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Next meeting:

May 12th, 2005 7:00 pm

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## I Love a Clean San Diego

Mission Trails Regional Park  
Santee



Here is some of the group that cleaned up.



Shopping carts, tires, tool box and a frying pan

"Look at all that trash that was in the San Diego River"  
I Love a Clean San Diego, 9 April 2005

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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

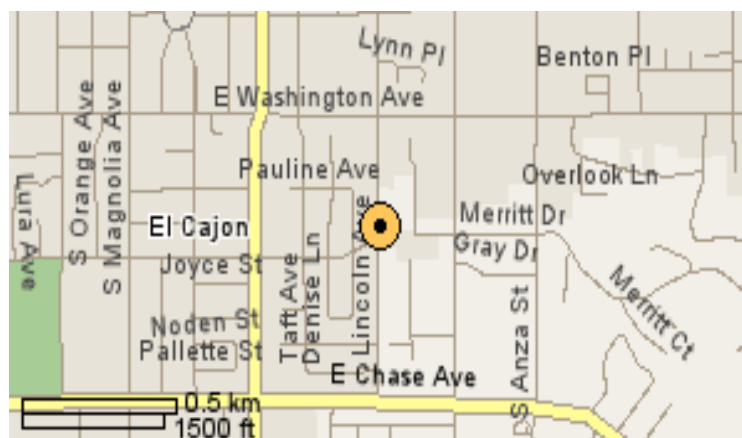


I would like to say we had a good turn out at the new meeting place. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting. Just as a reminder that Field Day is coming up soon. We need to get the antennas ready. We tabled a motion about buying a new multi-band HF antenna.

The prize table is looking better every meeting. Please continue to help with your support.

Stogie

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## Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting  
14 April 2005



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president, Michael "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW at 1900hrs. The meeting was held at the new location at the First Lutheran Church of El Cajon.

**SECRETARY'S:** report was approved as published in the *Counterpoise*.

**TREASURER'S:** report was read by Susan, KC6WXA. It was approved as read and filed for audit. Mike, N6OPH reported on the audit of the club books. The books are in excellent order and only some minor points were noted. It was moved and seconded that the audit be accepted. Motion was carried.

**MEMBERSHIP:** chairman, David, KG6QCO stated that there are 233 members and the last WAMO issued is 1656.

**PRESIDENT:** Panger, KG6JCW reported that the club established a rule that membership will be accepted for up to three years in advance. Stogie thanked those who worked for a "I love a clean San Diego" event. Stogie suggested that the club buy a new beam antenna. It was moved and seconded that the club purchase a new antenna. After much discussion it was moved and seconded that the motion be tabled. Motion was carried. The matter was tabled. David Cyr, KG6QCO presented the program on field day.

After the break,

**EDUCATION:** report was given by Mike, N6OPH. The general class is in progress. That class will end in May. The CW course will begin in July followed by an extra class.

**WAMO:** report was given by David, KG6QCO. Forrest Hogue, KS6L was scheduled to receive his award for 500 contacts, however he was not present.

**PRIZE:** chairman reported that his table was full.

**SANDARC:** report was given by Len, W5WFL. He reported that the Del Mar Fair will be from 14 June to 5 July. The nominations committee nominated Mike, N6OPH for chairman, Skip, KD6RFQ for vice chairman, Anselmo, KD6PRV for secretary and Don, N6CEO for treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. The elections will take place during the April annual meeting. The term of office is for two years. The convention committee will hold their first meeting on 20 April at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel.

**SOCIAL CHAIRMAN:** Xemi, KD6PRV reported on the planned activities for Field Day. He asked for volunteers for kitchen help as well as help for the barbeque.

The same budget as last year will be used for the field day operation. That budget was for \$500 for food.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** chairman, Rich, N6NKJ reported on the "I love a clean San Diego event." This coming weekend will be the Special Olympics. Lost boys trail run will be held in May. 4 and 5 June the ARCEC will be hosting the Greater Games on Sunday, 5 June.

Volunteers are being requested from the ARCEC. Ken WA6BCC is still in Sharp Hospital in rehab. Tuck, NZ6T has been appointed as SEC.

**WELCOMING:** chairman, Michael, AE6CQ stated that there were 29 members present with no guests. There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2031hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH  
Secretary  
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



Girl Scout Troop cleaning up the riverbed. They filled two trucks, see more on pages 7 and 11. If you have photos from your site please submit them to me.



From The VP  
Corner  
KG6QCO David



Hi fellow members. I am still hoping for a nice turnout for this years annual ARRL Field Day. As was discussed at our last general membership meeting, this is one way we can help support our club. This is also a good way to meet your fellow members and have a lot of fun. If you have never attended this event, or are new to the hobby, this is also a way of being able to work bands that may be beyond your license privileges. Another fun part of field day is that even the unlicensed parties can also *Get On The Air* and see how much fun it is. There are always lots of good eats and beverages on hand, so come join us June 25 & 26 for this fun event, hope to see you there, more to come later.

### VEC Testing Sites

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

To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, please call 465-EXAM (3926)

## WA6BGS NETS

### David Cyr: KG6QCO Net Manager

#### WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights  
8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

10 Meters: 28.480

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:

8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

WA6BGS Repeaters

2 Meters SANDRA Repeater

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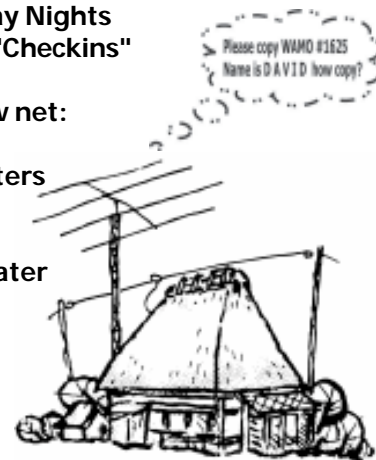
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PL 107.2

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445.900 – 141.30 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.



## Club Attire

\*\*\*\*\* Shirts on hand Call for Sizes \*\*\*\*\*

Get your jackets, hats and t-shirts.

Show off your club colors and let all know that the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is strong and growing.

## Calendar of Events April 2005

May	3:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
May	7:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
May	7:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
May	12:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
May	14:	ARES Meeting, 8:00 am
May	21:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
May	21:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
May	26:	EMS Drill contact Don KG6NDX

June 25-26 ARRL Field Day

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### ARCEC Membership Application

1. Amateur Call Sign	2. Class of License
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5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
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May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
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13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

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**Membership Chairperson**  
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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 Cyr 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

May 1	N6MTG	Earl	Graham
May 1	KG6KLM	Felly	Parel
May 2	KB6MLS	William	Fuller
May 3	KC6LEX	Andrea	Ames
May 4	KG6IIQ	Bob	Cooke
May 4	KE6FJZ	Alice	Hoke
May 8	KC6SDG	Ron	Kerzner
May 10	K7OY	Maynard	Skidmore
May 11	KE6HBQ	Greg	Richard
May 11	KG6KLF	Martin	Werner
May 12	KB6WQO	Carol	Myrick (L)
May 14	KD6KHQ	Linda	Kennedy
May 14	KA6RLX	Al	Gentz (L)
May 14	KD6ZNU	Shirley	Boehme (L)
May 17	W6JPB	Joe	Wilkerson
May 19	WB6DSP	Dave	Johnson
May 20	K6FQR	Allen	Guinup
May 24	KF6BOJ	Ed	Bergquist
May 25	NV6E	Herald	Sawdy (L)
May 30	K6CR	Cliff	Richardson
May 30	W6ULU	Bob	Peasley
May 31	KF6UJC	Bob	Crouch
May		Herbert	Mansfield

## Word Search "I Love a Clean SD"

B	E	E	R	B	O	T	T	L	E	S	R	S	A	C
G	C	H	A	I	R	S	V	Q	J	F	O	J	I	K
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K	J	O	L	D	R	A	D	I	O	E	C	D	M	H
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Backpack  
Bedframe  
Beerbottles  
Bikes  
Chairs  
Cigarettebutts  
Hairbrush  
Ketchuppackets  
Oldradio  
Plasticbags

Shoes  
Shoppingcart  
Sodacans  
Streetsign  
Tires  
Toolbox  
Trash  
TV  
Wallet  
Wood

## Jokes

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves.

"What did I tell you?" said the barber.

"That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

W5COM

## Last Months Word Search

F	D	E	F	R	T	Y	R	E	T	S	A	S	I	D
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F	O	U	F	Y	V	T	C	L	O	U	D	P	E	G
K	H	L	A	N	B	E	Y	R	F	F	W	Q	L	S
T	L	P	W	M	O	R	M	T	G	K	J	L	O	L





He's the all around nice guy, voted Ham of the Year twice (1989 and 1998) and follows through with what he says he'll do. He's honest and straight forward. He knows what he's talking about and others admire him for it. After 24 years as a member of the El Cajon Amateur Radio Club, John Cordle has more than earned the spotlight, he deserves it. KF6XY, WAMO 475 is this month's Ham. His daughter Rebecca KE6IQX and Granddaughter KF6YVL followed in Mary's N6KHR footsteps in joining being a ham. Although Mary is a silent key, she is still around in our hearts.

He is the man who helped get the 2 meter repeater frequency up and running. He also started the WAMO net and ran it twice a week for ten years. In that time, he has worked with close to 1100 WAMO contacts. He has worked with the Mother Goose Parade and Special Olympics, as well as volunteer as an examiner with SANDARC for ten years.

In addition, he has served as a membership chairman, director and president of the club in 1998. As a life member of the club, John has an Extra license and has contacted world-wide. He played an important role in the creation of the bylaws for the Club. From other Hams, John is well liked and venerated for his many contributions to the El Cajon Amateur Radio Club. His work has ensured the enjoyment and service of Hams for future generations. Never just a voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on KF6XY. 73!

Tassy Rios, Staff Writer

W6NXS Hank Wayne  
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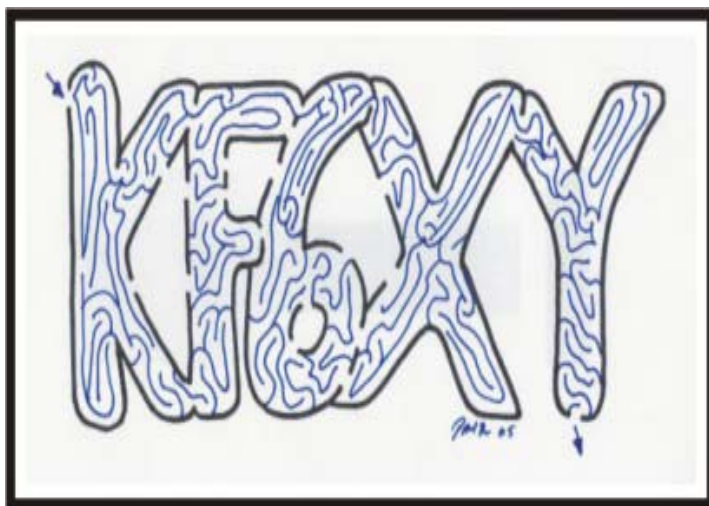
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## Custom Communication Solution



Dan KD6OKR ran the Santee site. Nice Job

## MAZE



The Editor's  
Corner  
KC6QLS Paul



On April 9, 2005, I attended the I Love A Clean San Diego Event at Mission Trails State Regional Park in Santee as the communications person for my wife's Girl Scout Troop, who volunteered to work at the event.

Due to the recent rains resulting in an abundance of high brush, safety was a priority. The approximately 50 volunteers were disbursed into two groups and were led out to pick up trash at the park and along the San Diego River by two Mission Trails Park Rangers. From my vehicle, I remained in direct radio contact with the troop via simplex.

Dan KD6OKR, was the designated radio control operator at this location and Tuck Miller, NZ6T, was the net control operator for the entire event. The groups at this site collected two trucks full of trash, including three shopping carts, bikes, tires, signs, chairs, and a frying pan. Everyone worked hard, but seemed to have fun.

Paul Rios KC6QLS  
KC6QLS@cox.net

## Club Hats are in

List of members to pick up hats at the next meeting. Bring in your \$5.00. 10 more hats are available. See ED A160.

AE6AV, AE6QW, KA6NFC, KC6QLS, KC6TBG, KC6YSO, KD6VKZ, KE6GLM, KG6FBV, KG6NNU, KC6QCO, KG6UQA, AND WB6MNR

HATS....HATS....HATS....HATS....HATS....HATS....HATS....

## Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. To Help, contact WA6PPG Carl Ferree at 328-2694 e-mail at cferree@IEEE.ORG

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## Things to keep in mind

*San Diego County Fair needs Hams to work the Ham Radio Station.*

Fair starts 10 June and the El Cajon Club mans the booth during that Friday and first weekend. There are three shifts during the day, starting from 1000 to 1400, from 1400 to 1800 and from 1800 to closing (around 2200 or so, sometimes earlier).

*Contact: Mike N6OPH*

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*Start to think about Field Day  
June 25-26, 2005*

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Volunteers needed for ITU conference in May, generals or higher licensees.

*Contact: Mike N6OPH 619-290-6149*

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## New Members

*None this month*

### SANTEE DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET

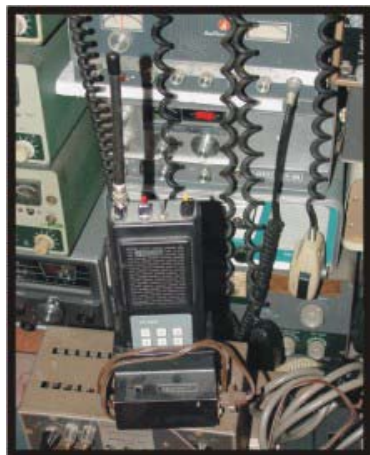
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Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics  
ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS  
1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month  
GATES OPEN 6:30 AM



## CREST RADIO MUSEUM

Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ

This months photos of some items from our past. We hope you enjoy. Some of you may remember working on one of the rigs or may know someone that might have.



Heathkit DF-2032  
HT and Charger unit

Top View  
8 channel 2 Meter  
Crystal



Ad from the past

## PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

From Rich, N6NKJ

Hello from the ARES Corner:

I URGE ALL OF YOU, to apply for the new ARES/RACES card as soon as you can. And if you would like to get one, I may be able to arrange to have someone take your photograph for your card at one of our meetings, or even set a day and time to get your picture taken. But please, get your card as soon as you can, because as you know a disaster can strike at anytime, and it will be too late once an emergency happens, to get the paperwork filled out while the disaster is in progress. By the time the Counterpoise reaches you. The "Lost Boys Trail Run" may be over, since it takes place on May 14, if not, then please contact Dave Doan, at [kc6yso@amsat.org](mailto:kc6yso@amsat.org) and offer to help him with this event.

Then on June 4th and 5th the Special Olympics greater games will be held at San Diego State University, and Eric, N6SUB, is going to need a lot of help, so PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!! Contact Eric at [n6sub@arrl.net](mailto:n6sub@arrl.net).

One more item, REMEMBER, the DREADED FIRE SEASON IS going to be here very soon, and we will be going out on Red flag patrols on two or more occasions. So be ready.

And I have talked to Roxanne at CDF, and she is willing to put on some more training again this year, either Wild land Fire Safety Training, or some other type of training. So keep listening to your local ARES net, or pick up a copy of the Counterpoise, or read the ARES Alert at [www.qsl.net/sdgarrl](http://www.qsl.net/sdgarrl).

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## Public Service Events Continued

Special Olympics Greater Games, 4 and 5 June. We need a lot of amateurs to help out with this one; and it is a good way for those who have just received their license to get on the air and learn how to pass traffic and become familiar with their equipment. The need for ham radio operators for this operation is great since there are so many different sport activities going on at the same time. In years past, the amateur radio club of El Cajon has provided operators for one of the days. Is this club, with 230 members up to the challenge?

On August 20th, ARES, will have a very large SET exercise, and we are going to need a lot of amateurs to help in this drill. What does SET mean; simulated emergency test. All of us in ARES, are asking you to become involved with emergency communications now, not later. So please join us in being prepared. Many years ago, amateur radio operators were willing, able and ready to help out during emergencies and public service events, but now, it seems as though that spirit is very slowly dying. It is my hope to see people once again volunteering their unique talents with ARES, RACES, or with some other type of communications group.

Well, that does it for this month. Take care of each other and enjoy life.

73  
Rich, N6NKJ

## Ham Gear For Sale



TM-621A 144/220 cross band, manual and original box. \$300.00  
John KF6XY (619) 697-2700



TM-641A 144/220 cross band, manual and original box. \$400.00  
John KF6XY (619) 697-2700



IC-2GAT 2 meter, 7 watts, Speaker Mic, Desk and wall chargers, manual. \$150.00  
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