



The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's **Counterpoise**



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Calendar of Events!!

September 1: Labor Day

September 2: Board Meeting

September 5-7 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention at the Long Beach Hilton, Long Beach, Ca

September 6: Santee Swap Meet, 6:30am, Santee Drive In

September 6: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

September 10: General Club Meeting

September 20: Santee Swap Meet, 6:30am, Santee Drive In

September 20: T-Hunt 6pm, Grossmont College parking lot

Cover Photo: Chef Bill KD6QB cooking fiddles at picnic!! Photo by Chemi KD6PRV

Minutes of the July 2003 General Meeting



Wednesday, July 9, 2003

Call to Order: 7:03pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. After which he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We the had an extremely enlightening presentation on Alzheimer's Diseases and the Safe Return Program by Linda Cioffi. For more information see the web site "san.alz.org". After which we broke for coffee and cookies. The coffee and cookies, which were provided in part by Vuong Bunsold, KB6RCT and Ben, WA6BEN. At 7:52pm hrs the business section of the meeting was commenced.

President's Report: Pat, WA6MHZ proudly displayed the blue ribbon that he won at the Delmar Fair pie-eating contest. Pat reported that he went, to COSTCO, to look at gas fired barbeques to support the Field Day since the charcoal is no longer allowed in the National Forest. One was found that would fit our need for \$800. He then stated that we should be able to find one that fits our need for less than that amount.

Secretary's Report: Stogie, KG6JCW moved that the minutes be accepted as published. Jeff, KG6JRM seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Vice President's Report: Jeff, KG6JRM has the field day pins available, anyone wishing to purchase one should contact him.

Treasurer's Report: Susan, KF6WXA read the Treasures report into the record. Susan was asked by Seth if the money collected for the Repeater Fund was accounted for separately or placed in the General Fund. Susan stated that the stated that the Repeater Fund was a separate line item on the ledgers.

Public Service: Rich, N6NKJ thanked everyone who participated in CDF Red Flag Patrol. They had enough operators to staff 7 routes. For those interested Red Flag training will be held, at 09:00AM Sat. July 12, 2003, At the County EOC. RAVES will be holding training at the Kearny Mesa Rec. Center on Sat July 19, 2003 at 10:00AM. This training will be on basic FM communications.

SANDARC Report: Larry, AE6AV stated that Mike, N6OHP thanked everyone that turned out to man the booth at the Delmar Fair. He also stated the SANDARC was still looking for a 2006 Convention Chairman. Larry stated that ARRL Radio Roundup would be held on Aug. 16, 2003. Mike, N6OPH stated that SANDARC was looking for an RFI/EMI Chairman and that SANDARC had all the equipment necessary to do the job.

MEMBERSHIP: No Report

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were 38 members present and two visitors.

Richard Klitzke, KG6QPN

Richard Klotzsche, NJ6F

Health & Welfare: No Report

Old Business: None

New Business: The picnic will be held August 23, 2003 at La Mesita Park in La Mesa. Joni, KF6MPB moved that we spend up to \$500 for a gas-fired barbeque to support field day and the picnic. The motion was seconded by Rich, N6NKJ. The motion was passed. Jeff, KG6JRM was delegated to acquire the barbeque.

Stogie, KG6JCW moved that we use the club call WA6BGS for the next field day. The motion was seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. A motion to amend was made by Joni, KF6MPB the motion to

the next field day. The motion was seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. A motion to amend was made by Joni, KF6MPB the motion to state that WA6BGS would be used from now on. This motion was seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. It was pointed out that some of the people who were behind the use of WS6F as the Field Day call had the same problem as the rest of us with the call. Joni and several other Field Day operators also pointed out the other stations were asking what happened to BIG GREEN SPIDERS (WA6BGS).

The amended motion was passed.

A MOTION to adjourn by Mike, N6OPN and Seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. Meeting adjourned at 2044 Hrs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW

Secretary, ARC of El Cajon, Inc.

AUGUST 2003 Minutes

Wednesday, August 13Th, 2003

Call to Order: 7:00pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. After which He led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Due to unknown reasons the guest speaker was unable to make it to the meeting. We conduct a brief discussion of fire safety, which was the topic for the nights speaker, then conducted some of the club business. The club flag which was missing in action at Field Day has reappeared and was present at tonight's meeting. At about 7:35pm we broke for coffee and cookies. The coffee and cookies, which were provided by Vuong Bunsold, KB6RCT and Ben, WA6BEN. At 7:53pm hrs we recommenced the business section of the meeting.

President's Report: Pat stated that the Christmas Party was on track. He has confirmed the arrangements with the El Cajon Elks Lodge.

Secretary's Report: Since last months report was not published in the Counterpoise it was not approved. It will be published this month.

Vice President's Report: Not Present

Treasurer's Report: Susan, WF6WXA read the Treasures report into the record. The Treasures report was approved

Education Report: Mike, N6OPH accepted the position of Education Committee Chairman. He also reported on the progress of the General Theory Class he is conducting at this time. It was stated that he is down to five students and should be completing the class next week.

Public Service: Hillsdale Middle School Update: Rich, N6NKJ resigned as the chairman of the Hillsdale Middle School project. Pat, WA6MHZ now has possession of all of the equipment for the school. In his report, Rich stated that they were still waiting for the school districts superintendent of maintenance and school district architect to approve the installation of the antennas.

Red Flag Patrol: Rich, N6NKJ reported the last Red Flag Patrol was a big success. We, the Amateur Community of San Diego, fielded 7 two-man units to patrol the backcountry. The units must have at least one Amateur Radio operator who has attended Red Flag Training. The second person need not be a qualified radio operator. So if you want to have a fun day driving an assigned loop in the backcountry think about volunteering. You may see and learn new things about San Diego County, and if the state has the money get paid for the mileage.

Ham Radio Roundup: Pat, WA6MHZ reported that the Club flag would be at Roundup on Sat. August 16, 2003. The Roundup will start at 10AM and go to 3PM. The Club will have a booth at this

event. Pat stated that he would also be demonstrating PSK 31 at Roundup. For information on the event see the ARES section or RAVES web sites. Talk in is 146.55mhz simplex. The Section manager and the ARRL Vice Director will also be present at the event. Food and drinks will be provided.

SANDARC Report: Larry, AE6AV gave the SANDARC report. He stated that SANDARC was still looking for a 2006 convention chairman. He stated that Mike, N6OPH was making progress at getting bids for the venue and would continue to gather information for the convention. Mike, N6OPH gave a report on the NCVEC meeting and the discussion that were held. It was stated NCVEC had made a suggestion to FCC to immediately remove the code requirement. The FCC commented that they could not do anything immediately. The NCVEC voted 9-2 to submit the proposal to remove the code requirement.

MEMBERSHIP: No report.

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were 40 members present and that we had three guests present. The guests were:

June Callier

Mary Acevedo

Raymond Boisvert

Health & Welfare: No report.

Old Business:

Field Day Report: Mike, N6OPH presented a written report. A motion was made by Mike, N6OPH and seconded by Stogie, KG6JCW that the report be published in the Counterpoise. This is due to an incident that occurred and the results of the investigation. There are also recommendations as to some improvements that can be made to the next Field Day. Mike also stated that he found out later that the offending person had been caught and that the person involved was not connected was not a member of the Club and that the appropriate action had been take against the person involved. Thank you Mike

Club Attire: Ed, AI6O Reported that he had accepted custody of the remaining stock of shirts. It was noted that the current stock was running low and that we would need to get more. He also has located a source for shirts, hats and jackets. We will not be able to get the shirts with pocket in the original Kelly Green. The closest color is the darker forest green which most of us now wear. He also asked how we would like to run the operation and it was agreed that we would like to continue to fund the initial purchases and collect on the sale of the items. Thank you Ed

Club Picnic: The Club Picnic will be held on August 23, 2003 at La Mesita Park 8855 Dallas Street La Mesa, CA 91942. Take the 125 to Fletcher Parkway. Then Fletcher Parkway east to Dallas. Left on Dallas to the park. Get there early lunch served at noon. There will be a \$50 gift certificate given away to HRO (the candy store). Also Free Food and Drink. We will be testing our new barbeque for the Club. It was suggested that we paint a Club logo on the barbeque. Since most of us have not seen it, it was given a reprieve from a new paint scheme. Come one come all.

Grossmont Hospital: Rich, N6NKJ made a report on the change that are going on with the EMS equipment at the hospital. This included potential new location of an antenna which is being purchased by the hospital.

New Business: None

A MOTION to adjourn by and seconded by Stogie, KG6JCW. Meeting was adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW

Secretary, ARC of El Cajon, Inc.

Need a new Meeting Site!!!!

We have just been informed that as of December 11th, 2003, our rent at the Masonic Lodge will raise dramatically. This being the case, we are in desperate need of a new meeting location. If any club member knows of a great location that will seat fifty to one hundred people at a very reasonable price, please let Pat WA6MHZ or any of the board members know. This could be a church rec hall, community/rec centers, maybe even school cafeterias. Maybe the Salvation Army, Red Cross chapters or other groups that we help have meeting rooms that we can meet in.

Folks we need you help!!!



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The Counterpoise and other items of interest are online!!

September Birthdays



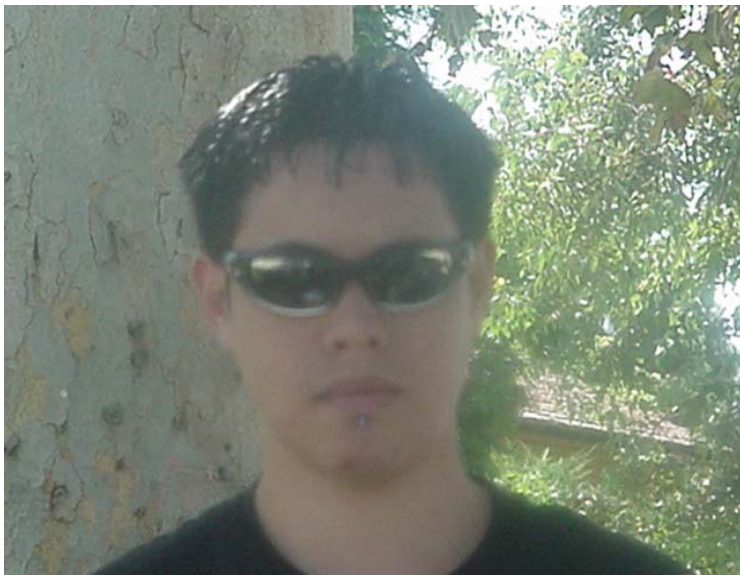
Happy Birthday!

1428 WB6NFK	Paul	Liesberg	Sept.	06
0709 KF6KE	Richard	West	Sept.	07
1165 KE6CBJ	Errol	Bruce	Sept.	08
1443 AE6CQ	Michael	Martak	Sept.	08
1420 KF6OXP	Fred	Myers	Sept.	09
1508 W6AFF	Dick	Hoolihan	Sept.	11
0541 N6JOJ	Tom	Myrick	Sept.	12
0852 KC6EKU	Dan	Heck	Sept.	12
1613 KG6IEB	Marian	Lunati	Sept.	13
1552 KG6BBW	Steve	Smith	Sept.	14
1256 KD6OKR	Dan	Briggs	Sept.	15
1192 WD6BTM	Chris	Bille	Sept.	16
0573 N6NKJ	Rich	Beisigl	Sept.	20
	Robert	Gomez	Sept.	21
1462 W6REY	Rey	Armstrong	Sept.	22
0547 WA6LGV	Ralph	Landers	Sept.	24

The above was taken from the Sep 2002 Counterpoise



Bill Allen N6XD and Tuck NZ6T
Recently in Oxnard, Ca
Bill, an Oxnard Resident is a member of the club



Ben WA6BEN



“Dag nab it, I know it’s in there somewhere!!”



The Picnic Group 2003



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Michael Martak AE6CQ. He was the lucky prize winner at the club picnic held on August 23rd. He was awarded a \$50 gift certificate from Ham Radio Outlet!!

WAY TO GO MIKE!!

**A recent T Hunt
W6LKK & N6JOJ were the hidiers**



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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 Cen- ter 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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Tuck Miller at:
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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:

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Input: 146.475

PL: 107.20

224.080 — 107.20 PL

445.900 — 141.30 PL



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Field Day aftermath report Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

5 August 2003

Background The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon conducts a *Field Day Exercise* on the last full weekend of June on an annual basis. This exercise has been held at the Al Bahar Shrine and campground in the Mt. Laguna area. We use the Shrine facilities, which include the galley, the lodge buildings and the cabins. We use the porch of the lodge for the actual radio stations. We pay for this usage in the amount of at least \$250. This is our fourth year at this site.

Incident Field Day was held during the weekend of 28 June. Many of the club principals arrived on Friday, 27 June to set up the antenna structures and radio stations. This year, there was a new camp manager. The event was marred by some egregious safety violations but was generally considered a success. On Sunday at the conclusion of the event, the Field Day Chairman and the club Past President did a walk through of the premises and adjudged it clean. After the club Past President left the premises, the Field Day Chairman and the Campground Manager did a walk through and pronounced everything in order. At all appearances the camp manager was pleased with our use and the way we left the facility at the conclusion of our event. However, before the end of the week the camp manager contacted Jeff Davis and directly accused the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon of stealing five bottles of hard liquor one-half case of beer. He further stated that if we don't return the ill gotten goods or give the name of the individual that stole it we would not be allowed to use the site for the next field day event in 2004. Jeff asked that I make inquiries and report to the board of directors at the August meeting.

Aftermath First, I contacted Chet Smith. He has been our liaison between the lodge and the club in the years past. However, he has largely retired from this position. While he was very sympathetic to our concerns, he stated that there was really nothing that he could do about it. He suggested that I contact Ken Grieves. Upon contacting Mr. Grieves I explained the situation to him. He stated that he would speak to the camp manager and return my call. Within the week he did indeed return my call. He stated that the camp manager explained to him that the lock on the liquor cabinet had been "jimmied." He also backed off from a direct accusation and further informed Ken that the club would be re-invited to use the campground next year. He claimed that there might have been another group after the El Cajon Club. He had no proof, either direct or indirect that the El Cajon Club was involved in the theft. He considered the matter concluded.

Recommendation I believe that the club must proceed with extreme caution. The camp manager has proven to be at best duplicative. The club needs to re-confirm our invitation directly with the camp manager and obtain a written statement of all of the rules and regulations of the campgrounds and site. Further, the club needs to appoint a safety officer a person of proven ability to manage the event. This safety officer will need to have sufficient authority to prevent a repeat of safety and camp rules violations. A long-term goal of the club would be to either replace the present camp manager as he has shown a personal animus to our club or to select an alternate location for 2005. Club members and officers need to be informed that there will be no violations and that our future location may depend on it.

Respectfully submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH

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:

14. **Sponsored by:**

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From the President

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ



Hot enough for you??? Too hot for me, I miss air conditioning and since the House pool is now a green fishpond, our family has to just use a fan for relief! A cold Shower SURE feels GOOD now! So what are you doing this insufferable summer? Dxing? (bands are dead) Homebrewing? (Too hot in the workshop!) Antenna work (Sunburn time!) But, COOLER days are coming, and they can't come soon enough!

But there are STILL lots of wonderful events left in the year for ARCEC Members and friends. We have the big Homebrew contest coming up in November, and, in December, will be the annual Election and GALA Christmas Party! Also at that time will be the WA6MHZ RECALL Ballot! Wonder if we should have another AUCTION? April's event was a spectacular success!!!

Ham Radio Roundup was a great success! WA6BEN and I set up a nice QRP PSK31 display much like we had at Field Day, and there was much interest. Stogie KG6JCW manned the booth for many hours as well, and many club members stopped by to show support. Bill KD6QB cooked mounds of hamburgers for the masses. NEWS 8's Chopper flew over and circled, but didn't stop. Guess they wondered what the flurry of activity was. The Hilltop location was ideal, and all had a fine time. It will be even better next year!

LOOKING ON THE BRIGHT SIDE DEPT. WA6BEN informed us he was joining the other LEMMINGS at school and getting a stud put in his lip. WHAT??? NO WAY!!! I roared!!! But his little mother overrode my vote and now he has some onboard hardware. NOW he has a place to wear his 2003 Field Day pin! EWWW!!! That must hurt!!! Do you have YOURS yet? If not, see our VP Jeff KG6JRM. You can put yours on your HAT.

General Membership Meeting Wednesday, Sept 10, 7:00 PM
La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa