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New Faces On The Board Of Directors

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The new year brings us a new face or 2 on the ARCEC Board of Directors. Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ remains President. Peter Krause KJ6VCM is Vice President. Dave Ward KI6GRN is the new Treasurer. Sue Robins AF6LJ is incoming Secretary. Board members, Chuck Wood WD6APP, Jack Moran N6FUG, Paul Thompson KJ6BYF, Joe Bennett W6VMX, Quinn Lacey KI6LAT, and Noel Encarnacion AG6KA round out the Board of Directors. Dave Ward was voted 2013 Ham of the Year for his service to the club and support of the club's activities.

The first board meeting of 2014 was concerned with transitional issues from 2013, and a proposed budget for 2014. Old business and Field Day were also topics of discussion. The ARCEC members are welcome to attend our board meetings which are held at the First Lutheran Church 867 S. Lincoln Avenue in El Cajon in the building at the back of the campus. Just look for the cars with the antennas.



Antenna Fundamentals

Gene Swiech WB9COY gave a wonderful presentation on antenna fundamentals. The presentation covered topics such as wavelength, an isotropic radiator, dipoles yagi antennas, and much more. Gene's presentation was well thought out and quite informative.

ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHz Repeater	440 MHz Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 220.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2



Editor's Notes

We had a good turnout for our January meeting, there were a number of new faces and some ARCEC members who haven't been in attendance in some time. Seeing our President Pat WA6MHZ who had been absent from our December meeting due to illness was a good sight indeed.

With the new year comes a new board or at least a new face or two, and some new responsibilities for your's truly. I am very optimistic the 2014 ARCEC board will be both a positive force in the club, and one the club will take pride in.

This month's Counterpoise is abbreviated, due to available content. Next month there should be more content as activity picks back up again. The holiday season is what most of us are involved in and as much as I hate to say it our favorite hobby takes a back seat. I know my amateur radio activities and projects have been on hold for the Holiday Season, I'm sure it was so for some of you.

Unlike most of the rest of the country we here in San Diego county are blessed with nearly ideal antenna construction weather, I know I'll be taking advantage of this weather to get my 20 meter dipole working, and perhaps put up something for 2 meters. Just a reminder; while the weather is ideal for working on antennas the extremely dry weather is not so good for working on state of the art electronics without proper ESD (electrostatic discharge) precautions. You won't hurt that HW-101 that you have been thinking about getting on

Next Month's Meeting

Next month Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ will give a presentation on his Ultimate Go Kit. The Ultimate Go Kit was first debuted at the San Diego Operating Event in the Fry's Electronics parking lot last December. Pat's approach to building a Go Kit will be well described and the presentation promises to be interesting to people of all levels of interest, and knowledge in amateur radio. I hope to see you there.

the air but without proper ESD mitigation you could do a fair bit of damage to that TS-430 you have been thinking of doing the 60 meter mod to.

As usual if you have something you would like to see in Counterpoise send that content to counterpoise@wa6bgs.us You are what makes the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, we wouldn't exist without you the membership. Join us at our meetings and activities and become a part of the club.



Early bird registration has begun for the 2014 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention to be held September 12-14 at the Four Points By Sheraton. For more information visit; <http://www.sandarc.net/>

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings and from the club website. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each. You can get a 2013 Field Day shirt or the standard club shirt, both styles of shirts have the club logo on the back and the left side.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand. For more information regarding our club shirts see; <http://wa6bgs.us/2013-club-shirts-and-jackets/>