



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



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From the President Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ



Wasn't that Field Day great?!!!! We all sure had a fine time and hope for even better next year. (Yes, I know this column is being written 2 weeks BEFORE Field Day, but maybe I can foresee the future!) For a full rundown on how FD really went, tune into NEXT months Counterpoise. So, we are half way thru the year and there is STILL plenty of excitement upcoming. This month, we will find out how Hams can help with the Alzheimer's program in locating wandering sufferers and rescuing them. I know dearly how terrible this disease is. I called our VP Jeff KG6JRM "Jim" for some reason at the last meeting! So I must be in the early stages of it!! By the way, Thanks to Jeff and Gordy and the many, many club members who worked so tirelessly to make our 03 Field day such a smashing success!!!! Who is Jim??

Meanwhile, HAM RADIO gets the Last Laugh!! Yes, we saw the demise of NTS traffic when Internet E-Mail became so widespread, and the longtime ardent traffic handlers thought for the worse. Well, it seems EMAIL is just about completely useless and unusable these days. Don't send me a message, I may never read it. For all I get is SPAM SPAM and a boat load more of it. Refinance scams, Nigerian money heists, Porn sites, and the worst of all: Offers to "Increase the SIZE of your PACKAGE!!" (But wouldn't that cost more for UPS or FEDEX to ship it?) So annoying and intrusive, I have to wade through HUNDREDS of worthless scams to find just ONE legitimate message from someone. And, at 56K (Only the RICH can afford Cable or DSL!), it takes hours to download all this Spam. So Email is worthless these days. Want to send me a message? Use our fine, century old NTS mail system. It works when computers burn up!

Last Laugh PART 2! It was time to renew my cell phone contract and get a new phone. So I paid the 150 bucks for a cute little Nokia about the size of a cigarette lighter. I was going thru the setup menus (and you thought Handy Talkie menus were complicated!!) and discovered that when I receive a text message, the phone starts beeping at me. No, these weren't ordinary beeps! I got out a sheet of paper and started copying it down. It seems the phone sends "CONNECTING PEOPLE" in 10 WPM Morse Code when I get a new message! Now, How many cell phone users would notice the message? ONLY HAMS! But it was tough copy. They should have used the Farnsworth method. Cell phones are great, if you are in the city and in an open location. Mine is worthless once I travel east of Alpine. The one time I saw a bad accident and tried to dial 911, the phone said NO SERVICE! I had to call it in on our old fashioned Ham repeater! And, each minute is expensive! We can talk for hours for free on Ham radio! So I am ready to sledgehammer these ridiculous toys and go back to my time proven, trusty Handheld HT to QSO KB6RCT and WA6BEN!

General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, July 9, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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Deadline is the **Sunday after the General Meeting**. For further information, please call (619) 434-4211

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HAM'S TICKET SET ASIDE AS FCC INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE DISTRESS CALLS

(taken from the *ARRL Letter* 6-20-03)

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) has set aside the nearly month-old Technician-class license of a California man while it looks into allegations that the now-former licensee may have made false marine distress calls. In a June 3 letter, FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth notified Michael V. Swift of San Ramon of the WTB's action--taken on the bureau's own motion. The FCC granted Swift the call sign KG6QOB on May 1 and canceled his ticket May 29.

In his letter, Hollingsworth said the cancellation was "based upon evidence that you made numerous false distress calls on Channels 16 and 22A Marine frequencies." Hollingsworth warned Swift that in view of the WTB's action, he had no authority to operate Amateur Radio transmitting equipment.

Hollingsworth told ARRL that agents in the FCC's San Francisco office--in cooperation with the US Coast Guard--reportedly tracked transmissions on the marine channels to Swift's residence, where they interviewed him.

The FCC also sent a Warning Notice May 30 to Ronald E. Shapiro, N2CQT, of Kerhonkson, New York, citing information alleging that the licensee "deliberately interfered with and harassed operators on 3.906 MHz" on May 24.

"It appears that you were operating under some type of impairment," Hollingsworth wrote, "and during the transmissions played music, made transmissions to no one in particular and deliberately transmitted on top of ongoing communications." The FCC alleges the transmissions, which began at about 1 AM, continued for almost an hour.

Hollingsworth gave Shapiro 20 days to explain the circumstances of the operation detailed in the Warning Notice.

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc.

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Call to Order: 7:00pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. After which Tuck NZ6T led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. We then commenced the general meeting. At 7:53pm 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 8:08pm hrs the general meeting resumed.

President's Report: See Old Business

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

Vice President's Report: Jeff, KG6JRM stated that next months presentation would be from the Alzheimer's Association, so that if we lost our president we could find him. Also see also see Old Business for Field Day info. **Treasurer's Report:** Susan, KF6WXA read the Treasures report into the record.

Education Report: Mike, N6OPH reported that starting July 16 at 7:00pm he would be starting a General Class License course. It would be held at the El Cajon fire station at Magnolia and Lexington in El Cajon. This course would be held every Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month. A minimum of three students is required. Those wishing to take the class call Mike at 619-296-9067

Public Service: Rich N6MKJ Reported that he and Kazoo, WA6BCC were looking to support CDF's Red Flag patrols on July 4. He also made a presentation on RAVES. If you wish to find out more check the RAVE Web page out, www.mjpdan.com/raves.

SANDARC Report: Len, K5WFW reported that RAVES is the newest member of SANDARC. In addition SANDARC is still looking for a Convention chairman.

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KF6MPB reported that due to computer problems no report was available. Congratulations on finding a new job Joni.

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were members 50 present and that we had 6 visitors. The visitors are:

Ron Jordan, KA6NFX
Bea Smith, KC6USL
Richard L. Klitzke, KG6QPN
Russ Peck, KG6CLA
Charles Porter, KG6PRO

Richard (rest of name and call unreadable)

Health & Welfare: no report

Old Business: Field Day: Jeff, KG6JRM reported that we are short on antennas for field day. Pat, WA6MHZ said that he had two that the club we could use. The antenna would be placed in the same locations as last year. Jeff is also looking for anyone with a pickup to assist in moving the equipment from the shed to Mt Laguna.

SCHEDULE FOR Friday June 27

- 7am Meet at Ranch House Restrant on Woodside in Lakeside of highway 67 for breakfast.
- 8am After breakfast load equipment at shed.
- 9-11am Haul equipment to Mt Laguna.
- 11am Start setup.

Lunch and dinner will be served at the site on Friday. On Saturday all three meals will be served. Sunday only breakfast will be served and teardown will commence. The Boy Scouts will be cooking. There will be five or six stations set up at the site (6m, 10m, 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m). Please pickup after your self and keep the place clean. **NO ALCOHOL WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE OPERATING AREA.** Please be responsible.

San Diego County Fair: Mike N6OPH stated that he was still looking for people to staff the fair on June 13, and June 22

New Business:

Field Day: Tuck, NZ6T moved that we use the WS6F call for field day. The motion was seconded by Phil, N6WHK. A vote was then takes 22 for and 13 against. The motion passed.

Club Apparel: Edwin, AI6O volunteered to take over the selling of the club apparel.

A MOTION to adjourn by Mike, N6OPH seconded by Susan, KF6WXA. Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW
Secretary, ARC of El Cajon, Inc.



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Cajon is proud to announce the
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the El Cajon Fire Department, lo-
cated on the corner of Magnolia
and Lexington. The infamous
Mike Maston N6OPH will be the
instructor. Contact him at 619-296-
9067**

July Birthdays

**Happy
Birthday!!!!**



1469	WB6DTR	Alex Groza	July 1
1515	KF6YVL	Denise Taylor	July 1
1500	N6SIX	Joe Acevedo	July 5
0909	NZ6T	Tuck Miller	July 5 (Big 50)
1137	KO6KT	Marlene Zwick	July 6
1565	N6JZE	Del Radant	July 7
0077	K6SK	Knick Knickbocker	July 7
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	KF6WVN	Earl Davis	July 23
1425	N6LRV	Gary Richardson	July 25
0739	WA1ZEN	Tim Ames	July 27
1143	KE6ASP	Everett Ratta	July 27
1172	W6ANE	Don Kerr	July 29
0660	N6OPH	Mike Maston	July 31
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-----Mail-In Convention Registration Form-----

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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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www.qsl.net/wa6bgs

For any suggestions to the web site, contact the webmaster at kc6nxz@arrl.net

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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 !!

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!

Your editor will be out of town from July 12th to the 27th, so please have all articles in by July 10th. That would be the day AFTER the next general meeting. He will try to have the August newsletter printed, and mailed before he leaves. If not, it will be after he returns

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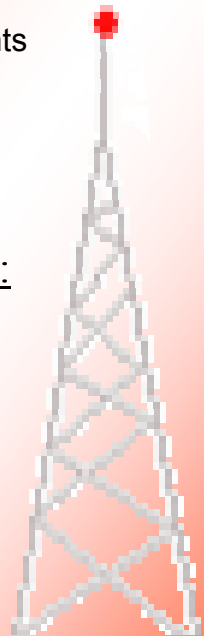
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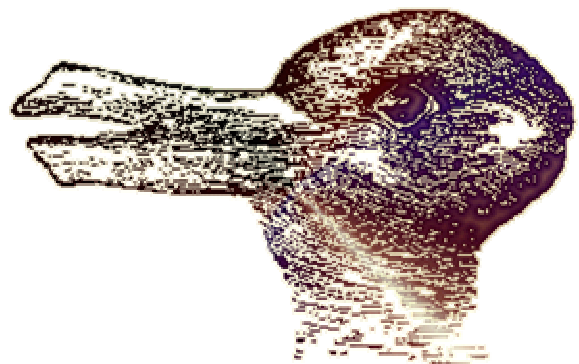
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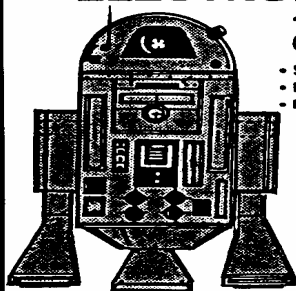
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11. ARRL Member

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July 2003



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6	7	8	9 7 pm General Meeting	10	11	12
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