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Ave. Next meeting
September 9, 2004 7:00 pm

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Club Picnic 2004 La Mesta Park



NF6E Jason made one contact, With K5ALU/M in ST. Luis in his Subaran.

Jason's set up was a FT 897, MFJ 971 Tuner, Running 20 Watts to a W3FF
Buddipole on battery power.

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Would you like to be in the next HAM Spot Light?

The Counterpoise is looking for Staff Writers for Tech Talk, Band Condition Reports, new equipment reports, and other articles of interest to the Amateur Radio community.

Please contact KC6QLS Paul at:

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From The President "Stogie" KG6JCW



Club members, it's time to show off your knowledge! We need you to step up to the plate and take leadership. We wish to see more hams become active with the club. We have a project coming up and we would appreciate your help.

It appears that the El Cajon Fire Department is looking reactivating the Ham Radio equipment in the EOC. We will need people to help replace the antenna and restore the station to operation. Also Monica Zech, Safety Educator & Public Information Officer for the El Cajon Fire Department, has requested our assistance in training for the East County CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) team members as Amateur Radio Operators. We will need members to support both of these projects. We will be passing information as it becomes available.

The T-Shirts for those who have ordered and shirts will be at the meeting and cost is \$11.00 (up from \$10) due to an increase in the set up charge. Thanks. ED Felter AI6O

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Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
12 August 2004



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by the club president Michael "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW at 1900hrs. After the pledge of Allegiance visitors were welcomed. Tom, KC6NXZ introduced our speaker, Pete McConnell AB6IH who spoke on animal rescue and fire operations.

After the break, the meeting continued with the SECRETARY'S REPORT which was approved as published in the Counterpoise.

TREASURER Susan, KF6WXA reported on the condition of the treasury. Everything is in order. The report approved as read and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT was given by Stogie; KG6JCW awarded Joni, KE6MPB a plaque for her outstanding operating on 20 meters during field day.

SOCIAL chairman Xemi, KD6PRV reported that the picnic will be held at La Mesita Park at 1100hrs on 21 August. He needs help in the transportation of the barbeque as well as the food.

Please bring your own chairs.

EDUCATION report was given by Mike, N6OPH.

HEALTH & WELFARE Mr. Ed is a SK BOJ.

COUNTERPOISE editor Paul Rios reported that he has put a "new twist" on the layout of the Counterpoise.

The club seems to be very pleased with the result. He is also looking for a technical writer and staff to submit articles for the Counterpoise.

WAMO net manager Dave reported that the net is picking up. There is a possibility that one of the nets would be expanded.

MEMBERSHIP report was given by Joni KF6MPB. There are 200 paid members. She announced that Dave Cyr, KG6QCO will be the new membership chairman.

SANDARC report was given by Len W5FWF. He stated that the El Cajon Club fulfilled their commitment for the manning of the booth. Classes will be held in September and October. The convention venue has been narrowed down to the Town and Country and the Marriott Mission Valley. Mike, N6OPH reported on the resignation of Joe Utschig, KM6EK as treasurer. He was replaced by Don Bain, N6CEO. Stogie, KG6JCW was appointed as a new member of the SANDARC board.

PUBLIC SERVICE chairman Rich, N6NKJ reported the next training will be held on 14 August for ARES. The ARES breakfast and training will be the topic of the training will be emergency antennae. More operators are required to be prepared for the next firestorm. WELCOMING reported that there are 35 members and 6 visitors. This evening's visitors are Gary Socha, Charlie Counts, Pete McConnell, AB6IH, Bridget Rios, Kendall Guffy, KT6DJV and Mike Last, NH7JT. Welcome aboard!!

NEW BUSINESS: Tom, KC6NXZ was very upset that there is a conflict between the ham radio roundup and the educational schedule set up by SANDARC.

There being no further business before the general membership the meeting was adjourned at 2052hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael P. Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



The Editor's Corner KC6QLS Paul



Well, I got the first Counterpoise out on time. It took me a few hours of layout and custom graphic design. I tried to make it fun and include all the pertinent info. The over all feed back has been good. Yes, I did make two small text errors, "COUNTERPOISE and www.gsl.net/WA6BGS", two of the most importation text words in the world of ham radio. Now that they have been addressed, I can move on to making the news letter better.

Ann KC6TBG, my XYL, and I had the opportunity to attend the Wildland Fire Safety training that Roxanne Provaznik from the CDF gave.

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Thirty-two Hams total attended this class, which covered all the Wildland safely rules and why they are important to know. Roxanne gave us handouts to keep on our person to refresh us when we need them. I personally thought the class was very well done. I learned things I never knew about fires and the ways to keep myself and others safe when helping others in the wake of a fire. I hope to attend more classes presented by Roxanne and encourage other HAMS to do the same.

A special thank you to Roxanne you for your time, an excellent presentation and for providing useful handouts to keep us informed and for use on the fire lines.

If you have any reports, listings "for sale and wanted items", stories or letters to the Editor, please contact me at the address below and put Counterpoise in the subject line.

Paul Rios KC6QLS
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1 st Saturday:	El Cajon 10:00 am El Cajon Central Fire Station 160 E. Lexington Ave. (in Back)
2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 10:00 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 9:00 am Salvation Army 643 Third Ave Chula Vista
5 th or last Saturday:	Escondido 10:00 am Escondido Chamber of Commerce 720 north Broadway Escondido
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Club Attire

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Contact: Ed Felter AI6O at 668-0928

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WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights

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10 Meters: 28.480

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:

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Nets held on club repeaters

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2 Meters

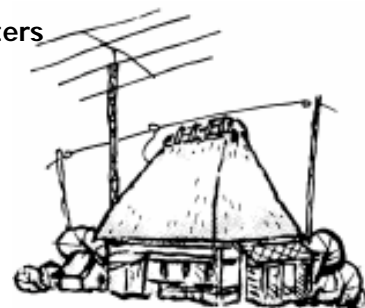
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Don't miss it, all members welcome.

Calendar of Events September 2004

September 4: Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30am
September 4: T-Hunt, Grossmont Collage lot, 6:00 pm
September 7: Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
September 9: General Meeting, 7:00pm
September 11: ARES Meeting, 8:00am
September 18: Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30am
September 18: T-Hunt, Grossmont Collage lot, 6:00 pm

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May we list: Y N	
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11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

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New () or Renewal ()	WAMO Number
Certificate Issued	Computer Database Updated
Paid Cash ()	Check No.
Check ()	

Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to David Cry KG6QCO, and he will send you the database back as an attachment. He uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-328-0246 or KG6QCO@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthdays

September 6	WB6NFK	Paul	Liesberg
September 8	KE6CBJ	Errol	Bruce
September 8	AE6CQ	Michael	Martak
September 9	KF6OXP	Fred	Myers
September 11	W6AFF	Dick	Hoolihan
September 12	N6JOJ	Tom	Myrick (L)
September 12	KC6EKU	Dan	Heck
September 13	KG6IEB	Marian	Lunati
September 14	KG6BBW	Steve	Smith
September 16	WD6BTM	Chris	Bille
September 17	KF6DXU	Perry	Crampton
September 20	N6NKJ	Rich	Beisigl
September 24	WA6LGV	Ralph	Landers

Word Search

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Jokes

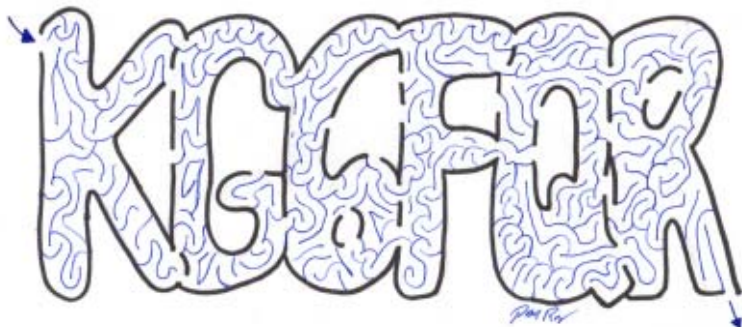
Right now I'm having amnesia and deja vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.



Amateur	Kenwood
Amplifier	MHz
Base	QST
Cloningcable	Receiver
Coaxswitch	Scan
Contest	Solidstate
DC	Tower
Decode	Transmit
Dial	Wamo
Dummyload	Wattmeter
Equipment	

Bonus Word: QRP

MAZE



Last Month Word Search

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Known to the world as the horseshoer, known to us as Al Guinup, we take a moment to look into the life of another Ham. Al Guinup, KG6FQR, WAMO #1597, a Tech from Mexico, New York (yes that's Mexico, a city in New York) has been a member of the Club since March 2001.

Becoming the first in his family to be a Ham, his first passion lies with horses. A third generation horseshoer since 1936, Guinup spent seven years as an apprentice learning the details and specialties in keeping these magnificent animals happy and healthy. After working hard sweeping floors, keeping to fires and learning all he could, he finally "got a horse." Paying special attention to the happiness of both the horse and the customer, Guinup has been keeping well balanced feet on horses ever since.

It was not always treating horses for Guinup. He served in the U.S. Navy as P.O. 1st Class from October 1940 until 1946 traveling to the Pacific, Pearl Harbor, Alaska, Guam and Sipan during WWII. He worked with the Ship Fitters Gang on the USS Lamberton painting and doing maintenance. Afterward, he returned to be master horseshoer and teacher.

Guinup enjoys Ham Radios because he is able to meet new faces. He favors 6M and 2M. He continues to expand his knowledge of the Ham world while tending to his customers' horses. With three grandchildren, hopefully this tradition will pass on to the next generation with his technique, skill and care.

No longer just another voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on Al Guinup KG6FQR.

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Tassy Rios, Staff Writer



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National Preparedness Month

Hello ARRL members of the ARRL Field Organization who are:

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Public Information Coordinators,
Public Information Officers,
and Affiliated Club Coordinators,

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), along with many other agencies and organizations including ARRL, are launching "National Preparedness Month" beginning on September 9, 2004. In addition, September 11 is ARRL's Amateur Radio Awareness Day.

The two events offer great opportunities for Amateur Radio to showcase its valued service to the nation. ARRL Affiliated Clubs and the Field Organization should take advantage of this national event and set up demonstrations in public arenas, such as schools, malls and fairs, to present and explain to the public, under the banner of National Preparedness Month, just what the Amateur Radio service provides to their community. This is also an excellent opportunity to recruit prospective hams for licensing classes that you may be forming for the fall season.

"National Preparedness Month brings together an amazing coalition of partners to make citizen preparedness a priority for every city, every neighborhood and every home across America," said Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. "Homeland security is a shared responsibility and I am pleased that so many organizations and so many national leaders are working together to help get this information out into communities across the nation."

As a reminder, the League has printed material available for Affiliated Clubs and others to use for these types of exhibits. Brochures can be downloaded free from the web at: <http://www.arrl.org/htdig/?method=and&words=brochure> or Exhibit Kits can be ordered through Linda Mullally, KB1HSV. lmullally@arrl.org

There is a small shipping fee for the printed material.

While displays should be informative, they should also be neat and simple.

Here is an example of the display that the New York City ARES group did at Ellis Island on Flag Day this past June:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/06/22/3/>

Ham groups can invite public officials, served agencies and first responders to stop by the exhibit to talk about plans for the Simulated Emergency Test or other drills. Need a sample of a news release to spread the word? Go to <http://www.arrl.org/pio/handbook/sample-news-release.html> and customize the release to match your club's plans.

ARRL members and schools may use National Preparedness Month to set up their own emergency communications plans.

We really hope that ham groups will take advantage of this opportunity and get out into the community. If you have any questions about National Preparedness Month or about demonstrations in general please contact ARRL at clubs@arrl.org.

Silent Keys

Mister Ed, KF6BOJ (Ed Bergquist).
Best wishes to Ed's family



WA6MHZ's 1967 AM 2 Meter Radio

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Roxanne Provazik
Fire Prevention Specialist II



F Fight fire aggressively but provide for **SAFETY FIRST**.
I Initiate all action based on current and expected **FIRE BEHAVIOR**.
R Recognize current **WEATHER CONDITIONS** and obtain forecasts.
E Ensure **INSTRUCTIONS** are given understood.

O Obtain current information on **FIRE STATUS**.
R Remain in **COMMUNICATION** with crew members, your supervisor, and adjoining forces.
D Determine **SAFETY ZONES** and **ESCAPE ROUTES**.
E Establish **LOOKOUTS** in potentially hazardous situations.
R Retain **CONTROL** at all times.
S Stay **ALERT**, keep **CALM**, **THINK** clearly, **ACT** decisively.

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WAMO Report Work All Members Only

W6LKK Erich



Well, I am pleased to see the increased WAMO activity this month. It has been a very long time since I had several submittals for certificates in one month. If you have any logs that you haven't submitted please do so, so I can get you the great looking certificates. I don't know any HAMS that don't appreciate another certificate for their shack.

If you have any submittals you can submit them by email to erichb@cox.net or you can send them via snail mail to Erich Bennett 1117 Marline Ave, El Cajon, Ca 92021.

I am happy to announce the following club members that have been issued certificates this month.

WAMO#	CALLSIGN	NAME	CERTIFICATE TYPE
1108	KD6VKZ	ED EBBERT	NEW CERTIFICATE
1344	KD6DJU	KENDALL GUFFEY	NEW CERTIFICATE
1623	KA6BKR	TONY HERNANDEZ	NEW CERTIFICATE
1650	N6IEF	MICHAEL LEBO	CENTURY 1

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Jason NF6E and Rich NY6F

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