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# Counterpoise


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## From the President

 Have you noticed that every time that we attend a general membership meeting, during the break, there is coffee and cookies or donuts in the rear of the meeting room? They don't just happen. They are brought there by volunteers. Hardly anybody sees them do their work but, when the break occurs, the goodies are waiting. Those people are just as important to the club as the treasurer or any of the many chairmen. The refreshments and such have been the responsibility of Evelyn, N6EVE. Stop by the rear of the hall and say "thank you".

Our July speaker is none other than John N. Hudson, WA6HYQ. He is the OES manager here in San Diego, CA and a very important man in the amateur radio community. Should there be a disaster in our area, we would coordinate our activities with his state agency along with RACES and ARES. However, he will speak to us about another role. He is currently serving as the 2002 convention chairman. He will speak to us about the upcoming convention planning. The convention is an endeavor that SANDARC pursues every four years. This is our year!! Anyway, John will give all of the information necessary for a successful convention.

The CW class started on June 18 at the El Cajon Fire Station. Jeff Zimmer, AB6NE, is teaching this class. He is an avid CW

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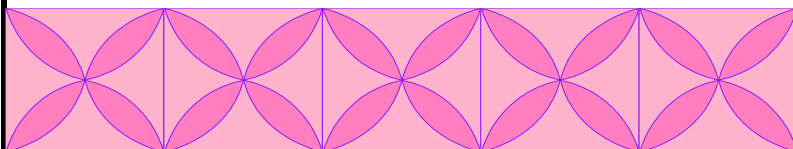
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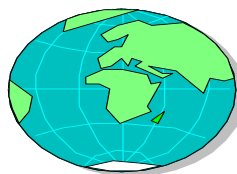
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# MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 12, 2002

The Meeting was called to order at 19:00 hrs by President Mike Maston, N6OPH.

**Visitors:** Bob, W6GG; Chuck, KF6FJU, and wife Maggie.

**DEL MAR FAIR:** Mike told us he has the tickets for our members to work in the Del Mar Fair booth. Our dates are Sat. & Sun., June 15 & 16, and Wed. & Thurs., June 26 & 27. Two to three people are needed each shift: 10:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 ~ 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to closing, which is usually around 9:00 p.m. Contact Mike to work a shift on June 26 & 27. His number is 619/296-9067. TALK IN for W6SLF: 146.730 MHz (-), PL 107.2 Hz.

Tuck mentioned that both he and Art Goddard will be at the SANDARC Booth on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**PROGRAM: Field Day 2002:** Galen Kelm, N6YBK, presented the Annual Field Day report. He mentioned that, this year, we can set up a Getting On The Air (GOTA) Station. This is for those who are new Hams, any interested persons including non-Hams who may wish to learn more about operating. They may operate any 160 ~ 440 band, excluding the WARC bands, and per the control operator's class of license who must be present. Each operator can collect no more than 100 contacts and 400 total for the station. Boy Scout Troop #108 from Lemon Grove has volunteered to set up and man the G.O.T.A. Station and will be using their call sign. As you may know, Field Day has a point system like most contests. We get extra points for G.O.T.A. as well other items like 2 points for CW contacts, handling NTS Traffic and copying the ARRL W1AW Bulletin. You can read more about this in QST or on the ARRL web pages.

Galen wanted to tell everyone that let's not forget that, even though Field Day is a most important Emergency Preparedness Event, it should also be a fun time for all. Participation is the key to our success in such an event. Everyone can benefit from the experience of working as a logger or radio operator.

Be sure to give Mike, N6OPH, a call if you need to sign up for Field Day participation. This way we know who will operate what bands and bringing

what equipment, etc. Call Mike at 619/296-9067.

We need people to help with set up on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Galen to let him know if you can help. We will meet for breakfast at the Ranch House restaurant on Woodside at Riverford in Santee. Call Galen at 619/448-8696. We also need help to tear down the antennas and stations on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. The operating times are 11:00 a.m. Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, through 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The location is the **Al Bahr Shrine Camp, 11670 Sunrise Hwy. on Mt. Laguna, CA, Telephone: 619-473-8009. Visit their WEB Site: <http://www.albahrshrine.org/shrinecamp.html>** As is the same every year, Club members and family are welcome Saturday at 5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m. or so for dinner. LET'S HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT!

This will be the last time we get to have Galen's company and his expertise at Field Day as he will be moving to Oregon later this year. Jeff, KG6JRM, has volunteered to be his replacement and will be Galen's shadow during Field Day to learn all of his secret techniques.

**Secretary's Report:** Previous Meeting Minutes of May 8th were approved as published in The CounterPoise.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy, KD6WUL, reported the Club's financial condition. Hearing no objections, the report was approved and will be filed for audit.

**President's Report: (cont'd)**

Repeater: Mike mentioned that the repeater seems to be down again this evening. Tuck told us the problem is intermittent and the Technical Committee is working diligently to solve this.

**Education:** A 0~5 wpm CW Class by Jeff Zimmer, AB6NE, will start on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Location: El Cajon Fire Station, 160 E. Lexington Ave., El Cajon.

**Vice President's Report:** Rich, N5EV, confirmed that he has been extended on active duty in Air Force for another five years. He will be reporting to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. in July. GOOD LUCK, RICH! We will all miss you! Don't forget the peanut butter.

**Health and Welfare:** Tuck, NZ6T: As some may already know, we have lost one of our members — John, W6MCY; also a younger man some of you may have known James, KF6YWH. Both of these Hams are now Silent Keys. Nancy told us that the missionary killed in the Philippines on June 10, 2002 was an Amateur Licensee — Martin R. "Ray" Burnham, KC0DNB. Please include the above families in your prayers.

Rich Beisigl, N6NKJ will be going into the hospital for back surgery on July 16<sup>th</sup>. He may be out of action for 2-3 months. Hurry back Rich! *Continued on page 5*

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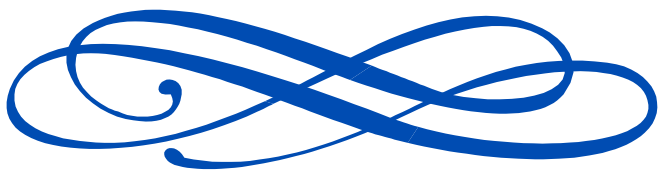
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fan; if anybody can teach CW, he can. I am sure that Jeff will have room in his class for you. Drop by and learn how to pound brass the right way!

The *Counterpoise* needs technical articles. If you have a particular technical niche in our hobby, write about it. The Club would like to tap the well of our talented members.

Our Vice-President, Rich, N5EV, is an active duty Air Force Colonel. He is being transferred from San Diego to Washington, D.C. and is scheduled to leave on July 1. He has served our Club in that office before and has presented some very interesting presentations. He leaves with the best wishes and 73's from all Club members, including this one. Thanks for your contribution to the Club and a job well done! Godspeed Rich!! Anybody who wants to act as a speaker's chairman let me know. My number is elsewhere in this *Counterpoise*.

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



**It's official folks! The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon Contesters now sport a new call sign. In memory and in honor of Charles Roy, we now have the call WS6F. This call is available for use in contests by Club members. Please contact Tuck, NZ6T, if you are contesting as a group and would like to use this as a group call.**

# July Birthdays

1469	WB6DTR	Alex	Groza	July	01
1515	KF6YVL	Denise	Taylor	July	01
1500	N6SIX	Joe	Acevedo	July	05
0909	NZ6T	Tuck	Miller	July	05
1137	KO6KT	Marlene	Zwick	July	06
1565	N6JZE	Del	Radant	July	07
0077	K6SK	Knick	Knickbocker	July	07
0473	W6QGD	Earle	Sherman	July	11
1494	KF6SXZ	Marco	Thorne	July	13
0566	WO6I	Bob	Crawford	July	15
1422	KF6OZD	Wayne	Oliver	July	15
0841	AC6AL	Lil	Roberts	July	16
1559	KG6CNB	Michael	Anderson	July	18
		Vivian	Miller	July	22
1499	KF6WNX	Earl	Davis	July	23
1425	N6LRV	Gary	Richardson	July	25
0739	WA1ZEN	Tim	Ames	July	27
0940	KD6DFH	Harry	Coyle	July	27
1143	KE6ASP	Everett	Ratta	July	27
1172	W6ANE	Don	Kerr	July	29
0660	N6OPH	Mike	Maston	July	31
1188	KE6GLM	Griff	Davies	July	31
1578	KB0ZBX	David	McClellan	July	??



**Happy Birthday!!!!**



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# General Membership Minutes Continued

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**Past President:** Tuck told us it is very important to send a letter or e-mail to your congressmen to ask that they co-sponsor HR-4720 which will extend the benefits of PRB-1 onto private CC&R's for relaxation of antenna restrictions. <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/09/17/101/>

**MEMBERSHIP:** Joni, KF6MPB, reported we now have 244 paid members. The final 2002 Roster will be out in July.

**Refreshments:** Evelyn, N6EVE, brought cookies and coffee and Cal brought the donuts.

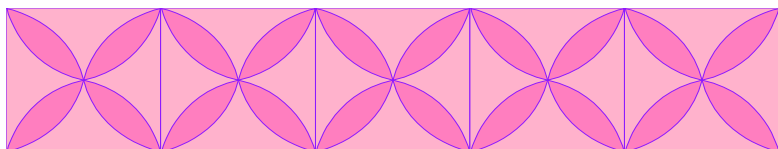
**Affiliated Clubs:** Larry, AE6AV, reported on the last SANDARC meeting. He told us that the Coronado Emergency Radio Operators have now been accepted into the council as a full member. A donation was made to support the Normal Heights Methodist church for VE testing rooms. They also purchased a TV/VCR to use at the Del Mar Fair. He also heaped a whole bunch of praise on Mike, N6OPH, for his relentless attention to matters of the 2002 ARRL Convention. The section manager Kent, K6FQ, and others made some major changes to the display for the booth with some very fine quality laminated posters depicting most activities of Amateur Radio and featuring all of the SANDARC Club logos, etc.

**Public Service:** Rich, N6NKJ, reported that there will be a Red Flag Orientation class on Sat., July 27, at Monte Vista. Volunteers are needed for the Pacific Crest Trail Run on June 22. Contact KC6YSO. The El Cajon Friendship Festival is in September and volunteers are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A motion was made by Tom, KF6YCU, seconded by Michael, AE6CQ, and amended by Tuck to purchase 25 Field Day pins for sale at \$5.00 each for participants.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Caudle, KC6NXZ  
Secretary, Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



## *Landmark Bill Could Provide Relief to Amateurs From Restrictive Covenants*

A bill introduced in Congress could provide relief to amateurs who are prevented by private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions — CC&R's — from installing outdoor antennas. Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" May 14. The measure — designated H.R. 4720 — would require private land-use regulators — such as homeowners' associations — to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio antennas consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

The measure contains but one sentence:

*For purposes of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation relating to station antenna structures in the Amateur Radio Service (47 CFR 97.15), any private land use rules applicable to such structures shall be treated as a state or local regulation and shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as a state or local regulation.*

Israel, whose father, Howard, is K2JCC, said in a statement read into the *Congressional Record* that under current law, the FCC does not apply its PRB-1 policy consistently. "My bill addresses this issue and provides Amateur Radio licensees with the ability to negotiate reasonable accommodation provisions with homeowners' associations, just as they do now with public land-use regulators", he said.

In his statement, Israel called CC&R's "a growing challenge" to Amateur Radio's ability to provide public service communication. Good faith negotiations, he said, "ensure that an Amateur Radio operator's technical needs are met, while preserving the aesthetics and interests of a neighborhood."

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The ARRL has been encouraging members to contact their congressional representatives and urge them to sign on as co-sponsors and to support the H.R. 4720. Visit the U.S. House of Representatives "Write Your Representative Service" Web page, [www.house.gov/writerep/](http://www.house.gov/writerep/) for information on how to contact your representative.

*Full article in QST, July 2002*

# VEC Testing Sites

1st Saturday:	El Cajon	El Cajon Central Fire Station, 160 E. Lexington
2nd Saturday:	Carlsbad	Carlsbad Safety Center, Orion Way, Carlsbad, 10:00
3rd Saturday:	Normal Heights Methodist	4650 Mansfield Avenue (just off Adams Avenue), San
4th Saturday:	Chula Vista	Salvation Army, 643 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 9:00
5th or last Saturday:	Escondido	Escondido Chamber of Commerce, 720 North Broad-

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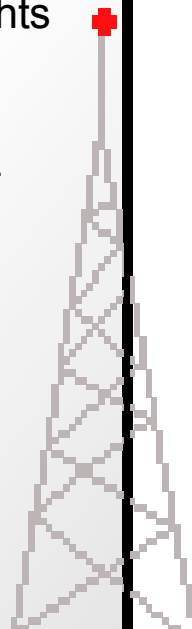
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