



WEB SITE: <http://www.qsl.net/wa6bgs/>

Counterpoise

Published Monthly by the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

Volume XLII

April 2002

Number 4

From the President

GOOD NEWS!!!! If you want to earn your general class license, the next class is for you! The general theory class will start on April 9. Here is your golden opportunity to gain access to the worldwide airways of HF radio. The class will be held at the El Cajon Fire House at Lexington and Magnolia. The classes start at 1900 hrs and should last about eight weeks. All are welcome to attend. See you there.

The ARRL SW Division convention is moving at great neck speed. This event will occur on August 16-18 at the Center for the Arts, Escondido. It is now our turn to showcase our hobby to San Diego. This is an opportunity for all of the clubs in the section to shine. The SW Division Vice Director comes from the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon. We are a "Special Service Club" within the San Diego Section. We have a lot to be proud. If you have not registered for the convention, please do so while the "early bird" registrations are being accepted. The "early bird" registrations are \$9 plus you get a free convention pin. The "early bird" registrations close on May 1, 2002. After that, the pre-registrations jump to \$12.50. So hurry and get registered. Plan on attending. Check out the convention site at <http://sd2002.hamcon.net>.

Continued on page 4



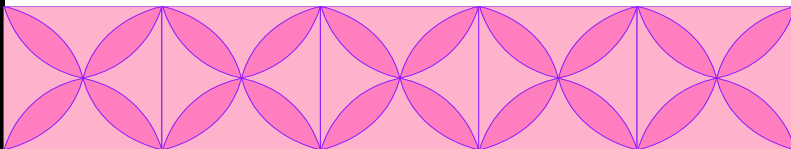
ATTENTION ALL HAMS!!!!

Southwest Division Convention
August 16-18, 2002
California Center for the Arts
Escondido, California

Registration can be made by downloading the registration form from the website at:

<http://sd2002.hamcon.net>
and mailing it in or, for even faster registration, register online using PayPal.

Hope to see you there!!!!



FOR SALE

Club T-shirts (\$10.00 each) and mugs — available at Club meetings

General Membership Meeting  **Wednesday, April 10th, 7:00 PM**
La Mesa Masonic Lodge - 4731 Date Avenue, La Mesa

2002 Officers

President	N6OPH	Mike Maston	296-9067
Vice-President	N5EV	Richard Niemtow	447-6806
Secretary	KC6NXZ	Tom Caudle	561-6678
Treasurer	KD6WUL	Nancy Paine	7/929-2808
Past President	NZ6T	Tuck Miller	434-4211

2002 Board of Directors

Affiliated Clubs	KD6PRV	Xemi Ruiz	574-0720
Membership	KF6MPB	Joni Cranmore	443-6939
Public Relations	N6SIX	Joe Acevedo	368-9488
Public Service	N6NKJ	Rich Beisigl	444-5465
WAMO Chairman	W6LKK	Erich Bennett	401-7332
Welcoming	AE6CQ	Michael Martak	562-6477

2002 Standing Committee

ARRL Asst. Dir.	WA6MHZ	Pat Bunsold	593-1111
Counterpoise	KD6WUL	Nancy Paine	7/9292808
Education	N6OPH	Mike Maston	296-9067
Elmers	KD6OKR	Dan Briggs	287-0437
Estate Sales Comm.	N6JOJ	Tom Myrick	449-3547
Field Day	N6YBK	Galen Kelm	448-8696
Finances	KF6WXA	Susan Kochel	445-6067
Health & Welfare	NZ6T	Tuck Miller	434-4211
Historian	N6WHK	Phil Pedigo	466-0590
Net Manager	N6WKB	Frito Samano	563-0514
Postmistress	N6EVE	Evelyn Miller	434-4211
Prizes	WA6PPG	Carl Ferree	265-5806
Radio Coaches	KE6BJL	Bob Spann	264-2188
SANDARC Delegate	KD6PRV	Xemi Anselmo	574-0720
SANDARC Delegate	AE6AV	Larry	
Social	KA6RLX	Al Gentz	449-1282
Swap Meet	N6JOJ	Tom Myrick	449-3547
Technical	W6RHV	Bob Boehme	448-4728
WAMO Chairman	W6LKK	Erich Bennett	401-7332

The Counterpoise is a publication of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon (ARCEC). It is published once monthly and contributions are accepted from officers of the Club. We also encourage input from other El Cajon Amateur Radio Club Members. Opinions expressed are solely that of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon (ARCEC). Articles may be submitted either by e-mail or mail to the editor:

Nancy Paine at:

E-mail: npaine@earthlink.net OR

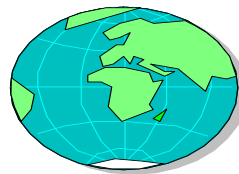
954 Sea Cliff Dr., Carlsbad, CA 92009

Deadline is the Sunday after the General Meeting. For further information, please call (760) 929-2808.

SANTEE DRIVE-IN SWAP MEET

10990 WOODSIDE AVE., North
 FOR INFORMATION, CALL 449-SWAP
 Ham Radio, Computers, Electronics
ACRES & ACRES OF BARGAINS
 1st & 3rd Saturday of the Month
Gates open 6:30 AM

WORLD WIDE DISTRIBUTION



Ham Radio Outlet

Tom McDuffie, Manager
KM6K

5375 Kearny Villa Road
 San Diego, CA 92123
 (858) 560-4900; 1-800-854-6046

ANAHEIM, CA • ATLANTA, GA • BURBANK, CA • DENVER, CO
 NEW CASTLE, DE • OAKLAND, CA • PHOENIX, AZ • PORTLAND, OR
 SALEM, NH • SAN DIEGO, CA • SUNNYVALE, CA • WOODBRIDGE, VA

TAXES

The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest possible amount of feathers with the least possible amount of hissing. — Jean Baptiste Colbert, Louis XIV's finance minister, 1665-69

MOVING?

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

MINUTES FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 13, 2002

The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by the president, Mike Maston, N6OPH, at 1900 hrs. Mike welcomed visitors and mentioned to the membership that Tuck, NZ6T, was in the back of the hall and that he had registrations for the ARRL SW Division Convention for sale. Mike introduced this evening's speaker, Joe, N6SIX, who spoke on the magic of six meters. At the conclusion of Joe's presentation, a fifteen-minute break ensued. After the break, the business meeting continued.

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

TREASURER Nancy Paine, KD6WUL, gave her report. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Mike, N6OPH, reported that Tom, KC6NXZ, was unable to attend the meeting and requested that Rich, N5EV, take the minutes of the meeting.
2. Mike, N6OPH, announced that Skip Cline, KD6RFQ, will be the SANDARC Del Mar Fair chairman. The Club days at the fair would be the first weekend and the following Tuesday, since the fair will be closed on that Monday. The Del Mar Fair will run from June 15 to July 7, 2002. Tickets for the fair will be available in June.
3. Mike, N6OPH, reported that the repeater is up and running. The auto patch card has been removed and sent to the manufacturer for repairs. It has not yet been returned.
4. Mike, N6OPH, reported on the Board of Directors meeting held on March 5. The board recommended that the Club refrain from granting lifetime memberships for two years; that the club would not donate to the *Newsline* this year; and that the cost of prizes awarded for the Christmas party and

other functions will be lessened. At present, there is about \$4,000 in the savings account and the Club receives about \$300 from the swap meet each month. Mike stressed the need to conserve funds throughout the year. He also advised the membership that the ultimate decision on spending rests with the general membership and the Board's admonition is advisory only.

VICE PRESIDENT Rich, N5EV, repeated that Art Goddard, W6XD, along with Tuck Miller, NZ6T, would present the ARRL Town Meeting for the April general membership meeting. Rich suggested that perhaps a representative of a major amateur radio company (i.e., Icom or Kenwood) would address the general membership for the May meeting.

PAST PRESIDENT Tuck Miller, NZ6T, stated that a bill has been introduced in Congress that would extend PRB-1 regulations to CC&R's. Tuck had no Heath & Welfare report this evening. Tuck also stated that he needs help in presenting the Wouf Houng ceremony at the convention.

SANDARC report was given by Mike, N6OPH. He stated that George Grant, K3EJ, filled the Media sub-committee chair. Also, after Mike, N6OPH, visited a meeting of the Palomar Club, the Palomar Club would attempt to fill the Facilities and Exhibitor Services Chair. That leaves the Credentials chair remaining. Also, during the council meeting, Skip Cline, KD6RFQ, volunteered to be the Del Mar Fair chairman.

EDUCATION: Mike, N6OPH, reported that the Technician theory course has been completed. The students are scheduled to take their examinations on March 16. The general theory course will begin on April 9 at the El Cajon Fire Department at Magnolia and Lexington at 1900 hrs. This course will last approximately seven or eight weeks. At the conclusion of this course, Jeff, AB6NE, will teach the CW class.

MEMBERSHIP chairman Joni, KF6MPB, stated that there are about 200 members and that the club roster would be included in the April *Counterpoise*. The last WAMO number issued was 1599.

Continued on page 5

From the President Continued

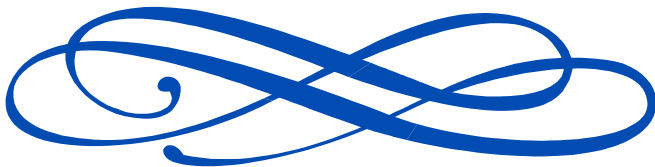
Continued from page 1 –

You will find all of the information that you need to register and the hotels available to you if you choose to stay overnight.

Coming in June are two events that you should check out. One is the Club days at the Del Mar Fair, which is now called "The San Diego County Fair." Our turn will be June 15-18 from 10 a.m. to about 9 p.m. The other event is, of course, Field Day. That will happen at the Al Bahr Shrine campground in the Laguna Mountains. It will occur on June 22-23. All club members are invited to join the fun and operate on the air. We normally operate seven stations. Last year, the Six Shooters put up a six-meter station and did a fine job.

We have a great year planned for amateur radio in San Diego and the El Cajon Club is indeed a part of it. So join the fun!!!

73's, Mike Maston, N6OPH



America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement No natural boundary seems to be set to the efforts of man and, in his eyes, what is not yet done is only what he has not yet attempted to do. — Alexis De Tocqueville, *Democracy in America*, 1835-39

April Birthdays

0387 KD6QB	Bill	Callier	Apr.	01
1297 KE6PMS	Louis	Dunn	Apr.	02
1441 KF6QXO	Irene	Lewis-Haag	Apr.	03
0021 K6DS	Harley	Gabrielson	Apr.	05
0734 NY6J	Bob	Helt	Apr.	10
1055 AB6SH	John	Hoke	Apr.	13
0676 N6YBK	Galen	Kelm	Apr.	15
1510 N5EV	Richard	Neimtzow	Apr.	18
1475 WA6VEY	Robert	Dalzell	Apr.	20
0006 WA6BJM	Fred	Moffett	Apr.	23
1101 WB6TPJ	Joe	Yelkin	Apr.	29



Happy Birthday!!!!

The Undoing of Many Professions

If lawyers are disbarred
 And clergymen defrocked,
 Then electricians should be delighted,
 Musicians denoted,
 Cowboys deranged,
 Pest controllers debugged,
 And models deposed.
 Then expect laundry workers to decrease
 (eventually becoming depressed and depleted),
 Bed makers to be debunked,
 Baseball players debased,
 Bulldozer operators degraded,
 Organ donors delivered,
 Software engineers detested,
 Underwear manufacturers debriefed,
 Orientals disoriented,
 Composers decomposed,
 And (mirabile dictu) politicians devoted.

Courtesy of Gilbert!, the Magazine of G.K. Chesterton

General Membership Minutes Continued

Continued from page 3

COUNTERPOISE editor Nancy, KD6WUL, stated that the deadline for articles is March 17.

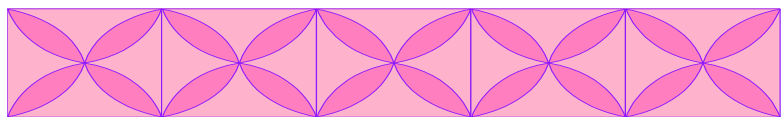
PUBLIC SERVICE chairman Rich, N6NKJ, stated that 94 people attended the SEMS training offered by the county on March 9. Of those 94, 15 were members of the eastern district. Also, Rich stated that RACES has changed some of the rules for their members and those who took the training. The meeting scheduled for March 14 would bring out more details.

WELCOMING Chairman Mike, AE6CQ, stated that there are 44 members and four visitors in attendance this evening. Visitors present were welcomed to the meeting by club president Mike Maston, N6OPH.

OLD BUSINESS: Joe, N6SIX, stated there will be a swap table at the next meeting. Tom, N6JOJ, stated that he is offering Club T-shirts and mugs for sale to the club members in the rear of the hall.

There being no further business before the general membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2028 hrs.

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



Recent Silent Keys

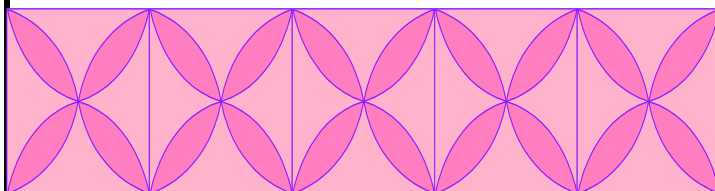
Phil Goodwin, W6BAS,
and
Lyle Johnson, WA6IXW

May they rest in peace!

I Am Old Glory

I Am Old Glory! For more than ten score years, I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than life itself, so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers, so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

Originally written by Master Sergeant Percy Webb, USMC (obtained from www.usflag.org)



VEC Testing Sites

1st Saturday:	El Cajon	El Cajon Central Fire Station, 160 E. Lexington
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-

To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, call 465-EXAM.

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:

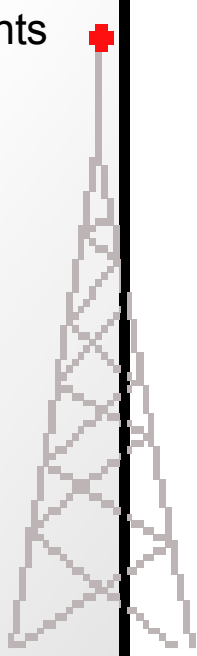
Output: 147.420

Input: 146.475

PL: 107.20

224.080 — 107.20 PL

446.860 — 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 Bob Spann, KE6BJL, at 619/264-2188.

C C C


COMPUTER SURPLUS
Computer Circulation Center, Inc.
 E-mail: info@allelec.com


San Diego
 9350 Clairmont Mesa Blvd., Suite C
 San Diego, CA 92123
 Tel: (858) 573-0411
 Fax: (858) 573-0510

Mail Order
 Corporate Headquarters
 2619 Temple Heights Dr.
 Oceanside, CA 92056
 Tel: (760) 724-2404
 Fax: (760) 724-8808

Vista
 1922 Hacienda Drive
 Vista, CA 92083
 Tel: (760) 732-1449



Online Datalink 



4242 Camino del Rio North, #12
 San Diego, CA 92108
 Tel: (619) 584-8139
 (619) 584-8140
 Fax: (619) 584-7961

Kenny Troung
 Sales Manager



ELECTRONIC SUPPLIES

"ELECTRONICALLY SPEAKING" GATEWAYS GOT IT FOR ALL

- STATE-OF-ART COMPONENTS
- RADIO AMATEURS
- ELECTRONIC EXPERIMENTERS
- HOBBY ENTHUSIASTS
- INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS
- ROBOT BUILDERS

WE BUY & SELL

279-6802 MON.-FRI. 9-5:30
 SAT. 9-5


gateway
 ELECTRONICS, INC.  

9222 CHESAPEAKE DR SAN DIEGO

1 BLOCK SOUTH OF 52 FWY BETWEEN KEARNY VILLA & RUFFIN RD



The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has. — Will Rogers, *The Illiterate Digest*, 1924

ARCEC Membership Application

1. Amateur Call Sign	2. Class of License
3. First Name	4. Last Name
5. Street Address	6. City, State, Zip+4
7. Home Phone: _____ (May we list) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	8. Work Phone (optional)
9. Date of Birth (year optional)	10. e-mail address
11. ARRL Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	12. ARES Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. RACES Member <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	13. Other Interests
14. Family Membership with:	14. Sponsored by:
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. <i>Please write your call on the check</i>	
New <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	WAMO!! No. _____
Certificate Issued	Computer Database Updated
Paid Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/>	Check No. _____

PRSR STD
U.S. Postage
PAID
El Cajon, CA 92020
Permit No. 182

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
P. O. Box 50
El Cajon, California 92022

