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From the President



The election process is now in progress.

Now we must consider something that is very important: HAM OF THE YEAR.

Nominations are required for Ham of the Year by the November meeting. Please consider who you think should receive this honor.

Please submit your nomination to Joni along with a short write-up about your candidate and why you think that he/she should receive this honor. Nominations are due at the November meeting. The presentation of the plaque will be done at the December Christmas party.

Don't forget that the program for the November meeting will be the Home Brew Contest. Back in the "dark ages" of amateur radio, there was no such thing as *Ham Radio Outlet*. So that meant that you had to build your own. Today, a lot of amateurs still "build their own". The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon would like to pay tribute to those who are home-brewers. November is their time to shine. If you have "built your own", bring it to the meeting and explain what it is and how it works. There will be three prize categories.

Our education program is on track. The extra theory class is in progress and should end by November 14. They plan to take their examinations on

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TASMA

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The unofficial list of nominations are as follows:

Office of Chairman:

Bob Dengler, NO6B (Current Chairman)

Joe Macera, KG6ECQ (unofficial candidate)

Ted Fukushima, N6ZZK (unofficial candidate)

Vice-Chairman: Pat Finke, KC6ACL (Current)

Office of Secretary: No Nominations

Office of Treasurer: Mike Marin, KF6RQV

Board Member At Large: Howard Brown, KG6GI

Since any additional nominations after the August General meeting may only be accepted at the Annual meeting, the two candidates are unofficially running at this time.

I have been told that all candidates, official and unofficial, will be allowed to make a statement in the newsletter which will be sent out to all current TASMA members in November/December.

With the major deadline for joining TASMA and being able to vote in the Annual meeting coming soon, any additional candidates for any office (especially the Secretary position) should speak now. October 30th is the deadline to join TASMA and the newsletter deadline is November 1st.

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General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, November 13th, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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President	N6OPH	Mike Maston	296-9067
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Social	KA6RLX	Al Gentz	449-1282
Swap Meet	N6JOJ	Tom Myrick	449-3547
Technical	W6RHV	Bob Boehme	448-4728
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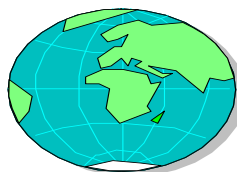
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 9, 2002

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

PROGRAM: Our meeting Chairman, Jeff, KG6JRM, introduced our guest speaker from the American Red Cross, San Diego Interim Disaster Director, Tom Busk, KF6QQY. Mr. Busk was very gracious to accept a last-minute fill-in for a colleague who could not make it. Mr. Busk gave us all an excellent presentation about the origins of the Red Cross. It basically started in the U.S. during and just after the Civil War by Clara Barton, a battlefield nurse. She started putting together the Aid Society, which then grew into the American Red Cross. Mr. Busk continued with explanations as to how Disaster Services operates to serve the public regardless of any criteria other than people in need of their help. He discussed a program in partnership with the El Cajon Fire Department to provide training for a C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) program in El Cajon. If you are interested, please call our D.E.C. Rich, N6NKJ, or Monica Zeck at the El Cajon Fire Dept.

The Red Cross donated a Disaster Services GO PACK to the Club prize table. It was won by Gordon, WB6POW.

President's Report: Mike, N6OPH, introduced Al, KA6RLX, Chairman of our Annual Christmas Party. He has the tickets for the party which will be \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 non-members. We are using the same excellent caterer Cupid Caterers. You can get your tickets by mail if you like but PLEASE include an S.A.S.E. so he will not be burdened with turning down your request. The date will be FRIDAY, DEC. 13th, 2002 at our usual place, the Masonic Friendship Hall on Ballentyne in El Cajon. Al's phone is 619-449-1282; address is 9627 Ramsgate Way, Santee, CA 92071.

Donated Station: Mike told us that the Kenwood TS-820 has problems. The internal VFO stopped working and the display is intermittent. Our technical guys said this radio is plagued with cold solder joints. It was suggested at the board meeting that perhaps Bob, W6RHV, may be interested in looking at it for us.

Membership: Joni, KF6MPB, told us to be

sure and check if your club membership renewal comes up in January. There will be renewal dates on the November Counterpoise mailing labels.

Field Day Pins are available for \$5.00 each.
Club T-Shirts are available for \$10.00 each.

Public Service Opportunity on October 19th, 2002 at Mataguay Scout camp near Lake Henshaw. Contact Doug, KF6QXU, to help.

Mother Goose Parade: The 56th Annual Mother Goose Parade is Sunday, November 24, 2002, 12:00 noon in El Cajon, California. Contact Rich, N6NKJ.

Hilldale Middle School: There is a possible ARRL Big project. Contact Rich as he will be asking all of us to help out.

Secretary's Report: The September General meeting Minutes were approved as published in the Counterpoise.

Treasurer's Report: The report was read by Mike, N6OPH, and the membership approved it to be filed for audit. As you all may know, Nancy, KD6WUL, is working very hard to obtain her bachelor's degree while still holding down a full-time job and being our Treasurer. Therefore, she will not be running for any office in the Club this time. Please give her a big thank you for the excellent work she has been doing for this Club for many years!

El Cajon Friendship Festival: Mike, N6OPH, read some names of those Club members who participated. Many thanks to those of you who took time out of your weekend to help out on this premier event for the El Cajon Club.

Technical: Mike, N6OPH, read an Oct 6th e-mail from our Technical committee concerning the Club 2-meter machine. It had to come down off the hill for a check-up. It should be back on the air by the time you read this. A question was raised by Doug about our autopatch for the 220 Repeater. He asked if it can be put back on-line and if we can have it available on the 2-meter and 440 side. Tom, KC6NXZ, said "I am under the impression W6RHV is working to get it repaired and that we are only coordinated for 220 band autopatch."

Steve, AD6VI, reminded us that the Club is encouraging everyone who can to join Tasma and vote in the December election.

Past President: Tuck, NZ6T, told us that Sat., Oct 12th is ICOM day at HRO, including a B-B-Q.

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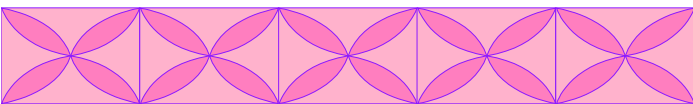
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November 16. In January 2003, the education cycle will begin again with the Technician class followed by the General class. The El Cajon Club has a very robust education program. If you know of someone who would like to earn their license, point them to the El Cajon Club.

WOW, how fast the year has gone! It seems like yesterday that I wrote the January column. We have had a lot of fun this year, so be ready for even more enjoyment of amateur radio in the next year.

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



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TASMA

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Below is a recap of the By-laws. (TASMA Bylaws, Version: October 27, 2000, Article I, Section 1a and 2a)

The ballots will be mailed within the mailing before the annual meeting. In order to vote in December, a person must hold a **current TASMA membership 45 days prior to the election.** **If a member cannot attend the Annual meeting, they may vote by written ballot and must be delivered to the Secretary before or during balloting.** Each member shall be notified in writing of the time and place of the Annual meeting at least (14) days in advance. (The Annual meeting is planned for December 14th, which means notification could be as late as December 1st.)

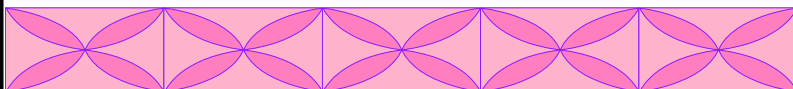
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November Birthdays

		Evanna	Miller	Nov.	05
1373	K6TDS	Jack	Higginson	Nov.	06
1377	KF6ILA	Duncan	Campbell	Nov.	06
0605	WB6EWT	Miriam	DeMers	Nov.	13
0867	KN6WP	Ethan	Porter	Nov.	13
0881	K1CHS	Ed	Blank	Nov.	15
0759	WB6WSN	Ed	Price	Nov.	17
1555	KM6EK	Joe	Utschig	Nov.	17
1287	KE6TPL	Jack	Carter	Nov.	19
1286	KE6TPJ	Al	Washburn	Nov.	20
1507	KF6YCU	Tomes	Theodorelos	Nov.	23
1449	WA6BEN	Ben	Bunsold	Nov.	24
1509	KC6NSI	Bobbie	Hoolihan	Nov.	24
0640	AD6KL	Len	Thompson	Nov.	27
0746	WB6RSG	Tom	Tennyson	Nov.	29



**Happy
Birthday!!!!**



STATUS OF ARCEC VHF REPEATER

John and Gary went up to Crest to see what was wrong; the power was down! Since they couldn't get it to work, they pulled it down and took it to Alex Groza. After a little cleaning up, Alex discovered the radio was working fine, even after going through the exciter/PA tune-up and also setting the radio to 50 watts and leaving it keyed up for about 10 min. He suggested looking at the 12-volt line going to the VHF Mitrek. The problem could have been a bad 12-volt line or possibly a dirty cap (that was probably cleaned up when he cleaned and returned the radio).

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Health & Welfare: Tuck told us that Lou, W6WJZ, became a silent key on Oct. 3rd. Lou was a long-time member of the Elks Lodge #1812 in El Cajon and a great supporter of their radio club.

Nominations Committee: The Committee was elected this evening: Michael, AE6CQ, was the high vote getter so he will be the Chair. Tuck, NZ6T; Bill, KD6QB; Tom, KC6NXZ; and returning Evelyn, N6EVE, make up this year's Committee. Please give them your support and consideration when they call you.

A board recommendation was made by Tom, KC6NXZ, to enable our Counterpoise to be sent in electronic form for e-mail distribution to those who would like to receive it this way. This method may allow us to recover some printing costs as well as mailing costs and mostly the huge effort it takes to move all of the paper around and get it to the Post Office in time. A discussion followed of the pros and cons by several very knowledgeable members. A motion was presented by Tuck, NZ6T, and seconded by Bill, KD6QB, that we try the electronic method for the newsletter beginning in January. Tuck, NZ6T, then announced that he will be taking over as Editor of the Counterpoise. Tuck said his method will be to send only a notification to the members via e-mail at the time of the Counterpoise posting onto our website. An amendment was proposed by Steve, AD6VI, and seconded by Roger, KC6TRU, that we try this on the condition that we do a cost comparison in order to see if in fact we will save money. This study is to be brought back to the membership by mid-summer of next year. Tuck further agreed to amend his motion to do a trial period of concurrent mailing via the post office and via the e-mail and revisit this issue in July of 2002. Both the motion and the amendments were approved by the membership.

Rough approximate cost breakdown for the monthly newsletter in a quantity of about 225 to 250:

Monthly copying costs:	\$160.00
Monthly postage:	\$60.00
Monthly breakdown for postal permit:	\$12.50
Total monthly costs:	\$232.50

Please send Tuck your e-mail address so he can compile this listing. His e-mail address is nz6t@arrl.org

Membership Report: Joni, KF6MPB, reported that we have 262 paid members. The last WAMO issued was #1615.

Affiliated Clubs: Larry, AE6AV, gave his report from the SANDARC meeting. Sounds like the convention was just barely in the black.

MOTION to adjourn passed at 8:50 p.m.

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



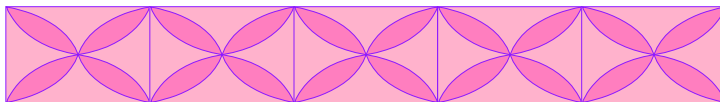
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The following observation does not reflect the opinion of TASMA or its Board of Directors):

1. Anybody wishing to run for an office should make their intentions known as soon as possible. But, they can not officially be nominated until the Annual meeting. This would allow any member voting by absentee ballot to know all the possible candidates and vote by write-in or vote on the slate of nominees written in the ballot.
2. Anybody who is not a TASMA member or if their membership expires before December and wishes to vote should renew before the October 30th deadline. You may check your membership status or print a membership application at the TASMA website: <http://>



HAM RADIO ROUNDUP!!! November 2, 2002 at the Kearney Mesa Rec Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All clubs are invited to put on a display and a potluck will be held at 12 noon. All hams are invited to attend and bring along a non-ham friend.



VEC Testing Sites

1st Saturday:	El Cajon	El Cajon Central Fire Station, 160 E. Lexington Avenue (in Rear), El Cajon, 10:00 a.m.
2nd Saturday:	Carlsbad	Carlsbad Safety Center, Orion Way, Carlsbad, 10:00 a.m.
3rd Saturday:	Normal Heights Methodist Church	4650 Mansfield Avenue (just off Adams Avenue), San Diego, 10:00 a.m.
4th Saturday:	Chula Vista	Salvation Army, 643 Third Avenue, Chula Vista, 9:00 a.m.
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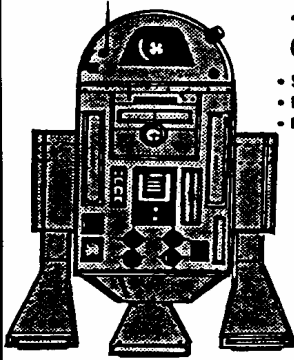
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