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From the President



The year is almost over! My, how fast it has gone. The El Cajon Club will host the annual Christmas party on December 13 at the Masonic Hall on Ballentyne Street. It will start at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the meetings at \$8.00 for club members and \$10.00 for non-members. You may buy your ticket at the December general membership meeting. The tickets will not be available at the door. So the general membership meeting is your last chance to go to this fine repast. See you there.

At the Christmas party, the name of the 2002 Ham of the Year will be announced. The selection of the Ham of the Year will be done at the December general membership along with the election of officers. This year, we have a full slate standing for election. Be sure to attend this all-important meeting so that your voice will be heard. As president, I would like to thank all of those volunteers who said yes when asked to run for office. This club and its many activities are indeed a tribute to all of those volunteers. Without you, there really isn't much of a club. Those who volunteer for other activities rather than for office are also a tremendous asset to our club. Keep up

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

A catered affair on Friday, December 13, 2002 at the Masonic Friendship Hall on Ballentyne in El Cajon. \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. Tickets can be purchased at the December General Membership Meeting or send your check, the number of tickets you need and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Al Gentz, at 9627 Ramsgate Way, Santee,

General Membership Meeting
La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa



Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 PM

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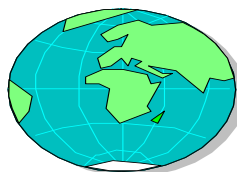
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MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 13, 2002

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

PROGRAM: Our meeting Chairman, Jeff, KG6JRM, introduced our guest speaker John Goodrich, KM1V, who is a Volunteer Council for the ARRL. The subject was PRB-1 and how it affects your rights pro and con under Deeds, Covenants and C.C.& R.'s

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS:

President:

Pat, WA6MHZ

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Mike, N6IEF

Rich, N6NKJ

Carl, WA6PPG

Motion to close nominations was made by John, KF6XY, and seconded by Rich, N6NKJ. Please thank our Nominations Committee for their hard work.

Ham of the Year Nominees:

Evelyn, N6EVE

Michael, AE6CQ

Galen, N6YBK

John, KF6XY

HOME BREW CONTEST:

Equipment Category: 1st Place: Pat, WA6MHZ, for a fine dual APRS/PSK-31 computer rig interface for his FT-817.

Antenna Category: 1st Place: Angelo, WB6MNR, for his "SQUARE-LO" for 6-meters; 2nd Place: Pat, WA6MHZ, for his made from scratch "miracle" tunable antenna for the FT-817; 3rd Place:

Tom, KD6FKP, for his excellent 160m vertical antenna.

MEMBERSHIP: Joni, KF6MPB, indicated there were 43 members in attendance and we had five visitors: Sara, Steve's daughter; Ron (did not get his last name); KF6DX; WB6ZCD; KF6LZZ.

AFFILIATED CLUBS: Mike, N6OPH, gave us a short report from the last-of-the-year meeting for SANDARC:

The S.D. County Fair will run from June 13th to July 6th with all Mondays closed. Our days at the Fair will be Fri., 13th, Sat., 14th & Sun., 15th of June.

The Elks Lodge #1812 has been paying for the ARES Cell Phone for some time and asked if SANDARC would take it over. This was tabled until January as there was no rush at this time.

EDUCATION: The next class will be starting in January on the 2nd or 3rd Tuesday; it will be the Technician Class.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Rich, N6NKJ, advised of the Hillsdale Middle School possible ARRL Big Project. Contact Rich as he will be asking all of us to help out. A complete station was donated to this project by Cathy Toy from Chuck Toy's, K6EVM, Estate. She has also granted permission for application for his call sign for the school. Roger, KF6UPP, and wife Susan, KG6AMO, have agreed to be trustees of the station equipment until the teacher gets her amateur license. Dan Briggs, KD6OKR, has donated three H.T.'s with batteries to the project or for use by the club.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The October General Meeting Minutes were approved with one correction: Jeff, KG6JRM, was the purchaser of the Red Cross "GO Bag" for the Prize Table. Way to go Jeff.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Read by Mike, N6OPH, and approved by the membership to be filed for audit. The Board will be looking at the possibility of moving some funds from savings as our checking is quite low.

CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS: The Dec. 11th Meeting will be the LAST CALL to purchase tickets!! Come one, come all to our annual Christmas party. Call Al, KA6RLX, Chairman of our annual Christmas party. He has the tickets for \$8.00 Members and \$10.00 non-Members. We are using the same excellent caterer Cupid Caterers. You can get your tickets by mail if you

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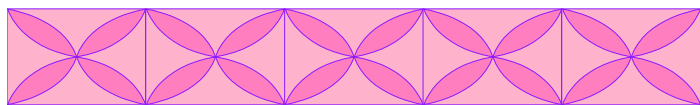
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the good work and 2003 will indeed be a banner year for the El Cajon Club.

The class schedule for 2003 is starting to firm up. It is traditional that the Technician class starts in January and is followed by a General class in March. They will be held at the El Cajon Fire Station on Lexington and Magnolia in the downstairs training room starting at 7 p.m. The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings and possibly also on Thursday evenings as well. If you know someone who wants to earn his ham ticket, this is the place to be. If there is a large turnout for these classes, VE testing at the conclusion will be held also at the firehouse. Now is the time to get on the air and have some fun. You and your equipment would also be handy in case of emergency.

See you at the meeting.

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



Ham of the Year Nominations

Mike Martak, AE6CQ

Once again we have turned the page of our calendar and, as we prepare for another Holiday Season, we are also asked to nominate someone worthy of the prestigious award of "Ham of the Year" for the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. As I think of the people who made contributions, I can't help but consider what contributions or actions really make awarding this honor to someone special for both the recipient and the spirit of the award. This is far

December Birthdays

0991	KD6INP	Frank	Sanchez, Jr.	Dec.	04
1083	WD6APP	Chuck	Wood	Dec.	04
1122	KD6WFT	Lee	Darter	Dec.	04
1584	KF6NHM	Richard	Sink	Dec.	06
1034	KD6JXR	Tom	Walker	Dec.	08
1585	KG6GZF	Brian	Gess	Dec.	08
1518	KF6YVK	Mary	Durante	Dec.	19
0787	KN6HP	Lee	Sheeler	Dec.	22
1375	KF6JGI	Marvin	Stout	Dec.	22
1155	KD6CYS	Claude	Gunnensen	Dec.	23
		Carrie	Brummund	Dec.	23
0836	KF6XB	Russ	Davison, Jr.	Dec.	25
0738	K7BAV	Jim	Gould	Dec.	29



**Happy
Birthday!!!!**

more than a popularity contest, and the winners, past and future, deserve at least that much. Looking back over the past year or so, I believe that one person really stands out in my mind. My nomination for the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon "Ham of the Year" award for 2002 is Michael Martak, AE6CQ.

Those of you who know Michael know that he is a gentleman, always eager and ready to help accomplish any task at hand. I have seen no one volunteer to do things when asked as much as Michael has; his hand is always one of the first to go up. No job or task puts him off as he is always ready to learn just so that job or event is enjoyed by the rest of us and always in the name of the club. He never seeks that "pat on the back" that many of us look for when we've done something out of the ordinary. Michael is the

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like, but PLEASE include an S.A.S.E. so he will not be burdened with turning down your request. The date is FRIDAY, DEC. 13, 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.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Tuck, NZ6T, reported that Jack Starr, AD6ZM, has undergone heart surgery. Joe, WB6TPJ, was seen walking around at the meeting after his short stay in the hospital and he is lookin' good. Tuck informed us that one of our members George, W6FF, is a silent key.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rich, N6NKJ, and seconded by John, KF6XY, and was passed at 9:10 p.m.

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

make him a winner in my book! All of these things are done by Michael with no thought of remuneration ... he does these things because he cares about us.

There is no doubt that there are other members of our club who have made contributions here and there for this event or that event, but I can't think of any other member who has had such a significant impact on the lives and well being of others as Michael Martak, AE6CQ, my nomination for "Ham of the Year".

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph A. Acevedo, N6SIX

Evelyn Miller, N6EVE

Evelyn has given much throughout the years for the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. A former board member and former Nomination Committee chair, she has made sure refreshments were made for the Club meetings. She has been the postmistress of the Counterpoise for two years, which requires collating, folding, stapling and labeling over 250 issues each month. And, through all of this, she's had to put up with her husband, Tuck, NZ6T, who most of you know has a pretty busy schedule. Through her support of his activities, he has been able to serve not only our Club but the Amateur Radio community as a whole. Whatever Evelyn is asked to do, she steps right in. Evelyn is very deserving of the Ham of the Year Award.

Respectfully submitted,
Tuck Miller, NZ6T



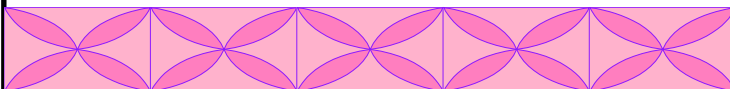
Ham of the Year Nominations (Cont.)

consummate "team player". I don't care how many superstars you
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have, the team player is the glue that keeps everything and everyone together.

Michael is also one of the most generous persons I know. Again, his generosity is strictly from his heart and he never looks for any notoriety for what he does. I have seen him give equipment to individuals in this club when they have admired something that perhaps was out of reach for them. I have seen Michael consistently volunteer his time, gasoline and vehicle to help people get to doctors or airports without hesitation or even being asked. His ability to recognize a need and personally address that need

Other nominees are Galen Kelm, N6YBK, who most of you know as the person who has run the Field Day activities for the Club for many years and has done an exemplary job of it and has also contributed his time on the Executive Committee several times; and John Cordle, KF6XY, who has made innumerable contributions to this Club over the years also serving on the Executive Committee several times and corralling



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