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From the President "Stogie" KG6JCW



The club has established a committee to find a new location for the Field Day. As of this time they have received input from only one person. I would like to see a lot more participation from the members. This search for a new site must be completed and approved by the membership by Field Day. If it is not approved we will reserve the AL Bahr Shrine Camp again next year. Please any suggestions to Mike Maston.

ARES is coming back to life. We had over 40 people at the Saturday Breakfast. It was good to see members of ARCEC at the meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all members of ARCEC to join if they have not and those who are members to continue to support ARES.

I would like to congratulate David Cyr KG6QCO on his appointment to the position of NET Manager replacing Frito Samano, N6WKB who resigned. As many of you now David is also our Field Day Chairman. So lets support him and the nets. We are running all the nets on 146.265 with a PL of 107.2 only, no 10 meters. Also due to a conflict the Wide Open Ham Net on Tuesday has been slipped 15 min. to 2015 local time. The WAMO Nets on Wednesday and Saturday will continue to be at 2000 local time. I encourage everyone to participate in the nets. Good luck David.

General Membership Meeting



Thursday, May 13, 7:00 PM

Santee Baptist Church - 9320 Prospect Ave, Santee CA

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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON

8 April 2004

General Membership Meeting

The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Michael "Stogie" Panger at 1900hrs. After the pledge of Allegiance, visitors were welcomed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT was approved as corrected.

TREASURER Susan, KF6WXA gave her report. It was approved and filed for audit.

This evening's speaker is Monica Zech.

After the program there was a short break before the continuation of the meeting.

PRESIDENT Panger, KG6JCW reported that he visited the field day site at the Al Bahr Shrine and stated that everything was in order.

EDUCATION chairman Mike, N6OPH reported that the general theory class has been completed. The next class will be the CW course to be offered in July.

HEALTH & WELFARE chairman reported that Griff is recovering from a urinary tract infection.

CLUB HISTORIAN Phil, N6WHK would like to resign and is looking for a replacement. Volunteers are needed.

NET MANAGER David, KG6QCO reported that the net is now being offered on the 146.265 machine. This was granted by SANDARC.

SOCIAL chairman Xemi, KD6PRV is seeking volunteers for helping out in the cooking chores at the field day event. Al, KA6RLX reported that Cupid Catering will be doing the Christmas party for \$11 per plate. They have been paid \$300 and the party will be held on 10 December.

PRIZE chairman Carl, WA6PPG reported that there is an Atlas 210X being offered as a prize this evening.

MEMBERSHIP chairman Joni, KF6MPB reported two new members. The club has 224 members. The WAMO net is starting to build up with some "rare" numbers.

SANDARC report was given by Mike, N6OPH. He reported that the new slate of officers for the 2004-2005 term were named. They are: Mike, N6OPH chairman; Skip, KD6RFQ vice chair; Anselmo, KD6PRV secretary; Joe, KM6EK treasurer. Mike also explained that we need volunteers for the El Cajon Club days at the Del Mar Fair. The club days are 11-12-13 June 2004. Mike, N6OPH is the club contact for Del Mar Fair signups. Mike also stated that SANDARC is considering acquiring the radio equipment necessary to set up an amateur/MARS station on the USS Midway. Mike has already started the process to complete this project. The logo con-

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test for the 2006 convention has another month before submissions are closed. One logo has been submitted by a member of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. The winner of the contest will receive a free admission to the convention and a single banquet ticket.

PUBLIC SERVICE chairman Rich, N6NKJ reported that he desperately needs volunteers to fill the ranks of ARES. It is suggested that ARES members also join RACES as level III operators.

PUBLIC RELATIONS chairman, Paul has started the process of informing the public regarding El Cajon Club activities and field day.

FIELD DAY chairman David, KG6QCO reported that a safety officer for field day has yet to be appointed. This is a very important position. The president asked for volunteers, however, there was no response from the membership.

There being no further business before the general membership the meeting was adjourned at 2030hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

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

May Birthdays

564	N6MTG	Earl	Graham	May	1
1612	KG6KLM	Felly	Parel	May	1
634	KB6MLS	William	Fuller	May	2
806	KC6LEX	Andrea	Ames	May	3
1591	KG6IIQ	Bob	Cooke	May	4
868	KC6SDG	Ron	Kerzner	May	8
		Herbert	Mansfield	May	9
988	K7OY	Maynard	Skidmore	May	10
1234	KE6HBQ	Greg	Richard	May	11
1000	KB6WQO	Carol	Myrick (L)	May	12
729	KA6RLX	Al	Gentz (L)	May	14
1038	KD6KHQ	Linda	Kennedy	May	14
1156	KD6ZNU	Shirley	Boehme (L)	May	14
203	W6JPB	Joe	Wilkerson	May	17
1116	AD6VI	Steve	Early	May	17
333	WB6DSP	Dave	Johnson	May	19
1577	K6FQR	Allen	Guinup	May	20
1330	KF6BOJ	Ed	Bergquist	May	24
530	NV6E	Herald	Sawdy (L)	May	25
100	K6CR	Cliff	Richardson	May	30
588	W6ULU	Bob	Peasley	May	30
1501	KF6UJC	Bob	Crouch	May	31



BPL HANDOUT AVAILABLE FROM ARRL (taken from the ARRL Letter 4-2-04)

ARRL has posted a two-page document <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/BPL-leave-behind.pdf> that discusses Broadband over Power Line (BPL) in lay terms. "Broadband over Power Line: Why Amateur Radio is Concerned about its Deployment" is available for reprinting and use as a handout when, for example, dealing with members of Congress, municipal officials, power utilities and the news media.

While emphasizing that hams do not oppose broadband services per se and tend to be "early adopters" of new technology, the information sheet outlines Amateur Radio's concern about BPL's potential to create interference. Other broadband delivery methods "do not pollute the radio spectrum as BPL does," the paper states.

It also defines BPL, outlines its current deployment status, discusses FCC regulations already in place and explains that BPL's interference potential is real, not just theoretical. Finally, it lists "Others at risk," including short-wave listeners, public safety agencies and federal government radio systems.

San Diego County Fair

Fair dates 11 June-5 July 2004

(Dark days July 7,14,21,28,2004)

The fair is a chance to show the Public what hobby and emergency service is about. The fair will run 25 days. There will be two radios, one HF, and one tri-band, a general is nice because they operate the HF and fill out the QST cards and SANDARC will send them out. All for free.

There will be 3 shifts per day Fair will be close on all Mondays except July 5

- 10:00am-2:00pm
- 2:00pm-6:00pm
- 6:00pm-1:000pm

Things to do have some fun, inter act with other hams that stop by, recruit for your club or other clubs those are closer to them. Hand out pamphlets yours, and other clubs to. In addition, have some fun at the fair see the fair with family and friends, before, or after you shift, show up early and stay **All day**. However, be on time for your shift. Reminder we are always talking recruiting, recruiting now is the time to do it So sign up now, see your club scheduler now. Or ask your club president.



Memorial Day 2004

Let me remind you of the Calendar of Events!!

May 1: Swap Meet, Santee Drive in, 6:30 am

May 1: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

May 4: Board Meeting

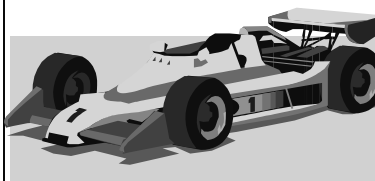
May 8: ARES Meeting

May 13: General Meeting

May 15: Swap Meet, Santee Drive in, 6:30 am

May 15: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

May 31: Memorial Day



Indy 500

E-Mail!!!

Want to receive E-mail reminders of club meetings? How 'bout when the latest edition of the Counterpoise is online? Join the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's e-mail reflector. Just send a message to:

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BOGUS ARRL.NET MESSAGES STILL CIRCULATING

(taken from the ARRL Letter 3-19-04)

E-mail messages purporting to be from the ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/emailfwd.html>>, "The ARRL.net team" or some variation continue to show up in members' inboxes. The messages, which often carry a subject line along the lines of "Warning about your e-mail account," indicate that the recipient's ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service <call sign>@arrl.net address will be closed within three days because of an alleged violation of acceptable practices. These messages are false and did not come from The ARRL Forwarding Service. They are the result of one of the variants on a number of viruses now permeating the Internet. A file usually is attached to these messages. As always, do not open any attachments that you cannot identify. Opening the file could result in your computer being infected by a virus. This is only one of the several virus-laden messages currently propagating across the Internet.

The ARRL advises its members to be cautious in opening any message and/or attachment, even if it appears to be from someone you know. All of these viruses use e-mail addresses from the address book of an infected computer to falsify the "From:" address in the header to make it appear that the message is from someone the recipient knows.

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)	

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10990 WOODSIDE AVE., North
FOR INFORMATION, CALL 449-SWAP
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1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
Gates open 6:30 AM

Show Your Colors!!

**You can order club t-shirts
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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ARCEC Membership Application

1. Amateur Call Sign

2. Class of License

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:

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