

**SANDARC COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**March 27, 2008**

At 7:00 p.m. the Chairman Mike Maston N6OPH called the meeting of the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council to order. A quorum was present. After the Pledge of Allegiance, visitors were welcomed.

**Secretary's Report** was reviewed. The Minutes were corrected to reflect "fee" should be "free" and "Crock" should be spelled "Croc". **Motion** by Paul Rios KC6QLS to approve the Minutes as corrected, seconded by Ron Rosson N6XT and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**: Stogie Panger KG6JCW gave Treasurer's report. **Motion** to accept Treasurer's report as read by Paul Rios KC6QLS, seconded by Pat Allen W6PEA, and motion carried.

**Chairman's Agenda Items:**

- a. Welcome. Paul Dorey WN6K is new Board Member, welcome and he received his name badge.
- b. Mike Maston N6OPH reported that Norm Albright WB6OKO, who was the son of the founder of SANDARC and also very involved in amateur radio himself, is a silent key. He will be missed.
- c. The previously tabled **Motion** regarding the Library Book Proposal to spend up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of general books and up to \$1,000.00 for extra books for a total of \$2,000.00 to be expended by SANDARC for the purchase of these books to be donated to the San Diego City and County libraries was taken off the table for a vote. The vote was unanimous, 12 for and 0 against, and the motion carried. SANDARC will check with the ARRL to get the best possible price on the books.
- d. Convention Report by Mike Maston N6OPH that the 2010 convention contract with the Sheraton Four Points Hotel has been signed. The first meeting of the Convention Committee will be a dinner meeting and tour of the hotel on May 22, 2008. Regular Convention Committee meetings will be non-dinner meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the hotel at 7:00 p.m.
- e. Club Admission inquiry report by Mike Maston N6OPH that the Six Shooters Club has inquired regarding admission to SANDARC. He attended their meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March and did a presentation on SANDARC and the requirements to join. They will decide if they wish to apply to join SANDARC at their April meeting.

**Committee reports:**

- a. Education Report by Steve Early AD6VI is attached \*
- b. Media Report by Paul KC6QLS that the website will be moved to a new server and he already discussed this with Alex. He will also move the convention website to the same server. Paul also attended the Six Shooters Meeting and is in agreement with SANDRA Representative Bob Boehme W6RHHV's suggestion at the Six Shooter Meeting to update the SANDARC Trifold, and he is in the process of doing this.
- c. Fair update by Paul KC6QLS that he needs the dates the clubs want to work the fair and requested the Delegates have their club's date at the next meeting or email him as soon as possible with this info so he can update the SANDARC website calendar. Fair runs 6-14-08 through 7-6-08; is closed Monday 6-16-08 and 6-23-08, but is open Monday 6-30-08 for the "Weird Al Yankovic" show.

**TASMA Report** by Steve Early AD6VI that the last time they met, the Board requested volunteer observers for all San Diego and Imperial County Repeaters to listen to repeaters to see what works and what does not so that they can make any necessary changes. It costs \$15.00 to join TASMA, and they meet at the Walnut City Library. The next meeting is April 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

**VEC Report** by Mike Maston N6OPH that July 25, 2008 will be a teleconference. The new VE Team is completing their training on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April and will then be ready to test in the Imperial Valley once per month. They will charge \$5.00 and all procedures will be the same.

**ARRL Report** by Harry Hodges W6YOO that he will cease to be Section Manager as of 3-31-08 and that Steve Early AD6VI will be the new Section Manager as of 4-1-08. There will be telephone conversations between Harry and Steve in an effort to complete a smooth transition. Visalia Convention is the last full weekend in April and is their 59<sup>th</sup> year. SANDARC requested that the new SM submit a letter to the SANDARC Secretary indicating the name and call of the new SM and SEC.

**Club Reports:**

**Palomar:** Report by Steve Early AD6VI is attached. \*

**Escondido:** Report by Ron Rosson N6XT is attached. \*

**Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon:** Report by Larry Plummer AE6AV is attached. \*\*

**San Diego DX Club:** Report by Paul Dorey WN6K is attached. \*\*

**SANDRA:** Report by Bob Boehme W6RHV that their last meeting was a social meeting at the Sizzler in El Cajon and was attended by approximately 20 members.

**Convair Club:** Report by Steve Adams K6PD is attached. \*

**SOBARS:** Report by Pat Allen W6PEA that the club is in the process of purchasing a repeater. Field Day will be at a school in the East Lake area again this year. The next meeting is a potluck dinner at the Norman Park Center. They have turned in their paper work for re-affiliation with the ARRL.

\* Reports emailed to the secretary prior to the meeting are attached hereto.

\*\* Reports turned in at the meeting will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the April meeting.

**Motion** to adjourn by Steve Early AD6VI, seconded by Pat Allen W6PEA and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Rios, KC6TBG  
SANDARC Secretary

## **SANDARC Education Report**

Two Tech Classes on March 29<sup>th</sup>

Salvation Army/Joan Kroc has been closed at 45 students.  
SANDARC to Test at 5 PM.

Encinitas has 10 confirmed and 15 referred from Salvation Army/Joan Kroc.  
Testing unknown.

ROARS is planning a Tech Class for Ramona before mid June.

Tech Class underway in Fallbrook

General Class underway at ARCEC

### **Wild-land Fire Safety Training**

This course is intended for primary and secondary responders, such as RACES, Animal Rescue, CERT, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Red Flag Patrol, etc.

Instructor: Roxanne Provaznik, Cal Fire – Monte Vista Station

Location: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Address: 5555 Aztec Dr, La Mesa, CA 91942

Date: Saturday April 12th, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (?)

Please RSVP with Rich Beisigl at [rbeisigl@csst.net](mailto:rbeisigl@csst.net)

In accordance with facility policy, please do not bring coffee or tobacco products into the building.

## **PARC SANDARC Report**

Our March Program was given by attorney Jonathan Kramer, W6JLK and was titled: "I'm from the Government (Planning Department) and I'm here to help you!".

Jonathon spoke his experiences as a consultant for Community Planning Departments and provided insight on what to do (and not do) or say, when dealing with our civil servants. Jonathon illustrated how our approach and presentation can lead to success or failure. The presentation, which was recorded, kept everyone's attention for the entire program.

This speaker is recommended for any club and the Convention

Our April program will feature Art McBride, KC6UQH, delivering a presentation prepared by Rod, AC6V (SK), on The History of Vacuum Tubes, beginning with the Edison effect and covering special tube types still in service today. The program will end with a comparison of the advantages of both tubes and solid state technology. This ought to be a good opportunity for many of us to learn a bit about the radio art, as well as the science behind it.

PARC will hold Field Day at the San Marcos site again.

Steve Early,  
President, Palomar Amateur Radio Club.

## EARS SANDARC report for January 2008:

### General activities:

- *Grape-day parade (Sep 8th)*. Several members of EARS took part in this Escondido annual event organized by Konrad Wallenda (N6UKO).
- *California QSO party (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)*. This was the second time that EARS has taken part in this event. Steve Alborn (KE6PY) was again the CQP chairman. The QTH was Dixon Lake in Escondido. The score was better than last year's – with the team amassing a huge 127167 points. The 'dream-team' consisted of the following members: Steve Alborn (KE6PY), John Musselman (N6EP), Robert Fritz (WD6S), Dennis Hergert (WA6IQY), Kurt Barnhart (N6MD), Dirk Reschly (N6SUN).
- *Miramar air show (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>)*. This event is handled by ARES, and EARS members are always invited to take part.
- *San Diego Wild Fires (Oct 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>)*. During this unfortunate time - many EARS members were active in assisting of passing radio traffic. Of particular note was Harry Hodges (W6YOO) – who was active throughout the whole of the proceedings from his home in South Escondido. One unfortunate piece of news was that Dennis Hergert (WA6IQY) lost his Rancho Bernardo home to the fires, but both he and his wife Judy are OK.
- *Escondido JC's Christmas parade (Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)*. Another annual event that EARS members keenly take part in – again organised by Konrad Wallenda (N6UKO). This year's event (the 57<sup>th</sup>) was unfortunately cancelled on the morning for safety reasons – due to inclement weather.
- *First Night activities (Dec 31<sup>st</sup>)*. The last local event of the year in which EARS members take part. Superbly organized as always by Jo Ashley (KB6NMK).

### Club meetings for 2007:

- Aug – Getting youth interested in amateur radio. A 'round-table' discussion by Carl Gardenias (WU6D) on ideas and activities aimed at getting young people interested in amateur radio.
- Sep – ARRL dignitaries' night. A PowerPoint presentation on ARES by 'Mitch' Mitchell (K6BK) and Jim Cammarano (KG6R). The presentation included a Q&A session, plus a 'show-and-tell' with a Win-Link 'Go' kit.
- Oct – A DXpedition DVD/Video evening, generously provided by Harry Hodges (W6YOO).
- Nov – An impromptu talk & discussion about the recent wild fires in San Diego led by Kurt Barnhart (N6MD). The talk included first hand experiences from the club members, and discussions about what went well, and what could have been done better.
- Dec – Annual EARS Christmas party held at the residence of John & Lynn Belstner (W9EN) in Valley Center. A good time was had by all those who attended (especially the 'white-elephant' gift exchange). Numbers were down a little from last year, but it is believed that this was due to the weather.

### Club meetings for 2008:

- Jan – ARRL Section Manager Candidate forum. The two candidates for the position of ARRL San Diego Section Manager (Pat Bunsold (WA6MHZ) & Steve Early (AD6VI)) answered questions from the audience on why they should be considered for the

position. Both candidates did a great job of presenting themselves and answering many questions from the audience. There were 14 EARS members in attendance, and 13 non-EARS guests (mostly from Palomar club. Note that this position is currently held by Harry Hodges (W6YOO) on interim basis until the results of the February election are known.

- Feb – We have Vince Sheetz (KI6CFW) who works for Intel, and will be giving an overview of wireless data technologies - including WiMAX & WiFi.
- Mar – Our club president Steve Venner (W6TAN) will be giving a presentation on the manufacture of cellular telephones. It will also include some practical activities for the audience.
- Apr – Annual club auction. This annual event will be held in the gymnasium at the Salvation Army building in Escondido. The auctioneer is once again Art McBride (KC6UQH), and the event is open to all local clubs.

Finally - EARS will be holding its 35th birthday celebration in 2008.

Further details of club's latest news and the planned events for the coming year can be found on the EARS website: <http://www.earsclub.org>

Steve Venner (W6TAN).

EARS president.

C/O Ron Rosson  
Sandarc Delegate

**Convair/220 Amateur Radio Club**

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March 27, 2008

Subject: Convair/220 Club SANDARC Report for March 6, 2008 General Meeting

1. The March general meeting was held at the KM Rec. Center. The program was a video presentation of the BS7H Scarborough Reef DXpedition.
2. The next meeting will be our annual Installation of Officers' Dinner to be held at Denny's in the Clairemont Town Center. The program will be presented by George Roos, KO6BU all about the USS Midway Carrier Museum. This will be a PowerPoint program with lots of good slides.
3. The Club voted to approve the spending of \$2000, by SANDARC, for ham radio manuals to be donated to the libraries.
4. The Club has re-applied for ARRL affiliation.
5. The Club is making plans for Field Day in June at the KM Rec Center park area again this year..
6. The Club 220 MHz repeater was reported to be working well.

Submitted by Steve, K6PD, Convair/220 Club delegate.  
March 27, 2008, SANDARC meeting.

Attached: April Club newsletter.

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