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From the President

IT'S TIME!!! That's right folks, it's time!
Time for what? It's time for Field Day.
Time to go into the clean mountain air, set up our power supplies, radios and antennae and talk for twenty-four hours! The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon will do just that during Field Day weekend of June 22-23 at the Al Bahr Shrine Campground. There will be good food, good people and good propagation. So we need to see you there. There can't be a Field Day operation without you! This is our premiere event! So plan on arriving and enjoy the radio and membership camaraderie. Now, since this an important event, the June general membership meeting will be devoted to Field Day planning. Galen Kelm, N6YBK, our Field Day chairman, will be the speaker. Don't miss this all-important meeting. We will need volunteers to assist in the set-up as well in the actual operation of the radio gear. Please don't forget; we also need volunteers to assist with the other mundane chores such as cooking, cleaning and administrative work. So on June 12, 2002 our meeting will be devoted to Field Day. Come one and come all!

The sign-ups for the Del Mar Fair are doing very well. We still need some help on Sunday and Wednesday. The 220 Club will be hosting their turn on June 18, and the El Cajon Club will finish up

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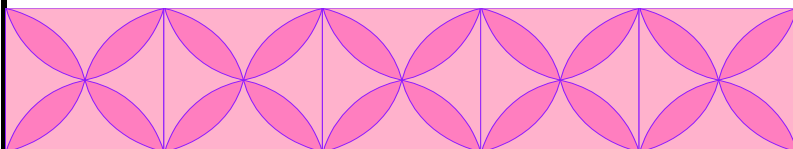
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Hope to see you there!!!!



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General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, June 12th, 7:00 PM

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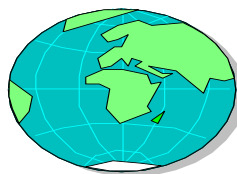
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weight in other people's patience" —
*John Updike, Confessions of a Wild
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 8, 2002

Meeting called to order at 19:04 hrs by President Mike Maston, N6OPH.

Meeting: Mike introduced our newest member Jack, AD6ZM, and visitor Robert Sherbeck, W6UX.

Program: Rich, N5EV, presented a demonstration of the capabilities of the Yeasu FT-817 portable MF, HF, VHF and UHF transceiver. Several QSO's were monitored. Some locals were on 160 meters but it was just not possible to break in.

President's Report: Mike told us the May 1, 2002 Early Bird deadline has passed. Pre-registration is now \$12.50 + \$1.50 for the Pin.

Repeater: Mike mentioned that the repeater seems to be working for now. He asked for a report on it from the technical group as well as the progress of the replacement Xtals for the repeaters. [There is some talk at TASMA of going to a 15 kHz split for 2-meter repeaters. This would adversely affect our Club.]

Del Mar Fair: The Club has lost the Tuesday, June 18th, slot to the 220 club. We still need volunteers to man the booth on Saturday, June 15th (1800 - 2100 shift) and Sunday, June 16th (all shifts); Wednesday, June 19th is filled.

Special Olympics: We need volunteers to help on Sunday June 2nd. Contact WA6BCC or Jeff, KG6JRM. Our participation on this day has been a long-standing tradition for the ARC of El Cajon.

Education: The General Theory Class is nearing completion with all but six having passed their VE exams for upgrade on previous Saturdays.

Secretary's Report: Previous Minutes were approved as published and corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy, KD6WUL, reported the Club's financial condition. After hearing no corrections, the report was approved for audit.

Vice President's Report: Upcoming public demonstration event with Richard, N5EV, and Mike, N6OPH, has been POSTPONED due to park construction work in Kennedy Park. Other parks were considered but time was too short to obtain another permit. Stay tuned.

Rapid Response Team: Rich asked if the Club wants to do this and there was some discussion whether we should consider it to be a training

system for members to move into ARES or RACES. Also there was some concern about personal injury liability for the Club. Tuck, NZ6T, moved that we table this until further investigation; it was seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. The motion was approved by the membership.

Health and Welfare: Tuck, NZ6T: So far as he can tell, Tuck IS alive and he has proof from the doctors. All is well with his health; no problems. He very much appreciates everyone's concern, phone calls and visits. Tuck thanked Michael Martak, AE6CQ, for his generous help with taking him to the hospital, staying there and then bringing Evelyn back and forth.

Membership: Joni, KF6MPB, told us that we have 236 paid members as of this meeting and a new member, Jack Starr, AD6ZM. Jack was originally licensed in 1947. Jack's WAMO number is 1608. Please note that last month's membership total was incorrect.

Refreshments: Evelyn, N6EVE, once again provided us with hot coffee and all the fixin's. Plus, Cal, KG6FBV, brought donuts for our break. Thank you both for helping.

Affiliated Clubs: Xemi, KD6PRV: Mike read Xemi's report for SANDARC. New Officers are: Mike, N6OPH, Chairman; Skip, KD6RFQ, Vice-Chairman; Frank, WA6YWC, Secretary; and Joe, KM6EK, Treasurer. John, KF6XY, and Sybil, W6GIC, were appointed to the executive committee. The Mercury Amateur Radio Association has joined SANDARC. TASMA will be having their August meeting here in San Diego.

ARRL Field Day: Al Bahr Shrine Camp on Mt. Laguna. More information will be provided at the June Meeting.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

A motion was made by Tuck, NZ6T, to adjourn and it was seconded by Gordon, WB6POW. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ

Secretary, Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



"We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it." — George Bernard Shaw, *Candida*, 1908

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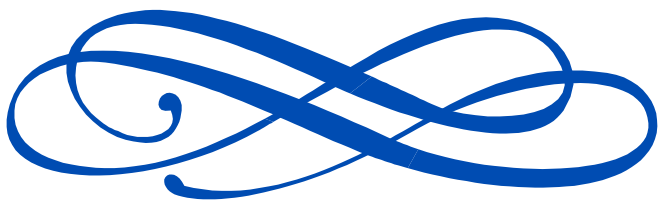
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on June 19. The SANDRA organization will begin their run on June 20. While we are up in the Laguna Mountains, the SANDRA organization will host Field Day at the Fair. The call at the Fair will be W6SLF. So, while we are in the mountains, let's show our support for the fair and work' em. Hey, by the way, we have a good shot at that elusive trophy! Go for it!!!!

After Field Day and the Fair, there is the ARRL SW Division Convention. The El Cajon Club has a great many volunteers in this effort. While the early bird has expired (May 1), the pre-registration is \$12.50 plus \$1.50 for the first pin. Continue to show your support for the convention. An inside peek has shown some blockbuster prizes. But you can't even be eligible without purchasing a registration.

But don't rest there! There is the Club picnic, Friendship Festival, Mother Goose Parade and the Christmas party. We are truly fortunate to be members of the El Cajon Club.

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



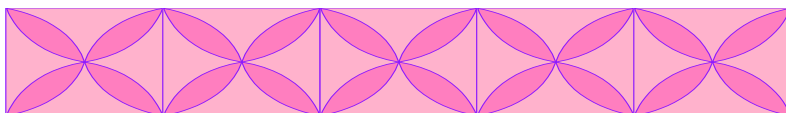
"In the past, human life was lived in a bullock cart; in the future, it will be lived in an aeroplane; and the change of speed amounts to a difference in quality." — Alfred North Whitehead, *Science and the Modern World*, 1925

June Birthdays

0311	WB6POW	Gordon	Ripley	June	01
0553	N6KHR	Mary	Cordle	June	02
1184	KD6SLW	Jerry	Adams	June	02
1346	KF6CVG	Robert	Lang	June	07
0785	N6WHK	Phil	Pedigo	June	11
0478	W6RHV	Bob	Boehme	June	12
1339	KF6CSY	John	Durante	June	12
		Lucille	Kelm	June	13
1267	KE6QZY	Joe	Geiler	June	17
1531	KF6ZCA	George	Miner, Jr.	June	18
1232	KE6MTV	Mel	Dunn	June	20
1248	WD6EYD	Jack	Liesman	June	22
1384	KE6QCA	Allan	Ingram	June	22
1558	KG6BNE	Patrick	Allen	June	22
1271	WA6YWC	Frank	Ratty	June	26
1265	KE6QVF	Bill	Geiler	June	29
0055	K7SD	Steve	Bertalan	June	30



**Happy
Birthday!!!!**



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I Am The Flag By Ruth Apperson Rous

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777 in Philadelphia.

There, the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today, fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known. My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers — the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at Jamestown and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily, thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law — Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" — which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

I am your title deed of freedom, which is yours to enjoy and hold in trust for posterity.

If you fail to keep this sacred trust inviolate, if I am nullified and destroyed, you and your children will become slaves to dictators and despots.

Eternal vigilance is your price of freedom.

As you see me silhouetted against the peaceful skies of my country, remind yourself that I am the flag of your country, that I stand for what you are — no more, no less.

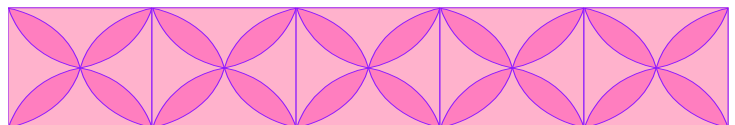
Guard me well, lest your freedom perish from the earth.

Dedicate your lives to those principles for which I stand: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

I was created in freedom. I made my first appearance in a battle for human liberty.

God grant that I may spend eternity in my "land of the free and the home of the brave" and that I shall ever be known as "Old Glory", the flag of the United States of America.

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"Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he'll feel just as good as ever." — Don Marquis, d. 1937, quoted in B. Wilcox, *A Little Book of Aphorisms*, 1947

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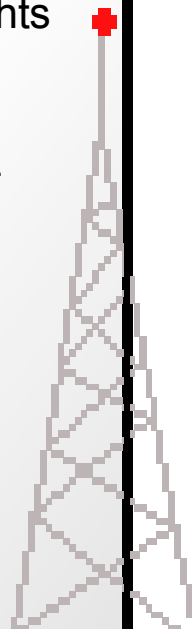
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