Discovering Corsica
The TK4Z Story

What attracted the Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Imperial Romans, Goths, Byzantines, Saracens, Genoese, Spaniards, and French to the wild, rugged island of Corsica? Slave Gathering? Trade Expansion? Territorial Conquest? Worldwide DX Contesting? …Well, it certainly was the latter that attracted our perennial ham radio contest group to this “mountain in the sea”.

Discover Corsica for yourself at this month’s club meeting. Join noted photographer and raconteur Art Goddard, W6XD, for an illustrated tour of this remarkable land and its proud people. Find out how a roving group of 50- and 60-somethings reached the “Big 4-Oh” on Corsica and pick up a few tips on having fun with Ham Radio. Here’s a program for the whole family – don’t miss out!

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 PM
La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa
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Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes.
Wednesday, February 12, 2003

Call to Order: 7:03 pm. by Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ. Rich Beisigl, N6NKJ then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat called for a moment of silence in honor of the Space Shuttle Columbia astronauts.

Monica Zech, El Cajon Fire Department's Public Information Officer, presented information on where to get the information on how to start a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) like Coronado has. She also provided us with on the resources available on emergency preparedness in the area. In addition she pointed out the current agencies which where looking at setting up CERT teams. After which 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 7:50pm hrs badges where passed out to club officer and committee chairman's then the business section of the meeting was commenced.

President's Report: Pat, WA6MHZ talked about the Christmas party. He stated that the ELKS club wanted $500 to hold the room and that the date would be Friday Dec. 12, 2003. He also stated that the price of the meals has yet to be negotiated and would be around $10-11 depending on what we decide on.

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

Vice President's Report: Jeff, KG6JRM reported that next month speaker will be Art Goddard, W6XD. Who will talk about his adventures in Corsica. He also stated that he has had no one registered for the Tech class he is giving. If no one shows for the first class it will be postponed to a later date.

Treasurer's Report: Stogie, KG6JCW then read the Treasures report into the record.

Public Service: Rich, N6NKJ read his resignation as Eastern District Emergency Coordinator from ARES.

SANDARC Report: Larry, AE6AV stated that he had presented the request, which he read, for funds to purchase an antenna for the Hillsdale Middle School project. This request was received poorly by some of the SANDARC members and was tabled. It was agreed that Rich, N6NKJ would attend the next SANDARC meeting to answer all the questions the Larry could not. SANDARC has also requested that the clubs approve a By-Laws change. The change would allow SANDARC to approve expenditures of up to $300 without having to go to the individual member clubs for approval. The current limit is $100.

Mike, N6OPH stated that the SANDARC was looking at raising the VEC test fee from three dollars to five dollars. Mike, N6OPH presented the proposal that SANDARC provide funding, up to $300 for the year, for the ARES cell phone. This phone is used only to receive calls (call-ups) form the served agencies and only costs about $22 a month.

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KP6MPB reported that there were currently 260 active members

Welcoming: Mike, AE6CQ reported that there were 35 members present and that we had two new members present. Dave Doan KC6SYO WAMO 1624 and James Mc Manigle, KH6VO WAMO 654. There were also two visitors present.

Health & Welfare: No report was presented:

It was noted that there were two new silent Keys.

WD6EYD Jack Liesman W6CCM David Manescu

It was also noted that Joe Miller, K6QYE had triple bypass surgery. In addition it was stated that Joe Wilkerson, W6JEB's wife was seriously ill with colon cancer.

Old Business:

Christmas Party: Gordon, WB6POW moved that we reserve the room at the Elks Club on Dec 12. 2003 for the Christmas party and pay the $500 deposit. Joni, KP6MPB seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

New Business: Mike, N6OPH moved El Cajon Clubs delegates to SANDARC's vote for the proposed increase from $100 to $300 the spending limit on board vote only. Seconded by Cal, KG6FBV. The motion was carried.

Tuck, NZ6T moved that our delegates to SANDARC approve the proposal to raise the Test fee to $5 (five) from $3 (three). Gordon, WB6POW seconded the motion. A point of order was raised by Mike, N6OPH that SANDARC was still discussing the idea and no decision had been made. Mike, N6OPH moved that we table the motion. Jeff, KG6JRM seconded the motion. The motion to table was carried.

Mike, N6OPH moved that the SANDARC Delegates vote in favor of SANDARC's funding of up to $300 for the ARES cell phone. Seconded by Gordon, WB6POW. The motion was carried.

Mike, N6OPH was appointed to be the new finance Chairman.

Mike, AE6CQ moved that Tuck, NZ6T keep the radio he won at the Christmas Party. The motion was seconded by Gordon, WB6POW. The motion was carried.

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Bylaw changes:

First reading of the need changes to complete the changes to the bylaws and change Article V (f), (g) as follows:

(f) Persons paying their renewal after January 1, each year, will still pay the entire year from January 1 until December 31. Deleted (superseded by changes to Section 5 (a))

(g) Dues will become delinquent January 1 on the first of the month on the members annual anniversary and, if not paid by March 1st of the current year third month after that date, the member will be dropped from the Club roster until dues are paid

Would then read as follows:

(g) Dues will become delinquent on the first of the month on the members annual anniversary and, if not paid by third month after that date, the member will be dropped from the Club roster until dues are paid

A MOTION to adjourn by Rich, N6NKJ & 2nd Jeff, KG6JRM @ 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW

New Members
The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon would like to welcome its newest members!!

177 WA6RBP  Bob  Wilson
654 KH6VO  Jim  McManigle
1623 KG6OFA  Tony  Hernandez
1624 KC6YSO  David  Doan

Letters to the Members
This newsletter would like to feature a Letter to the members column. A place where members can write how they feel on various topics, express their opinion so to speak. Opinions on the other side of the issue will also be solicited in fairness.
Last Month we asked if you could find Robin.....

Fellow club member Robin Elkerton KC6LEA is one of the fans portrayed in this mural found on the back of the scoreboard at Qualcomm stadium. Were you able to spot her?

I know, not fair, but it is her profile. Every time you drive by the stadium, you will look at the mural, and think of Robin, and of the ham radio connection.

Here Is Robin

The Counterpoise is also online in FULL COLOR!! Check out the newsletter and the rest of our club web site at:

www.qsl.net/wa6bgs

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

Is your membership ready to expire?

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 in January!!

T HUNTS!!!

Enjoy another great facet of Amateur Radio. The fine art of transmitter hunting is practiced at least 3 times a month by members of the club. On the 1st and 3rd Saturday nites of each month a group of very dedicated hunters gather at Grossmont Jr. College parking lot at 6pm to get the bearings on the hidden transmitter. You do NOT have to be a HAM to participate!! All you need to get started is some type of receiver, and attenuater, and a good antenna (beam)
### NEW NET ON TUESDAYS

THE NET WILL START AT 8:00P.M. (0400) ON TUESDAYS. IT WILL BE A WIDE OPEN NET. OPEN TO ALL. HAMS WILL TALK ABOUT:

1—RECIPES  
2—FOOD  
3—RADIO  
4—ANT  
5—GARDENING  
6—VEGETABLES  
7—OR ANY SUBJECT

FRITO, N6WKB

### WA6BGS NETS

**WAMO NETS:**  
Wednesday and Saturday Nights  
8:00 p.m. local time  
Output: 147.420  
Input: 146.475 — 107.20 PL  
10 Meters: 28.480

**WA6BGS REPEATERS:**  
Output: 147.420  
Input: 146.475  
PL: 107.20  
224.080 — 107.20 PL  
445.900— 141.30 PL

### ELMERS RADIO COACHES

WANTED — ELMERS!!!!

If you have the time to be an Elmer (a Big Brother) to a new ham, contact Dan Briggs KD6OKR, at 619/287-0437

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**VEC Testing Sites**

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<td>North Park Recreation Center</td>
<td>4044 Idaho Street San Diego, CA 92104 Testing time will start at 1000hrs.</td>
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To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, call 465-EXAM. please call 465-EXAM (3926)
Moving??
Do not miss an issue of Counterpoise. Change of address form from:

Call __________________________ WAMO! # __________________

Name
Address
City __________________ State ______ Zip ___________

New Address:
Address
City __________________ State ______ Zip ___________

Send to Membership Chairman:
A.R.C.E.C., P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

Return this form with check made payable to the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon or ARCEC for new or renewal membership. Annual Dues $12.00 for individual, $20.00 for family. New members add $5.00 per member. Mail to Membership Chairman, A.R.C.E.C., P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022.

Please write your call on the check

New ☐ Renewal ☐ WAMO!! No. ______________

Certificate Issued ☐ Computer Database Updated ☐

Paid Cash ☐ Check ☐ Check No. __________________________

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: elcajonarc-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

Newsletters online have more color than the mailed copy in your hand!!!
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6 pm T Hunt

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Board Meeting

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12 General Meeting

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6:30a Swap Meet
6 pm T Hunt

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St. Patrick’s Day

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