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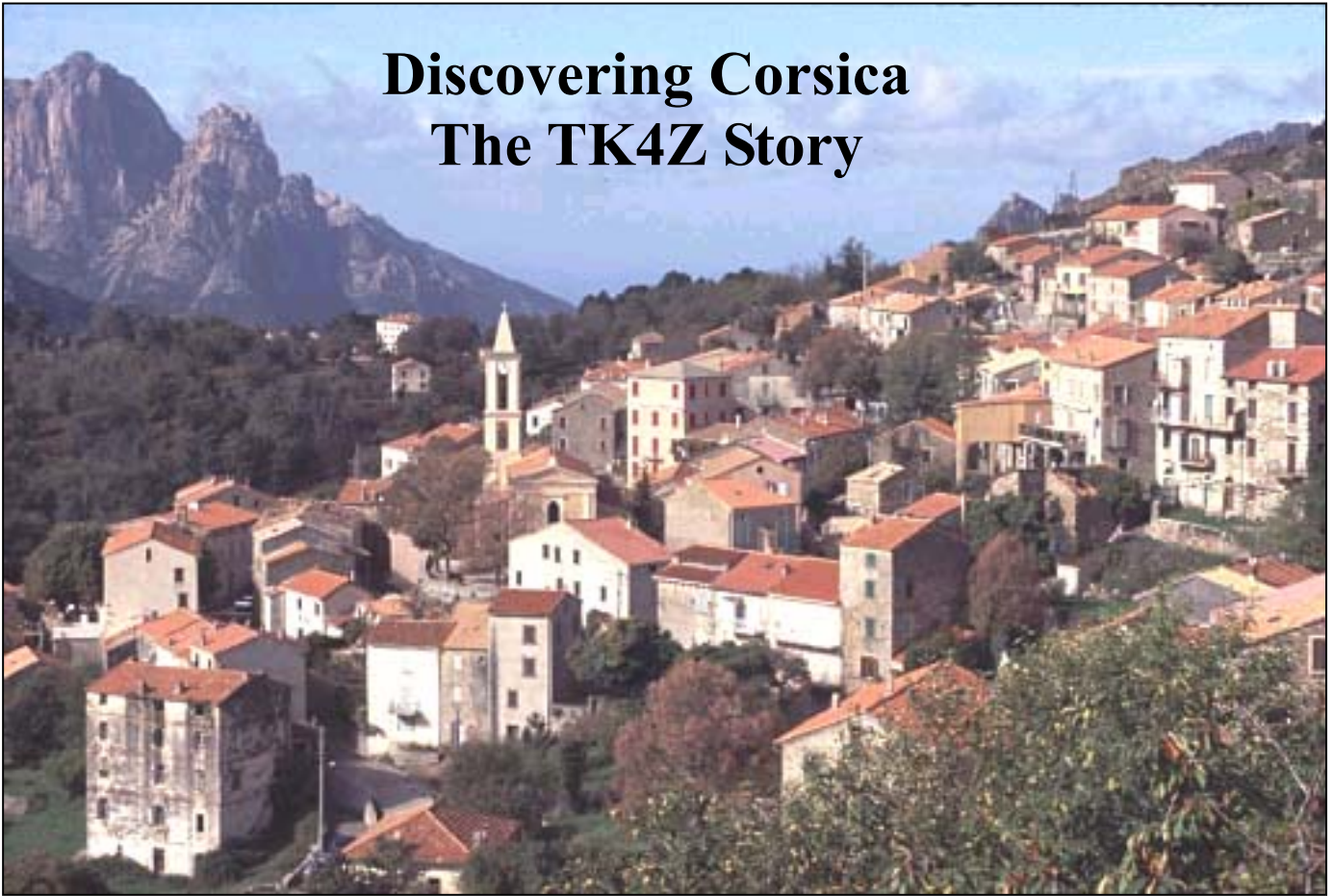


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Discovering Corsica The TK4Z Story



What attracted the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Imperial Romans, Goths, Byzantines, Saracens, Genoese, Spaniards, and French to the wild, rugged island of Corsica? Slave Gathering? Trade Expansion? Territorial Conquest? Worldwide DX Contesting? ...Well, it certainly was the latter that attracted our perennial ham radio contest group to this "mountain in the sea".

Discover Corsica for yourself at this month's club meeting. Join noted photographer and raconteur Art Goddard, W6XD, for an illustrated tour of this remarkable land and its proud people. Find out how a roving group of 50- and 60-somethings reached the "Big 4-Oh" on Corsica and pick up a few tips on having fun with Ham Radio. Here's a program for the whole family – don't miss out!

General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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From the President

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ



At our March meeting, we are pleased to welcome our ARRL Southwest Division Director Art Goddard W6XD, who will be treating us to the exciting Dxpediton he took to Corsica last fall. Where's Corsica? Have you worked that one yet? Come to the March 12 meeting to find all about this obscure Island paradise. Art

will be happy to answer any League-related questions as well

Its SPRINGTIME! Oh, I know, its ALWAYS Spring or Summer in San Diego, but don't you just love rubbing it into those East Coasters who are under 6 feet of snow that its sunny and 70 degrees out here? We have easily the best weather in the whole country! So its Spring Cleaning time, and there is a great opportunity to get rid of unneeded Ham stuff next month. Yes, April 9th is the ARCEC AUCTION!!!! Bring all you can, but remember we have to be out before 10, so prudence is preferred. Things that sell well are Ham Accessories, Computer junk, smaller antennas, and boxes of junk. Since most coming won't have \$1000 to spend, don't bother bringing expensive Radios, but older rigs might be bid up nicely. I will be especially looking for those. Auction details will be in next months Counterpoise.

Have you visited out WEBSITE yet??? Webmaster Tom Caudle KC6NXZ has done a masterful job at creating a place where you can find everything you wanted to know about our club. There are online Counterpoises, pictures of fun events, and Contact information for all officers and committees. Thanks, Tom, for such a wonderful site! You can find it at <http://www.qsl.net/wa6bgs/>

Oh, and be sure to visit the Swapmeet too. 1st and 3rd Saturday, dawn, at the Santee Drive in. Our club always has a table for members to bring items to sell (You do have to stay with the items) It's a great way to meet more club members and pick up more treasures or junk.

Who is W6XD anyway?



Art Goddard, W6XD, earned his novice Amateur Radio license in 1956. He worked his way up through the ranks to Extra class. His radio activities include HF/VHF, DX, contests, satellites and digital communications. He has traveled in numerous foreign countries. Equipped with his camera, Art captures the DXpediton spirit to share with fellow amateurs at club meetings and conventions.

Art is a life member of ARRL, currently serving as Director of the Southwestern Division. He is actively involved in representing and promoting Amateur Radio throughout the region. Professionally, he is a consultant in electronics systems, retired from Boeing (formerly Collins Radio and Rockwell International). Art and his wife Mary Ellen live in Costa Mesa, CA.

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



Call to Order: 7:03pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. Rich Beisigl, N6NKJ then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat called for a moment of silence in honor of the Space Shuttle Columbia

astronauts.

Monica Zech, El Cajon Fire Department's Public Information Officer, presented information on where to get the information on how to start a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) like Coronado has. She also provide us with on the resources available on emergency preparedness in the area. In addition she pointed out the current agencies which were looking at setting up CERT teams. After which we broke for coffee and cookies. The coffee and cookies, which were provided by Vuong Bunsold, KB6RCT and Ben, WA6BEN. provided some of the coffee and goodies. At 7:50pm hrs badges were passed out to club officer and committee chairman's then the business section of the meeting was commenced.

President's Report: Pat, WA6MHZ talked about the Christmas party. He stated that the ELKS club wanted \$500 to hold the room and that the date would be Friday Dec. 12, 2003. He also stated that the price of the meals has yet to be negotiated and would be around \$10-11 depending on what we decide on.

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

Vice President's Report: Jeff, KG6JRM reported that next month speaker will be Art Goddard, W6XD. Who will talk about his adventures in Corsica. He also stated that he has had no one registered for the Tech class he is giving. If no one shows for the first class it will be postponed to a later date.

Treasurer's Report: Stogie, KG6JCW then read the Treasures report into the record.

Public Service: Rich, N6NKJ read his resignation as Eastern District Emergency Coordinator from ARES.

SANDARC Report: Larry, AE6AV stated that he had presented the request, which he read, for funds to purchase an antenna for the Hillsdale Middle School project. This request was received poorly by some of the SANDARC members and was tabled. It was agreed that Rich, N6NKJ would attend the next SANDARC meeting to answer all the questions the Larry could not. SANDARC has also requested that the clubs approve a By-Laws change. The change would allow SANDARC to approve expenditures of up to \$300 without having to go to the individual member clubs

for approval. The current limit is \$100. Mike, N6OPH stated that the SANDARC was looking at raising the VEC test fee from three dollars to five dollars. Mike, N6OPH presented the proposal that SANDARC provide funding, up to \$300 for the year, for the ARES cell phone. This phone is used only to receive calls (call-ups) from the served agencies and only costs about \$22 a month.

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KF6MPB reported that there were currently 260 active members

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were 35 members present and that we had two new members present. Dave Doan KC6SYO WAMO 1624 and James Mc Manigle, KH6VO WAMO 654 There were also two visitors present.

Health & Welfare: No report was presented: It was noted that there were two new silent Keys.

WD6EYD Jack Liesman

W6CCM David Manescu

It was also noted that Joe Miller, K6QYE had triple bypass surgery. In addition it was stated that Joe Wilkerson, W6JPB's wife was seriously ill with colon cancer.

Old Business:

Christmas Party:

Gordon, WB6POW moved that we reserve the room at the Elks Club on Dec 12. 2003 for the Christmas party and pay the \$500 deposit. Joni, KF6MPB seconded the motion. The motion was carried

New Business: Mike, N6OPH moved El Cajon Clubs delegates to SANDARC's vote for the proposed increase from \$100 to \$300 the spending limit on board vote only. Seconded by Cal, KG6FBV. The motion was carried.

Tuck, NZ6T moved that our delegates to SANDARC approve the proposal to raise the Test fee to \$5 (five) from \$3 (three). Gordon, WB6POW seconded the motion. A point of order was raised by Mike, N6OPH that SANDARC was still discussing the idea and no decision had been made. Mike, N6OPH moved that we table the motion. Jeff, KG6JRM seconded the motion. The motion to table was carried.

Mike, N6OPH moved that the SANDARC Delegates vote in favor of SANDARC's funding of up to \$300 for the ARES cell phone. Seconded by Gordon, WB6POW. The motion was carried.

Mike, N6OPH was appointed to be the new finance Chairman.

Mike, AE6CQ moved that Tuck, NZ6T keep the radio he won at the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded by Gordon, WB6POW. The motion was carried.

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March Birthdays

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1391	KF6KYY	Bobby	Morris	March	2
766	KJ6KL	Frank	Zwick	March	5
123	KS6L	Forrest	Hogue	March	5
1566	AE6AV	Larry	Plummer	March	9
1126	KD6WUL	Nancy	Paine	March	12
1226	N6XD	Bill	Allen	March	12
1535	W3ALL	Arthur	Leveille	March	16
364	K6DIX	Dick	Sawders	March	16
1561	N7GDJ	David	Lamb	March	17
1617	KG6NDS	Jim	Culligan	March	17
		Mary Lee	Mansfield	March	19
602	WZ6K	Glenn	Boeck	March	19
489	WB6FWS	Dan	Floyd	March	20
1575	KG6EAK	Brian	Snapp	March	21
536	W6INI	Art	Smith (L)	March	22
1405	KF6MPB	Joni	Cranmore	March	23
1497	W6MKY	Michael	Ferry	March	25
928	K6KG	Kerry	Kohl	March	26
858	KC6USK	Bob	Cole Sr.	March	26
177	WA6RBP	Bob	Wilson	March	27
1614	KG6NDX	Don	Compton	March	27
384	WD6AXD	Frank	Sprinkle	March	28
907	WB0NPM	Rick	Gentz	March	29
1593	KG6EVA	Robert	Daily	March	31



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Bylaw changes:

First reading of the need changes to complete the changes to the bylaws and change Article V (f), (g) as follows:

(f) Persons paying their renewal after January 1, each year, will still pay the entire year from January 1 until December 31. **Deleted (superseded by changes to Section 5 (a))**

(g) Dues will become delinquent January 1 on the first of the month on the members annual anniversary and, if not paid by March 1st of the current year third month after that date, the member will be dropped from the Club roster until dues are paid

Would then read as follows:

(g) Dues will become delinquent on the first of the month on the members annual anniversary and, if not paid by third month after that date, the member will be dropped from the Club roster until dues are paid

A MOTION to adjourn by Rich, N6NKJ & 2nd Jeff, KG6JRM @ 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW

New Members

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon would like to welcome its newest members!!

177	WA6RBP	Bob	Wilson
654	KH6VO	Jim	McManigle
1623	KG6OFA	Tony	Hernandez
1624	KC6YSO	David	Doan

Letters to the Members

This newsletter would like to feature a Letter to the members column. A place where members can write how they feel on various topics, express their opinion so to speak. Opinions on the other side of the issue will also be solicited in fairness.

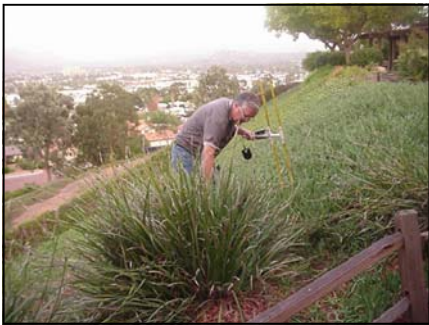
Last Month we asked if you could find Robin.....

Fellow club member Robin Elkerton KC6LEA is one of the fans portrayed in this mural found on the back of the scoreboard at Qualcomm stadium. Were you able to spot her?



Here Is Robin

I know, not fair, but it is her profile. Every time you drive by the stadium, you will look at the mural, and think of Robin, and of the ham radio connection.



T HUNTS!!!

Enjoy another great facet of Amateur Radio. The fine art of transmitter hunting is practiced at least 3 times a month by members of the club. On the 1st and

3rd Saturday nites of each month a group of very dedicated hunters gather at Grossmont Jr. College parking lot at 6pm to get the bearings on the hidden transmitter. You do NOT have to be a HAM to participate!! All you need to get started is some type of receiver, and attenuater, and a good antenna (beam)

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 in January!!

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, call 465-EXAM.
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NEW NET ON TUESDAYS

THE NET WILL START AT **8:00P.M.(0400)** ON **TUESDAYS**. IT WILL BE A WIDE OPEN NET. OPEN TO ALL. HAMS WILL TALK ABOUT:

- 1—RECIPES
- 2—FOOD
- 3—RADIO
- 4—ANT

- 5—GARDENING
- 6—VEGETABLES
- 7—OR ANY SUBJECT

FRITO, N6WKB

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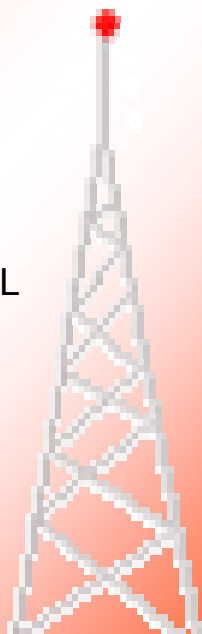
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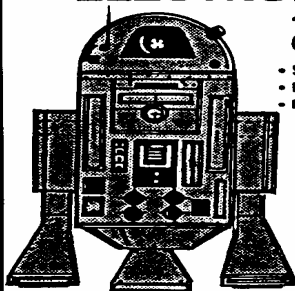


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- RACES Member
☐ Yes ☐ No
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March 2003



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2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14	15 6:30a Swap Meet 6 pm T Hunt
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