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Next meeting:

October 13, 2005 7:00 pm

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Coming up in November; Bring your entries to the General meeting for the Home Brew Contest.

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From The President
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Fellow club members:

We have several events coming up. The first is in November, this is the home brew contest. This is a contest to see who can build the best projects from scratch, no kits. Good luck to all those who enter. I hope to see a good turn out. During November the nominations committee will provide the results of canvassing the club members to find the new officers for next year, so please think about running for office. At the October meeting we will be appointing the Nominations Committee, so please think about volunteering to be a member and help to select the new prospective officers of the club. In December we will have the club elections. This includes the election of the Ham of The Year. So please think who you wish to nominate and elect to the Ham of The Year. Good luck to all running for offices. Last, but not least, is the Christmas Party on Friday December 9. I hope to see you all there.

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Susan KF6WXA giving her presentation of CERT at the meeting. Thanks Susan. Great job!



Stogie KG6JCW
ECARC President

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Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Membership Meeting
8 September 2005



The general membership meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by club president Michael "Stogie" Panger, KG6JCW at 1910. **SECRETARY'S:** report was approved as published in the *Counterpoise*.

TREASURER Susan, KF6WXA read her report. It was approved as read and filed for audit.

PRESIDENT'S: report was given by Stogie, KG6JCW. He discussed a proposal from the board of directors regarding sponsoring a float in the Mother Goose Parade. Paul Rios, KC6QLS made the presentation for the board. He stated that ads in the Mother Goose Parade program book would cost \$75 for business size, \$175 for a quarter page and \$275 for half page. A full-page ad would cost \$450. It was moved and seconded that the club purchase an ad in the Mother Goose Parade program book for \$275. Motion was carried. It was moved and seconded that the ARCEC sponsor a float in the Mother Goose Parade. The motion was carried. Paul Rios, KC6QLS will be the committee chairman for the float. He will form the committee and notify the club secretary of the committee members. The paperwork for the parade must be submitted by 16 September 2005. Paul stated that the cost for float materials and make up would be about \$200. It was moved and seconded to authorize \$200 for start up costs on the float. Motion was carried. The float committee chairman will report to the club the progress on the construction of the float.

Susan, KF6WXA: presented the program on CERT. She explained who they are and what they do. She stated that there are now 18 CERT units within the county.

After the break, the meeting continued.

WELCOMING: chairman reported that there were 35 members in attendance with 3 visitors.

EDUCATION: report was given by Mike, N6OPH. He reported that two people have signed up for the class and that he has also secured the services of an instructor.

SANDARC: report was given by Len Fulbright, K5FWF. He stated the CW requirement will be dropped by January 2006 unless notified otherwise. The dates of the various question pools have been changed. The new Technician pool will become official on 1 July 2006. The new general pool will become official on 1 July 2007. The extra class pool will not be changed until July of 2008. The technician examination was perceived as being too difficult while the general was

considered too easy. This will be changed so that the technician pool will become easier and more fitting as an entry-level license. With the dropping of the CW requirement the general class license is the intermediate licenses level. Mike, N6OPH is SANDARC's representative on the question pool committee. The Riverside convention will be held on 9-10 & 11 September. Mike, N6OPH will be in attendance to offer early bird registrations and free pins. The convention website will be open on 9 September. The site will be www.sandarc-conv2006.org. Our own Paul Rios, KC6QLS is the Webmaster.

PUBLIC SERVICE: Chairman Rich, N6NKJ reported on the recently completed drill held throughout San Diego. There is another drill on 15 October. October 21, 22 and 23 there will be a 100-mile run. There is a need for operators for that event. The ARES breakfast is the second Saturday of each month. Ham radio operators are helping out in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Communications in the New Orleans area have been completely wiped out.

MEMBERSHIP: chairperson Ann, KC6TBG stated there are 208 paid members.

COUNTERPOISE: chairman Paul, KC6QLS announced the new site for the club. The site is www.wb6bgs.org. The convention website will be up by 10 September.

PAST PRESIDENT: Pat, WA6MHZ reported that the ARRL SW division Convention will be held in Riverside, CA on 9, 10 and 11 September.

A drawing was held for the \$25 gift certificate at HRO. The prize was won by Paul Rios, KC6QLS.

They're being no further business before the general membership; the meeting was adjourned at 2056hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Paul Maston, N6OPH
Secretary
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon



Pre-Registration
2006 ARRL Southwestern Convention
At the web site www.sandarc-conv2006.org

HOME BREW RULES
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon
November Meeting

1. All home brew projects must have been constructed during the calendar year of 2005.
2. All home brew projects must be original works. No kits please.
3. The home brew contest will consist of three categories; Novice, Advanced and Antenna.
4. Novice class would be reserved for beginners who are constructing their first project.
5. Advanced class would be for those who are experienced in the art of home brewing. It would be as complex as practicable.
6. The antenna class would consist of a transmitting antenna for any amateur frequency.
7. All home brew projects must be explained by the builder and demonstrated before the general membership. All projects must function as described.
8. Each home brew class will consist of first, second and third places. The winner of each class would be awarded an appropriate plaque.
9. The judging would be accomplished by three volunteers selected by the club president. Any licensed amateur radio operator and club member is illegible to be a judge. The decision of the judges is final. No sour grapes please.
10. The purpose of the home brew contest is to demonstrate just one of the many capabilities of the amateur radio community. Build and have fun!!

VEC Testing Sites

1 st Saturday:	El Cajon 10:00 am First Lutheran Church of EC 867 South Lincoln Ave.
2 nd Saturday:	Carlsbad 10:00 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
3 rd Saturday:	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
4 th Saturday:	Chula Vista 9:00 am Salvation Army 643 Third Ave Chula Vista
5 th or last Saturday:	Escondido 10:00 am Escondido Chamber of Commerce 720 north Broadway Escondido

To make advance reservations or to find out more info from the site captain, please call 465-EXAM (3926)

WA6BGS Nets

David Cyr:	KG6QCO	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets

WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights
 8:00 pm local time 7:30 "Checkins"

10 Meters: 28.480

Tuesday Night Rag Chew net:

8:00 pm

Nets held on club repeaters

WA6BGS Repeaters

2 Meters SANDRA Repeater

Output 146.265 "Otay"

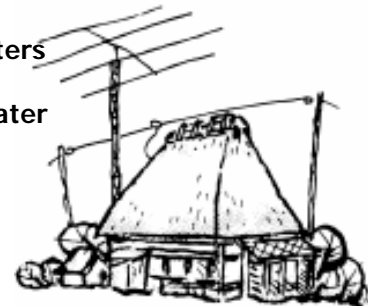
Input + Split

PL 107.2

224.080 – 107.20 PL

445.900 – 141.30 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.



Club Attire

***** Shirts on hand. Call for Sizes *****

Get your jackets, hats and t-shirts.
 Show off your club colors and let all know
 that the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon is
 strong and growing.

Calendar of Events
October 2005

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|------|-----|----------------------------------------|
| Oct. | 1: | Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am |
| Oct. | 1: | T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm |
| Oct. | 4: | Board Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| Oct. | 8: | ARES Meeting, 8:00 am |
| Oct. | 13: | General Meeting, 7:00 pm |
| Oct. | 15: | Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am |
| Oct. | 15: | T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm |
| Oct. | 20: | SANDARC Meeting 7:00 pm |

The Counterpoise is also online in FULL COLOR. Check it out and the club's website at: www.wa6bgs.org

Get your advanced copy by e-mail. I will send it out in .PDF format the night it goes to print. E-mail me and let me know that you would like a copy. Size of file maybe up to 1.5 mb at times.

W6NXS Hank Wayne
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Call _____ WAMO# _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

New Address:

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send to Membership Chairperson:

A.R.C.E.C./ P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

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	8. Work Phone
May we list: Y N	
9. DOB	10. e-mail
11. ARRL Member Yes no	12. ARES Member Yes No
13. RACES Member Yes No	14. Sponsored by: or Family Member

Return this form with check made payable to the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon or ARCEC for new or renewal membership. Annual Dues \$18.00 for Individual, \$30.00 for family. New members add \$5.00 per member. Include your call on Check. Mail to
Membership Chairperson
A.R.C.E.C, P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022

New () or Renewal ()	WAMO Number
Certificate Issued	Dues from _____ To _____
Paid Cash ()	Check No.
Check ()	Date Paid:

Computer Roster Available

Want the roster sent to you via e-mail? Send an e-mail to Ann Rios KC6TBG, and she will send you the database back as an attachment. She uses Excel, but may be able to convert to various formats if asked. Send your request to 619-593-9445 or KC6TBG@cox.net

FUN PAGE

Birthdays September

October 1	KE6ECG	Rick	Hoke
October 2	KB6RYD	Ty	Simons
October 2	AI6O	Ed	Felter
October 4	KB6RCT	Vuong	Bunsold
October 5	KG6UQA	Lee	Martin
October 12	WB6IMN	Ed	Kennedy
October 12	KE6YPS	Richard	Dickson
October 12	KF6ZRT	Scott	Webber
October 13	KN6HQ	Frank	Sheeler
October 15	KG6CNB	Michael	Anderson
October 23	KD6DCO	Doug	Goodman
October 29	K6VM	Chet	Smith
October 29	KD6WRO	Peggy	Bostick

Did I miss your Birthday or is yours next month? E-mail me: KC6QLS@cox.net

Word Search "Convention"

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T E C H M I C A L R L L L E S
F I X J E T A Z U Y E K S I X
D R C D O V E R N I G H T Y H
I R Q K R J S R C T S R H J E
V C A D E K V T H U N T E Y L
I T R W D T Y V E V E N T S D
S H R S I T P R O G R A M P E
O J L Z J N H Z N Q O C L E P
N R D I R A G Y L I O T J A T
Q B S J E F X F T N L I D K E
F A M I L Y V R V O T V V E E
U N O L T C U E W J Y I I R M
M Q T U Y E N L Y X S T J S P
P U K J T T O R T I F I O Z A
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S A N V N O I T A I C O S S A
    
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Jokes "Tickets and more tickets"

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting.

I went to the store the other day. I was only in there for about 5 minutes. When I came out there was a city cop writing out a parking ticket.

I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a senior a break?" he ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a name. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So I called him a worse name. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket.

This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner and this one had a "Hillary in '08" bumper sticker on it.

I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired. It's important at our age.

73 W5COM Tom

- ACTIVITIES
- AMATEUR
- ARRL
- ASSOCIATION
- BANQUET
- CONVENTION
- DIVISION
- DRAWING
- EVENTS
- FAMILY
- LUNCHEON
- OVERNIGHT
- PROGRAM
- SELL
- SPEAKERS
- SWAPMEET
- TECHNICAL
- THUNT
- TICKET
- VENDERS

Last Months Word Search

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A M P H O P F T T N E R R U G
M H F I Q G S C A R C S Q F I
T W H A R E S T S T O R F H I
E F N I D V E H N D W K F M A
N K Q J M S K W S N I L L C I
N K C K L P S S H M L J B B I
A H M I H D T B L F D S U B I
F A E T N E W I N G T O N L O
G M T F Y D E J O I U E I E R
G M O P S E C O B E Q U C L U
S I N E W A V E I S D E A P J
M E G A C Y C L E L H P D R E
S G Y L I N E A R O E H R O G
F K R J I P S E T I P O T K U
V R H J Q H I Y H Z T R E N Y
A H V O L T A G E L J P Q L S
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Al Gentz, KA6RLX, WAMO #729, takes his turn under the spotlight this month. He was born and raised on a farm, near Lakefield in Minnesota where he attended three one room schools that had all eight grades under one teacher. He graduated high school in 1942 and left work on the farm in September of 1944 when he joined the service and arrived at Fort Snelling. After his basic training at Camp Hood, Texas, he traveled over seas to the Pacific Theater of operations. "I was on Siapan on Easter Sunday April 1st 1945 when the invasion of Okinawa took place," Al shares, "Three weeks later, I was assigned to Co. L of the 32nd regiment of the 7th division." Following the campaign, he transferred to the 7th Division MP Platoon. When President Truman opted for the atomic bomb instead of invasion, he was assigned occupation duty in Korea. There, he was promoted to T4 and was responsible for the motor maintenance department. In October of 1946, he was discharged at Fort Sheridan in Illinois where he was awarded several medals, including the Combat Infantry Badge, Asiatic Pacific ribbon with one battle star, Victory commendation medal, Korean Occupation medal, combat service medal, the Good Conduct medal, along with many others.

Al and his wife, Peg, married September 28, 1946 and farmed for sixteen years before they took interest in the music business. He and his wife began selling and repairing pianos and organs. A while later, Al joined the National Guard in 1961 where he was put on alert during President Kennedy's Cuban Crisis. After that, they moved to Santee in 1980.

When Al moved to California, he began working in construction. He also worked in a wood working shop, which is one of his favorite hobbies. Another hobby that Al enjoys happens to be Amateur Radio where he can talk to many different people anytime for fun. It's a great pastime for Al. He earned his technician license in the fall of 1981, and then his extra within the next year. He joined the El Cajon Club shortly after and has enjoyed leadership as president for four years 1991, 1992, 1994 and 1995. He was also vice-president for two years 1989 and 1990, Social Chair for four years, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2000. Public Relations for 1996 and, best of all Ham of the year 1996. His wife was also a Ham. He remembers her being committed to passing the test, and thrilled when she aced it. His son is a Ham as well. Al currently enjoys 20 meter and a hobby that is a great way to meet new people.

No longer just a voice on the radio, the spotlight shines on Al Gentz.

Tassy Rios, Staff Writer

MAZE



The Editor's
Corner
KC6QLS Paul



After watching all the destruction from Rita and the lack of communications I thought they would start working on fixing it from the last one or have something in the works. Well, I was wrong. I saw on the news that some rescuers were in a boat and a helicopter was trying to let them know of some danger they were headed to. The pilot put the message in a bottle and threw it at them. The rescuers got the message and steered way from the danger. It seems to me a simple simplex on 2 meters would have done the job faster. With all the new million dollar radio equipment it seems they would have a few simplex "TAC" frequencies to work from that everyone can use. We have a lot of Hams that could perhaps help design a better radio system to work with all agencies in mind, as that's what we do all the time.

I hope that our local agencies and local Hams are prepared here in San Diego for the big one, as we will be on our own for about a week or so before any outside agencies would be set up to help us out.

From a Public Relations point of view, I brought up the idea of having a float in the Mother Goose Parade. I would like to get the word out that ham radio is here to help in the time of need. So far I have put the word out on our reflector and talked to some other clubs about helping out with the float. So far, we have four members on the committee, please consider this as your personal invitation to join the float committee. We need help with assembly, tear down and also walking along side the float and handing out the Fliers. Your chance of getting on TV is pretty good

due to the fact that the Mother Goose Parade is televised on our local TV stations on Thanksgiving Day. I think this is a great opportunity to promote our hobby and to get the word out that amateur radio is alive and well in San Diego County.

I would like to have a working station on the float. For more info about the float, visit the web site or call me so we can get moving down the Parade route.

Paul Rios KC6QLS

Prize Table Needs Help

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. To Help, contact WA6PPG Carl Ferree at 328-2694 e-mail at cferree@IEEE.ORG

Things to keep in mind

*Mother Goose Parade Float Committee
Needs Your Help.*

Contact Paul KC6QLS@cox.net

*Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector
To sign up visit:*

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/elcajonarc/>

You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

New Members

Thanks to all who renewed this month.

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

Crest Radio Museum

Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ



Today, we have an example of 3 famous 6 meter transceivers from the late 50s and mid 60s. The Gonset G-50, good for about 50 watts AM with built in VFO; the Heathkit Shawnee did about 10W and also had a built in VFO. A little later model, about 1966, was the Knightkit TR106 which required an external VFO and also was about 10W. These were among the most popular radios of the day but now are quite scarce in good condition. The Heathkit and Knight both were kits, but the Gonset was only available built. All 3 were quite complicated and heavy! I used a TR106 just like this one in 1968 from Chicago to work W6ABN in Anaheim. He was running SSB and all I had was this AM set. So, I called him on CW by keying the Mike PTT switch!! Pretty slow code, but it was good for a contact and a new state!!! That was my only contact with California from Chicago and an amazing thrill!!! The Crest Radio Museum has dozens of other 6 meter rigs of the era, and more coming every day. Suffering wife!!!

Pat WA6MHZ



The A.R.E.S Connection

From Rich, N6NKJ



Greetings to all,

All of us have seen the images of the damage Katrina has done to Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, and now, hurricane Rita is set to do even more damage to Texas, and again to parts of Louisiana.

I saw on tonight's news (Sept. 22) that San Diego's Urban search and rescue, is heading back to help out in this new disaster; after only three days of rest. What does this have to do with amateur radio? Amateur radio is playing a BIG roll in the recovery effort.

Folks, if the devastation you have seen or read about does not want you to become involved with A.R.E.S. R.A.C.E.S; or some other disaster group, I don't know what will.

Let me quote something that came in the ARES E-LETTER, it is called the "FOG OF WAR." Written by Hal Mernitt, KD5HWW, the EC for Northwest Harris County Texas ARES.

"DAY 16, at least I think it is day 16, it is something of blur. Mental exhaustion is everywhere. The days are so intense that it takes hours to fall asleep. Estimate 2000 person-hours logged so far. He then says, "It was difficult to recruit enough hams, but now, it is getting nearly impossible. Operators have given their all."

What would happen if we faced a similar disaster? Would we have enough operators to man all of the places we need to put operators? The answer is NO! We would not have enough people to man one hospital for a 24 hour period.

If these two disasters have not made you worry about being ready for a disaster if one should hit our County, then I don't know what will.

Just as Susan Kochel pointed out at last months meeting, we need to make sure our families have the needed supplies for three days, and do not forget your pets; they need food and water just like we do. It is now up to you. Are you ready for a DISASTER? Until next month, stay safe, have fun and enjoy life.

Rich, N6NKJ

Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul

"Prairie Justice for Scofflaws Among Us"

Turmoil and change have shaken the ranks of our hobby in recent years. Controversy over incentive licensing, the role of the code, and concern over the dwindling ranks of our hobby have caused angst and sown the seeds of division among hams, young and old. Now, with the decline of Cycle 23 upon us, it is time for a healing catharsis for our hobby, with "Chicken Noodle Soup for the Ham Radio Operator's Soul".

A recent development on the Amateur Radio enforcement front may disappoint those hams clamoring for stronger treatment of Ham Radio miscreants. The newly invigorated Amateur Enforcement Branch at the Federal Communications Commission was dealt a minor setback when the United States Supreme Court granted a last minute stay of execution for convicted Radio Amateur William ("Bag 'O Baloney") Bailey.

Bailey, best known for his years of "bad boy" antics on the 20 and 40 meter bands, is remembered for his irreverent, unidentified comments during traffic nets. His comments earned him the moniker "Bag O'Baloney" owing to his total lack of knowledge about ham radio operating.

Bailey was apprehended using FCC radiolocation, during the initial flurry of FCC Amateur Enforcement efforts. Convicted, Bailey received the death penalty due to extenuating circumstances, which included lack of common sense, and conduct unbecoming a Radio Amateur, including absence of courtesy and poor language. Bailey's comments and behavior was overheard by two Virginia Beach, Virginia Radio Amateurs under the age of 15 years, triggering the death penalty requirement.

Chicken Noodle Soup Continued

FCC Enforcement Chief Rolley Hollingsworth WA4XYZ, contacted at the Commission's Gettysburg office, issued a statement in which he "...supported the decision of the Supreme Court" and hoped Bailey's conviction would send a message to "potty mouths", "kerchunkers" and those who "tune up excessively" that it's "no more Mr. Nice guy time at the FCC". Additional verdicts are expected in other pending amateur enforcement cases next week.

Hollingsworth's comments were overheard by a group of several hundred hams who had gathered at FCC offices for what the commission has billed as a "government sponsored yard sale" where 427 non-coordinated repeaters, seized by the commission, were sold to the lowest bidder on a "first-come-first served basis". Satisfied that Bailey will spend the rest of his life behind bars, the crowd cheered Hollingsworth, circulating petitions nominating him for president of the ARRL.

In a related case, Hollingsworth expressed support for recent conviction of a trio of California hams for violation of "The Radio Amateurs Code". The trio, including noted DX'er M.T. Head AJ9MT, were convicted of multiple violations of the well known and revered "Amateur's Code", including the admonition to "Never operate in a way as to lessen the pleasure of others". The trio were sentenced to 18 months behind bars, in addition to being required to perform 2500 hours of amateur community service serving as "policemen" in DX pileups.

Editor's note: it is our hope that these developments inspire us all to "Never operate in a way as to lessen the pleasure of others" and to "Always be considerate of our fellow Radio Amateurs", even if we won't get the death penalty for not doing so.

"Morris Code AZ6CW"

Riverside Convention Report

I had the opportunity to attend the Riverside Convention on Saturday with Paul and Steve. While they helped out at the SANDARC booth, I visited the various vendors and forums. Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ had an excellent presentation on the Crest Radio Museum, which was standing room only. April Moel WA6OPS presented "Before All Else Fails" and discussed the Orange County Hospital Emergency Response System, which involves 33 hospitals, and how amateur radio operators provide assistance when the communication system goes down. Chip Margelli K7JA, known for his CW v. text messaging appearance on the Jay Leno Show, presented "Field Day in a Suitcase" and a slide show about several of his trips to other countries where he went to participate in Field Day. The lunch speaker was John Amrhein KD6AJF and this too was an informative discussion. There was a T-Hunt, and ARRL Forum, numerous forums offered every hour on a variety of topics of interest to the amateur radio community, DXCC Card Checking, and to top it off the banquet speaker was Ward Silver NOAX who presented "Ham Radio – 200 Meters and Beyond", and all that was just on Saturday. The convention actually kicked off Friday night at 5:00 p.m, and included a forum on "Contesting" by Dick Norton N6AA. The convention concluded at noon on Sunday after the DX Breakfast and several more forums. There was something for everyone at the Riverside Convention. If you did not get a chance to go to the Riverside Convention, I would encourage you to attend the San Diego Convention at the Marriott in Mission Valley in September, 2006.

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