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## From the President



Another month has gone by very quickly. Where does the time go? I guess we are having so much fun, it seems as if it just flies by. Speaking of having fun, when was the last time you were at a meeting? If it has been a while, why not plan on being at the next one. I heard some disturbing news from some of our members and, in their opinion, the Club is falling down. Why is that? Is it because some have not made it to a meeting for quite some time? Folks, I try to be on a positive note most times, but sometimes you just have to tell it like it is. This is YOUR Club. It is what you make it. If you don't attend regularly, you are not only hurting yourself, but you are hurting the Club as well. The officers always try to present a good program and try to have you in mind.

On an upbeat note, now is the time to think about running for an office. Many of your present officers, myself included, are precluded from running again due to term limits. So, we will need candidates for all major offices as well as the Board of Directors. Also needed will be the nominating committee. If you would like to serve on the committee, please let me know. We will be electing four persons from a field of eight, and the chair from last year will be automatically added to provide the continuity.

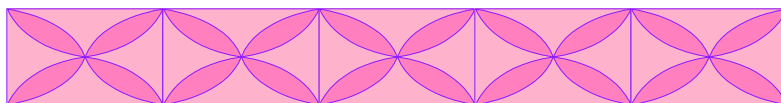


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## September Speaker

***RICH WEST***

General Membership  
Meeting — 9/12/01



## *New Classes to Begin*

*Do you need help passing  
your Extra class test?  
Need a brush-up on your  
math? Math classes start  
August 28th at the El Cajon  
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ment) at Lexington and  
Magnolia.*

General Membership Meeting



Wednesday, September 12th, 7:00 PM

La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

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**Nancy Paine at:**

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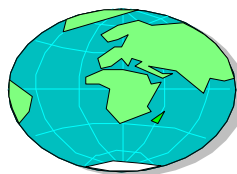
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# MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

August 8, 2001

The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by president Tuck Miller, NZ6T, at 1900 hrs. This evening, a video of the A59A Bhutan DX expedition was shown.

SECRETARY'S report as published in the *Counterpoise* was approved with one correction.

TREASURER'S report was approved as read. Tom, KC6NXZ, read it.

PRESIDENT Tuck Miller, NZ6T, announced that he was running for the ARRL office of SW Division Vice Director. It was moved and seconded that the El Cajon Club go on record supporting his candidacy. Motion was carried.

VICE PRESIDENT Tom, KC6NXZ, reported that September's speaker should be Rich West and the speaker for October would be Stu Downs. The November program would be the home brew contest and, of course, the December meeting will be the election of officers. The president touched on the subject of the upcoming elections. He noted that he is ineligible to run for president and that Mike, N6OPH, is also ineligible to run for secretary. Also, Nancy, KD6WUL, also can't run for Treasurer. So that means that there would be a completely new slate of officers for the 2002 term. He stressed the need for people willing to step forward and render their club a service. The nominations committee will be formed in October, with nominations from the floor during the November meeting. Tom, KC6NXZ, noted that Monica Zeck will no longer be doing traffic reports and will be working for the Harland Fire Department. She may be a guest speaker before the Club in the future.

SANDARC report was given by Mike, N6OPH. He stated that the Del Mar Fair chairman, Duncan, KF6ILA, has suggested that, for the

2002 event, a "home brew contest" be staged so that youth could demonstrate their talents in home brewing and submit their entries for judging. All of the projects would be displayed at the fair near the SANDARC Ham Radio Booth for the inspection of the public. The council passed a resolution requesting that the ARRL publicize the SANDARC-VEC schedule. A day after the council meeting, the need for such a resolution evaporated as the ARRL put the VEC schedule on their web site. The NCVEC meeting was held 27 and 28 July in Gettysburg, PA. A report on the meeting will be given on 30 August at the SANDARC meeting. Also, TASMA will hold their general meeting on 4 August at the Stanley Recreation Center at 1000 hrs.

SOCIAL report was given by Tuck, NZ6T, who stated that the Club picnic would be held on 18 August at La Mesita Park starting at 12 noon. It was moved and seconded that the Club purchase a handheld radio for \$150 or less as a prize for the Club picnic. Motion was carried.

MEMBERSHIP of the club stands at 271 and the last WAMO number awarded was 1583.

PUBLIC SERVICE chairman Rich, N6NKJ, stated that the El Cajon Friendship Festival will be held on 22-23 September and that operators are needed for part of the Saturday shift and also for the Sunday shifts. The shift times are 1300 to 1600 hrs on Saturday and 1000 -1300 and 1300 to 1600 on Sunday. Some volunteers did step forward this evening to cover those shifts. The participants will receive a t-shirt. Rich also noted that the operators would be required to operate the radios during their shift. Also, the El Cajon Club will be sponsoring a float during the Mother Goose Parade. A flatbed truck courtesy of Eric, W6LKK, will be used for the float. The float will feature an actual operating ham station. The parade will be held in November. It was also noted that the Boy Scouts are looking for mentors to accompany them during the Mother Goose Parade. Club members are encouraged to volunteer.

HEALTH & WELFARE committee noted that Peg Gentz has been in the hospital but is recovering well.

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# From the President Continued

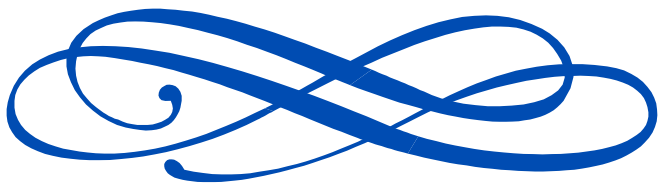
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As I write this, we are one week away from our annual club picnic; and I am sure someone is very happy that they walked away with a new handheld. Sure it was a low power model; but, hey, it was free.

Mark on your calendars the date of October 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be our annual Ham Radio Roundup to be held from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Kearny Mesa Rec Center. Clubs from all over the section will be putting up different displays including various modes of operation. I need a couple of folks to take care of a booth for the El Cajon club. I would also like to have an onsite T-hunt and a volunteer for coordinating that would also be appreciated.

In closing, most of you have already heard that I am running for Southwestern Division Vice Director, and I really appreciate the endorsement that I received at our last meeting from our club members. Rest assured that I will continue to work hard for you, just as I have as your Section Manager. I might add that I have the full support of my wife and daughter. Without them, it would not be possible. Art Goddard, W6XD, will be running for the position of Director, which is being vacated by our retiring Director Fried Heyn, WA6WZO. Fried has been the director since 1984 and has done a fantastic job. Fried and Sandi will both be at the swap meet on the 1st of September, so why not come on out and wish them well in their retirement. They really deserve it. They will also be at the Southwestern Division convention at the Holiday Inn in Riverside on Sept 7-9. If you can't spend the entire weekend, come on up for Saturday. Hey, you might be able to purchase what you always wanted.

Until next month, best 73, Tuck NZ6T



# September Birthdays

0709	KF6KE	Richard	West	Sept.	02
1567	WB6HKU	Mel	Morgan	Sept.	05
1428	WB6NFK	Paul	Liesberg	Sept.	06
1443	AE6CQ	Michael	Martak	Sept.	08
0846	W6MCY	John	Donnelly	Sept.	08
1165	KE6CBJ	Errol	Bruce	Sept.	08
1420	KF6OXP	Fred	Myers	Sept.	09
1508	W6AFF	Dick	Hoolihan	Sept.	11
0852	KC6EKU	Dan	Heck	Sept.	12
0541	N6JOJ	Tom	Myrick	Sept.	12
1345	KF6DMG	John	Blackstock	Sept.	13
1552	KG6BBW	Steve	Smith	Sept.	14
1256	KD6OKR	Dan	Briggs	Sept.	15
1414	W6BAS	Phil	Goodwin	Sept.	15
1568	KG6EJX	Barry	Ellard	Sept.	15
1192	WD6BTM	Chris	Bille	Sept.	16
0573	N6NKJ	Rich	Beisigl	Sept.	20
0952	KE6S	Gary	Smail	Sept.	20
1462	W6REY	Rey	Armstrong	Sept.	22
0547	WA6LGV	Ralph	Landers	Sept.	24
1227	W5NVH	Ernest	Hoskins	Sept.	25
0465	WA6IXW	Lyle	Johnson	Sept.	27



**Happy  
Birthday!!!!**

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it. — George Bernard Shaw, *Candida*, 1908

# Minutes (cont.)

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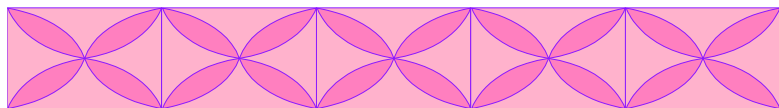
EDUCATION chairman noted that the math class sponsored by Bob, KB7NG, will start on 28 August that would last approximately eight weeks and will be followed by the extra theory class, which will also last about eight weeks.

OLD BUSINESS: Tuck announced that the ARES breakfast and meeting will be held at the Coco's Restaurant at 5955 Balboa Avenue with breakfast at 0700 and the meeting at 0800.

The Ham Radio Roundup will be held at Kearny Mesa Park on 20 October and the SANDRA Club will hold their annual picnic at that time. Tuck announced that Tom, KC6NXZ, has been appointed the section traffic manager.

There being no further business before the general membership assembled, the meeting was adjourned at 2056 hrs.

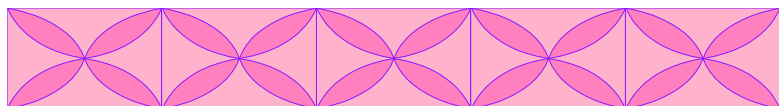
Respectfully submitted.  
Michael P. Maston, N6OPH, Secretary  
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



# Silent Key

In Memory of Walt Davis,  
WA6ODQ —

"There is no death, only a change of worlds." (Seattle, c. 1854, in Joseph Epes Brown, *The Spiritual Legacy of the American Indian*, 1964)



# Fond Farewell

My Friends and Fellow HAMs;

My wife, Carolyn (KF6JVF), and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your kindness and hospitality shown to us since we have been involved in the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. We joined the Club shortly after arriving from Japan, after being stationed there for three years. From that time on, you have shown us nothing but generosity, kindness and support.

One of the hallmarks of Amateur Radio is its support for so many community service activities. From Field Day to Special Olympics, the El Cajon ARC's involvement has been awesome. It is our wish that you continue in all these successful endeavors.

It was my privilege to serve as your president for the year 1999 and on the board of directors in 1998, 2000 and 2001. The individuals with whom I worked are the true unsung heroes, who freely donate their time, for the advancement of Amateur Radio in eastern San Diego.

We both feel truly blessed to have known and worked with all of you.

73 and God Bless one and all.  
Duncan R. Campbell, KF6ILA





# VEC Testing Sites

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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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FRITO, N6WKB

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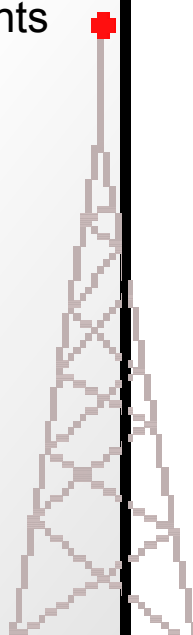
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