

SANDARC COUNCIL MINUTES
July 31, 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.

Attendance: 15 total (6 clubs represented)

Officers:

Chair: N6OPH
Vice Chair: KC6QLS
Secretary: KC6TBG
Treasurer: KG6JCW

Clubs:

ARCEC: K5WFW: KO4QT
Convair: K6PD
EARS: K6DAF
MARA: KG6FBV
SD DX: WN6K; WB6BFG; W6YOO
SANDRA: WD6APP

ARRL: AD6VI, Section Manager

Visitors: Jan Ferris

Secretary's Report was reviewed. **Motion** by Paul Rios KC6QLS to approve the Minutes as published, seconded by Len Fulbright K5WFW and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Stogie Panger KG6JCW. **Motion** to accept Treasurer's report as presented by Paul Rios KC6QLS, seconded by Steve Adams K6PD, and motion carried.

Chairman's Agenda Items:

- a. Welcome. SANDARC received a letter from North Shores Amateur Radio Club that effective 8-31-08 the club is disbanding. The letter will be filed with the SANDARC Secretary.
- b. San Diego (Del Mar) Fair report by Paul KC6QLS. Thank you to all who volunteered and to Tom at HRO for his donation of the Yaesu radio for the booth. The new booth location in the In Field was secure, cool and sufficient for our SANDARC wooden booth set up and the 4 A-Frames, which displayed amateur radio information and amateur radio/fair theme (sports) related information. Overall, the booth was successful, but we could always use more volunteers. We will start planning early next year and already have some ideas to improve our booth. SANDARC received a thank you letter from the fair, a copy of which is printed on the back of the Agenda.
- c. Convention Report by Mike N6OPH that there was no meeting in July. The next meeting will be the 3rd Thursday of August and the location will be announced on the convention reflector. John Musselman has volunteered to be the convention liaison to the XE2BC club again this year.
- d. Ham Radio Roundup Report by Steve Early AD6VI that the Ham Radio Roundup has been deferred to September.

Committee reports:

1. Education Report by Steve Early AD6VI that the one day Tech Class to be held in El Cajon on August 16, 2008 currently has 34 registered. A copy of the report submitted at the meeting will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the next meeting. **
2. Media Report by Paul KC6QLS that a number of clubs were on the news and in the newspaper during the month of June regarding Field Day and Red Flag Patrol. As pointed out by K6PD, there is also an article on page 60 of the August 2008 QST. The Mother Goose Parade is coming up in November, and SANDARC usually places an ad in the program. **Motion** by Paul Dorey WN6K to place a \$275.00 ½ page ad in the mother Goose Parade Program again this year, seconded by Stogie Panger KG6JCW, and motion carried. Several examples of ½ page ads will be brought to the next meeting for review and approval.

3. Legislative Oversight Report: None

TASMA Report: None

VEC Report: Mike Maston N6OPH reported on the telephonic NCVEC conference held on 7-25-08.

ARRL Report by Steve Early AD6VI. A copy of the report submitted at the meeting will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the next meeting. **

Club Reports:

Palomar ARC: No PARC Delegate was present. However, Steve Early AD6VI submitted a written report on behalf of PARC, a copy of which will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the next meeting. **

Escondido ARC: Report by Doug Ferris K6DAF. See report attached. *

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon: Report by Len Fulbright K5WFW. See report attached. *

San Diego DX Club: Report by Paul Dorey WN6K. A copy of the report submitted at the meeting will be attached to the Minutes and distributed at the next meeting. **

SANDRA: No report per Chuck Wood WD6APP.

Convair Club: Report by Steve Adams K6PD. See report attached. *

QCWA: No QCWA Delegate was present. However, Harry Hodges W6YOO gave report that the next meeting is this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at the Sizzler on Aero Drive. Visitors are welcome.

MARA: Report by Cal Tyler KG6FBV that while MARA has not met recently, he will attend SANDARC meetings and they will continue to support SANDARC.

Six Shooters: Delegate Mike Oberbauer KG6TDP was unable to attend, but sent an email to the secretary in this regard. No report.

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

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Motion to adjourn by Harry Hodges W6YOO, seconded by Wild Bill Wiederhold WB6BFG and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Rios, KC6TBG
SANDARC Secretary

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 5th-7th)*. 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 12th-14th)*. This event is handled by ARES, and EARS members are always invited to take part.
- *San Diego Wild Fires (Oct 21st-27th)*. 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 8th)*. Another annual event that EARS members keenly take part in – again organised by Konrad Wallenda (N6UKO). This year's event (the 57th) was unfortunately cancelled on the morning for safety reasons – due to inclement weather.
- *First Night activities (Dec 31st)*. 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

Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

Meeting of July 10, 2008

The Program this month was a presentation on Handy Hams by Marcia DeRuntz KG6FIX. She gave a computer presentation that was very interesting. We learned a lot about Handy Hams and that it is a national organization that hosts a camp each year. They are looking for a camp in the San Diego Area if any one knows one that would accommodate the handicapped, get in touch with Marcia.

We had a successful Field Day in spite of our break in and theft of our equipment. The Club thanks everyone who loaned equipment to the Club. We could not have had one without you.

The Extra Class will be held starting in September.

There was a lot of coverage in the news about the Red Flag Patrols on July 4th. There was an article in QST Magazine about our clubs participation in Red Flag Patrol.

The Club picnic will be August 9th. Come on out.

Submitted,

Len Fulbright, K5WFW

**Convair/220 Amateur Radio Club
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July 31, 2008

Subject: Convair/220 Club SANDARC Report for July 3, 2008 General Meeting

1. The July general meeting was held at the KM Rec. Center. The program was a PowerPoint presentation by K1CT & N6CEO about their experience using digital communications, including required equipment and software.
2. The next meeting will be a on Thursday, July 3, 6:30 PM at the Kearny Mesa Rec Center. The program will be presented by SANDRA about their repeaters and sites, etc.
3. The Club Field Day was at the Kearny Mesa Rec Center park area. Over 33 members and guests participated. The Club operated as 2A SDG.
4. The Club 220 MHz repeater was out of service for about 4 days last week because of a blown circuit breaker in the building.

Submitted by Steve, K6PD, Convair/220 Club delegate.
July 31, 2008, SANDARC meeting.

The Contrails newsletter is attached as a PDF file.