

# ***Squelch Tales***

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November/December 2012

## ***Ahead in Squelch Tales***

**December 6** was SANDRA's very popular holiday meeting. Much good food and companionship were to be had this evening. The 2013 SANDRA Officers were introduced to the membership. The highlight of the meeting is the drawing for the assemblage of fabulous prizes offered by SANDRA.

**The incoming slate of SANDRA Officers** are: President Barbie - Flinn WA6URS, Vice President – Stogie Panger AJ6AX, Secretary - Alex Groza WB6DTR, Treasurer - Ken Decker WA6OSB, Membership Chairmen - Bob Boehme W2IRI, Meeting Chairmen - Ben Concepcion N6VVY, Three Year Member-At-Large - Chuck Wood WD6APP, Two Year Member-At-Large - Bayard Rehkopf K6GAO and One Year Member-At-Large - Tom Myrick N6JOJ.

**Meeting minutes** for the October 2012 and January 2013 BOD meetings are included.

**Corrections and Updates** presents updated or additional information on prior articles. As always, we own up to mistakes that are pointed out by the readership. If you want us to correct something, you have to tell us about it.

## **SANDRA Holiday Party**

This year's Holiday Party and potluck was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the first Thursday in December. The meeting lived up to its expectation as another fabulous Holiday Party with much food and companionship. The Holiday Party is always a joint meeting with FILAMARS, the Filipino American Amateur Radio Society which enriches the variety of pot luck dishes and companionship contributed to the party. SANDRA supplied ham and turkey as main courses but the real treat is the wide variety of tasty dishes brought by the attendees. As is normally the case, this was the best attended of all SANDRA 2012 meetings, filling the large double room at the County Education facility on Linda Vista Road.

Members and guests began assembling for the meeting at six P.M., however, as has been the case for the past several years, one of the two rooms that adjoin to form the large space required for this meeting was not available until seven P.M., delaying to some extent the final arrangements for the meeting. The membership pulled together to arrange the additional room space in record time partially spurred by anticipation of the fare to come. The good news was that by the time seven P.M. rolled around, all of the food had been arranged and was waiting to receive the hungry throng.

The first order of business for the meeting was feeding the hungry. Lines quickly formed as virtually the whole room lined up at one time. Having to wait until seven P.M. may have fueled additional hunger. As everyone bore down and began to eat, a murmur fell over the assemblage with a festive atmosphere created by eating and talking. The table decorations of colorful tablecloths and potted Poinsettias added to the atmosphere. Because this meeting is so well attended one can meet in-person those that are only heard at the other end of a QSO or net during the rest of the year or have rarely otherwise been seen.

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In coming President Barbie Flinn WA6URS presents outgoing President John Austin K6RLV with a commemorative award.

### December 2012 Meeting – cont.

President John Austin opened the membership meeting as most attendees were engaged with their coffee and desert selection. After welcoming everyone to the meeting, John introduced the the 2013 SANDRA officers and Board. The incoming president is Barbie Flinn WA6URS, a long time supporter of SANDRA and a former president (among the other offices she has held). The other incoming officers are: Vice President – Stogie Panger AJ6AX, Secretary - Alex Groza WB6DTR, Treasurer - Ken Decker WA6OSB, Membership Chairmen - Bob Boehme



**Good food and companionship**

benefit of buying additional tickets. In addition five people took poinsettias with them on the way home. Needless to repeat, attendees to this meeting arrive knowing that they will thoroughly



**The Commemorative Plaque**

W2IRI, Meeting Chairmen - Ben Concepcion N6VVY, Three Year Member-At-Large - Chuck Wood WD6APP, Two Year Member-At-Large - Bayard Rehkopf K6GAO and One Year Member-At-Large - Tom Myrick N6JOJ. At the conclusion of the introductions, Barbie presented outgoing president John Austin with a plaque commemorating his service.

A key portion of the meeting is the prize drawing. Everyone is given a ticket upon entering the room and they are allowed to buy as many additional tickets as their wallet and good sense will allow. This leads to a lively drawing for the list of fabulous prizes assembled by the SANDRA staff for this event. Thirty-nine prizes were awarded to lucky winners ranging from handheld radios to potted plants and everything in between. The table on page 3 lists the fabulous prizes and the call sign of the winner. The number of repeat winners is testimony to the



**Fabulous prizes.**

enjoy the evening and the was borne out during course of the meeting. We are hoping that next year we will see all of our membership at this and our other SANDRA meetings. - {SQ}

**Winners of the Fabulous Prizes:**

<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Prize</b>
KG6EJW	Bob Shoemaker	Power Supply	N6OUJ	Tric Smith	Applebee's Gift
KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	Multimeter	WA6MHZ	Pat Bunsold	T-hunting Book
KI6WWF	Dave Piontek	Handheld Radio	WA6SD	Willie Gadiano	Flashlight
N6KGZ	Pete Foretic	Soldering Station	K6WD	Mike Todd	Flashlight
AJ6AX	Stogie Pangetr	Handheld Radio	AJ6AX	Stogie Panger	Yaesu Hat
KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	Alinco Handheld	KK6AXL	Kile French	Repeater Directory
AJ6AX	Stogie Panger	Antenna Adapter	N6LKG	Gary Wheeler	Screwdrivers
KJ6VCM	Peter Krause	Tranceiver	KC6JYQ	Tina Concepcion	Scissors
W6YOO	Harry Hodges	Soldering Gun	W5COM	Tom Bryan	Flashlight
N6OUJ	Tric Smith	\$25 HRO Gift	AB6RM	Joe Garza	Multi-testor
K6WD	Mike Todd	ARRL Handbook	K6WD	Mike Todd	Flashlight
WA6OSB	Ken Decker	\$25 HRO Gift	KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	Screwdriver Set
N6LKG	Gary Wheeler	Multimeter	KR6RG	Roy Gallagher	Repeater Directory
W2IRI	Bob Boehme	Kill A Watt	KI6JYC	Sandra Boelter	Flashlight
AI6O	Ed Felter	ARRL Handbook	KR6RG	Roy Gallagher	Screwdriver
N6JLE	Julie Ramondo	IHOP Gift Card	W6YOO	Harry Hodges	Multimeter

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Membership Meeting**

**March 7, 2013**

**Bruce Kripton - KG6IYN**

**ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR**

***San Diego Section Emergency Communications***

- Find out how emergency communications are implemented in the San Diego Section
- Find out how you can participate
- Southern California is subject to fire and earthquake emergencies. Be prepared to do your part and be among the volunteers that provide essential communication services in times of emergency.

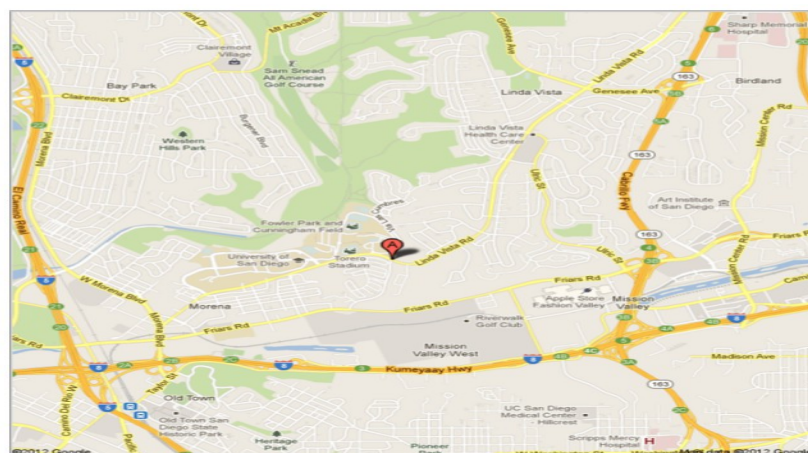
**San Diego County Education Center**

**6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego - Room 307**

### SANDRA 2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

**SANDRA** meetings are held the first Thursday of each month except August when there is no meeting. This year the first Thursday in July falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>, and that meeting will be moved to July 11. There are five membership meeting each year in March, June September, November and December. The November meeting is SANDRA's Annual Meeting. The remaining months (except August) are Board of Directors meeting. Board meeting are open to the membership.

2013 SANDRA Meeting Schedule				
<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Room(s)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Notes</i>
January	3	301	7 pm	
February	7	301	7 pm	
March	7	307	7 pm	Membership
April	4	301	7 pm	
May	2	301	7 pm	
June	6	306	7 pm	Membership
July	11	301	7 pm	
August	No Meeting		7 pm	No Meeting
September	5	306	7 pm	Membership
October	3	301	7 pm	
November	7	306	7 pm	Annual Meeting
December	5	401/402	5:30pm – 9:30pm	Holiday Meeting



**Meeting Minutes**

SANDRA Board Meeting Minutes

**October 4, 2012**

President John Austin, K6RLV called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Tom, N6JOJ made motion **09042012-01** to accept the amended General Membership Minutes as presented by Secretary Barbie, WA6URS. Chuck WD6APP seconded the motion. Motion **09042012-01** was carried.

John, K6RLV, reported the letter & check for our Sharp Hospital donation have been written. Membership Chairman, Bob, W2IRI reported we have 226 members. He will continue to send out reminder notices once a year.

Meeting Committee Chairman Ben, N6VVY reported that the Filamars group will again assist with our Christmas Party on Dec. 6, 2012 at 6pm in Rm 401 & 402.

Tom, N6JOJ made motion **09042012-02** to allocate \$300 for prizes and \$300 for food for the evening. Bob, W2IRI seconded motion **09042012-02**. Motion carried.

Election Committee nominated Barbie Flinn, WA6URS for President, Alex Groza, WB6DTR for Secretary and Chuck Wood, WD6APP for 3 year Member-At-Large. Bob, W2IRI made motion **09042012-03** to close the nominations. Bayard K6GAO seconded the motion. Motion **09042012-3** carried unanimously.

The elections will be Nov. 1, 2012 at the Annual Membership Meeting at 7pm at the San Diego County Ed Center.

Technical Committee Chairman John, K6RLV gave his report. He stated the packet machine on 145.09 Mhz. is not working.

**Our other sites are working properly.**

Jason NF6E, Alex WB6DTR, Ken WA6OSB and Chuck WD6APP will be on the Bylaws/Procedure Committee to make changes that are needed. The changes will be presented to the membership for voting approval at the Dec. 6, 2012 meeting.

**Ken, WA6OSB reported on the IRS issues of changing the fiscal year of the club.**

Bob, W2IRI will print the ballots for the November 1, 2012 meeting.

Ben, N6VVY has donated a First Aid Kit & a defibrillator for our Mt. Otay site.

**The Technical Committee was tasked with updating the Otay user agreement.**

Bob, W2IRI made motion **09042012-04** to adjourn the meeting. Bayard, K6GAO seconded the motion. Motion **09042012-04** carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Barbie Flinn – WA6URS

**SANDRA Secretary**

**San Diego Repeater Association, Inc.**

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda  
January 3, 2013 (Thursday) 7:00 PM San  
Diego County Office of Education  
6401 Linda Vista Road - San Diego, CA. 92111

Director

President Barbie Flinn, WA6URS  
Vice President Stogie Panger, AJ6AX  
Treasurer Ken Decker, WA60SB  
Secretary Alex Groza, WB6DTR

Director

Meeting Chair Ben Concepcion, N6VVY  
MAL-1 Year Tom Myrick, N6JOJ  
MAL-2 Year Bayard Rehkopf, K6GAO  
MAL-3 Year Chuck Wood, WD6APP

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1. Call to Order / Welcome
  - 2013 Board of Directors Introduction
2. Approval of Minutes (If no objection, Approval by Unanimous Consent)
  - November 2012
  - December 2012
3. Board Member Reports / Announcements / Business Items a.
  - President
  - b. Treasurer
    - Nov. 2012 Report
    - Dec. 2012 Report
    - 2012 Financial Recap- Policy Sec. 4, 4 d c.
  - Membership
  - d. Other Board Members
4. Reports of Committees / Announcements / Business Items a.
  - Technical Committee
    - Otay Occupancy List (K6RLV) Policy Sec. 6 c
    - Sharp Repeater Autopatch Recommendation b.
  - SANDARC Delegates
  - c. Other Committee Reports: Special Committees / Advisors / Squelch Tales
5. Unfinished Business
  - Policy Manual update status – NF6E 1 Corporate Compliance Committee

6. New Business
  - a. Agenda Items
    - 2013 Appointments- WA6URS
    - 2013 Meeting Arrangements- K6GAO
    - By-Laws Update - Discussion / Vote
  - b. Non-Agenda Items
  - c. Other Announcements / Information / Upcoming Events
7. Correspondence / Member Comments
8. Next meeting date: February 7, 2013
9. Adjournment (If no objection, Approval by Unanimous Consent)

**Errata, Corrections, Amplification and Shorts** - The technical committee reports that the Otay packet node is currently not functioning.

The SHARP repeater (147.285/147.885) was removed from service because of spurious emissions. Subsequently, members of the SANDRA technical committee replaced the power amplifier, did a general service of the site and returned the repeater to service. A number of additional problems were discovered and corrected. The controller that handles the autopatch functions was found to be inoperative and is no longer supported by the manufacturer. The autopatch has fallen into disuse in recent years with only one call being made over the past 12 months. The technical committee recommended that the autopatch function be disabled and the telephone line removed. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors and implemented.

All other repeaters are functioning normally.

No errors were reported to *SQ* for the preceding issue. This is the November/December issue which would normally be published at the end of January 2012. However, the issue is nearly a month late for which we apologize. We will endeavor to publish the January/February issue at the end of March. -{*SQ*}-

<b>Callsign</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Input</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Callsign</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Input</b>	<b>Output</b>
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	146.040	146.640	WB6WLV	Mt. Laguna	444.500	449.500
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	222.460	224.060	K6GAO	Ho-Pass	144.680	145.280
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	444.200	449.200	W6SS	Lyon's Peak	146.865	146.265
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	1270.300	1282.300	K6AIL	Sharp Hospital	147.285	147.885
WB6WLV	Mt. Laguna	147.750	147.150	WB6WLV	San Diego	442.320	447.320
WB6WLV	Mt. Laguna	222.600	224.200				

**All SANDRA repeaters use PL 107.2**

**SANDRA NETS**

Sunday 8:00 P.M. Mt. Otay Repeater  
 Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Mt. Laguna Repeater

**GUIDELINES SUMMARY**

SANDRA, Inc. operates their repeaters for service in the San Diego area. The policy of the organization is that the repeaters are available for all licensed amateur radio operators to use so long as applicable rules and regulation are observed, whether members of SANDRA or not.

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