ham Radio and that is why our ARC of El Cajon became the foremost club in Southern California. Have we lost the MAGIC? No, but maybe a little of the Sizzle! Lets try to regain it as we go into the new Year. What do you want from YOUR club? More great Feasts? Operating Events? Public Service? How about an Auction? (I sure need more Antiques for the Crest Radio Museum, (or the Junkpile of debris, as my wife sees it)) We need exciting programs that you will anticipate all month and remember them for a long time afterward. Lets have a massive turnout for Field Day and make ARCEC number 1 in the standings!! ARCEC has always been the most SOCIAL of clubs, so lets bring in our friends and maybe some new Ham Prospects so they can see the fun we enjoy. Each member has something to share and help our club prosper. Come to our meeting and let us KNOW what you think and want!!! Remember, the ARC of El Cajon is YOUR club! Lets ROLL!

# General Club Minutes

Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2002



Call to Order: 19:00 hrs. by Mike Maston, N6OPH. After our president led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, he gave us the night's agenda. At this time Mike suspended business in order for everyone to Vote and partake of the goodies brought by Evelyn, N6EVE, for the Christmas Cookies; Cal, KG6FBV for the Donuts and Bob for the Brownies.

After making sure everyone had a chance to vote, Mike entertained motion to close the polls from the floor.

Motion to close the elections was made Joni, KF6MPB 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael, AE6CQ.

**President's Report:** Mike, N6OPH asked if anyone had not received their CounterPoise. He apologized to the members and explained that many may have been late due to the late delivery to the Post Office and the Christmas season crunch and Bulk Rate mailings will suffer.

It was noted that the following Paid members have not been getting their newsletter regularly.

Doug, KF6QXU; Chuck, N6YGO and Pat, W6PEA.

The Membership chair, postmaster and the CounterPoise Editor(s) will take note and remedy the situation.

Hillsdale Middle School **UPDATE.** All of the Station Equipment was inventoried and a letter of thank you will be sent to Cathy Toy for her generous donation.

Friendship Festival:

There was a great turnout for the El Cajon Friendship Festival. The city presented our Club with a nice certificate of Appreciation. Rich, N6NKJ and Mike, N6OPH were at the presentation dinner.

Outgoing Officers and Board Members:

Mike thanked all of the 2002 Officers and Board members for their very hard work over that past year. He gave a special thank you to Nancy, KD6WUL as our club Treasurer, CounterPoise Editor and Convention Vendor Chair besides working full time and going to school to get her Bachelors Degree. Also, Tom, KC6NXZ for his hard work as club Secretary, Web master in spite of many other commitments including the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Vice-Chairman.

Masonic Meeting Hall Rental: Mike informed the club that the hall was still available on the same night, Wednesday, for the next year at the same rate because the Masons have decided not to sell the building. He spoke to the man in charge tonight and it was agreed that we can rent the hall for the same amount as 2002. Therefore, Mike suggested that tonight would be a good time to pay the 2003 rental of \$ 25.00 / month = \$ 300.00.

A Motion was made by KG6NDX and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon, WB6POW to Renew the Lease for the meeting hall.

A Motion was made by Susan, KF6WXA 2<sup>nd</sup> by Claude Gunnersen, KD6CYS to pay the \$300.00 fee tonight for the year 2003 12 months of rental.

**Secretary's Report:** Tom, KC6NXZ: The November General meeting Minutes were approved as published.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read by Mike, N6OPH and approved by the membership to be filed for audit.

Addendum: We received a second check from the Swapmeet for \$300.00. Many thanks to Tom Myrick, N6JOJ for expediting this for the Club.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joni, KF6MPB There are currently 260 paid members.

**Welcoming:** Michael, AE6CQ reported that we had 51 members and 7 visitors tonight. Visitors present: Ron, no call yet; Dale, WD6FXV.

Let us know if you remember who the other visitors were so they can be mentioned next time.

**Public Service:** Rich, N6NKJ mentioned that all help with the Hillsdale Middle School project is appreciated. The ARC of El Cajon will be the lead in this project.

The usual ARES Breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday will be converted to a Central District's followed by the usual training at the Kearny Mesa Rec Center at 10:00 AM You may contact Al, W6WYN at: 858-278-2826 for details.

In addition, there will be a new San Diego Section breakfast meeting by the new Section Emergency Coordinator, Glenn, WM6B at the Spice House on Clairmont Mesa Blvd at 6:30 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. Followed by new Training at the EOC at 9:00 AM. You may call Glenn for details at: 619-590-0130.

**Health & Welfare:** Tuck, NZ6T received information from Duncan Cambell, KF6ILA from Guam. The Island was hit by a tremendous typhoon over weekend. Some reports indicated 180 MPH winds. He and wife Calolyn, KF6JVF are doing fine although they only have a small generator and he was siphoning gas from his car for that. The rest of the Island is in bad shape. The Typhoon Pongsona was worst there in 37 years. Other report, Jack Dobbs WB6AXW recovering from 2nd leg amputation.

**New Officers and Board for 2003:**

**PRESIDENT:** Pat, WA6MHZ

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Jeff, KG6JRM

**TREASURER:** Susan, KF6WXA

**SECRETARY:** Mike, 'Stogie', KG6JCW

**BOARD of DIRECTORS:**

Michael, AE6CQ; Gordon, WB6POW

Joni, KF6MPB; Larry, AE6AV;

Mike, N6IEF; Rich, N6NKJ;

A motion was made by Tuck 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan to keep the ballots for 30 days at which time they will be destroyed.

The Election Ballot counting Team was Tuck, NZ6T, Cal, KG6FBV and Doug, KN6CB.

Tuck made a motion to purchase 2 handheld radios to give away at the Christmas Party on 12-13-02. This was amended by Steve, AD6VI 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan, KF6WXA due to



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WA6LNF	Edward	Redman	January	7
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KG6JRM	Jeffrey	Davis	January	14
KG6GYV	Jimmy	Edwards	January	15
WB6VWW	George	French (L)	January	17
KF6ARX	Rich	Hall	January	19
KA6OTR	Al	Mercer	January	22
KG6FBV	Calvin	Tyler	January	22
KE6VCQ	Dale	Chappell	January	24
KN6CB	Doug	Konishi	January	25
WB6JDB	Howard	Cortner	January	27
KG6BWN	Nicholas	Utschig	January	27
KB6HEW	Frank	Martin	January	29
K6UMA	Joe	Mc Cormick	January	29
WA6PPG	Carl	Ferree	January	29

**Happy  
Birthday!!!!**



Ham of the Year  
2002



### 2002 Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon Ham of the Year

Galen Kelm N6YBK, has been voted as this years Ham of the year. Galen, who most of you know as the person who has run the Field Day activities for the Club for many years and has done an exemplary job of it, has also contributed his time on the Executive Committee several times. Galen will be leaving the area shortly for the Northwest, but promises to visit from time to time.

**CONGRATULATIONS GALEN!!**

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the club's economic conditions to reduce the main prize to 1 ICOM ICT-90A that covers 2 meters, 70 cm and 6 meters. This motion was approved by the membership.

**NEW REPEATER:** Joe, N6SIX announced that there is a 6-meter repeater, N6LXX on Mt. San Miguel linked into most of Southern California that can be accessed from anywhere in San Diego with a handheld. The Frequency is 53.58 mHz minus offset P.L. of 103.5

A Motion was made by Tuck, NZ6T, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon, WB6POW, that Due to Economic conditions to reduce our usual 12 - \$25.00 prizes at the Christmas party to 6 - \$25.00 Prizes. This motion was passed by the membership.

A MOTION to adjourn by Susan & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gordon, WB6POW @ 8:30 PM. Respectfully Submitted, Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ, Secretary, ARC of El Cajon, Inc.



## PRIZES!!!

There was not one, but two prize winners at the Annual Christmas Party this year. Tuck NZ6T, and Phil N6WHK both won the ICOM TC 90 handheld radios. Since Evelyn N6EVE had her handheld radio stolen a few months back, Tuck gave it to her as a Christmas present. The tri band radio consists of 2 meters, 440, and 6 meters. Evelyn is being presented the radio by Joe Acevedo N6SIX, ARCEC member, and also President of the San Diego Six Shooters!!

# 2003 Officers



**Pat Bunsold  
WA6MHZ  
President**



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Take a look on your mailing label. Is the expiration date in RED? 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 in January!!

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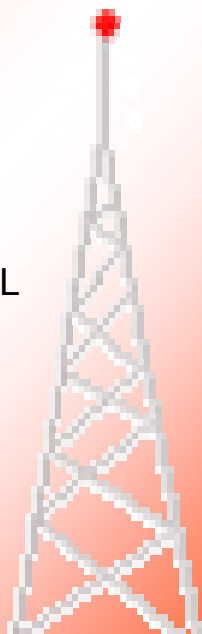
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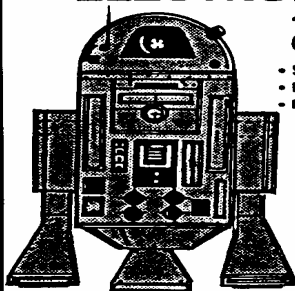
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# January 2003



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