

Squelch Tales

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Ahead in Squelch Tales

SANDRA held its annual Holiday Party, the last event of 2013, on December 6th. The meeting was another spectacular success, with food, drinks, camaraderie and lots of prizes.

Squelch Tales regrets to announce that long time SANDRA supporter Stuart Hacken, WV6H, passed away on December 24, 2013 in Midland, Texas.

Announcements – **The March 6th** SANDRA Membership Meeting will feature other San Diego area Amateur Radio Clubs discussing their activities. It is a time to find out what others are doing and how you can get involved.

The usual features of SANDRA Board of Directors meeting minutes and errata are also included.

The SANDRA 2013 Grand Finale

This years Grand Holiday Party, the last event of 2013, was another spectacular success. The meeting which traditionally ends SANDRA's event year and introduces the new Board of Directors to the membership, is a joint meeting with FILAMARS, the Filipino American Amateur Radio Society, and is always well attended. This meeting is traditionally a pot luck with two large smoked hams sponsored by SANDRA. Because the meeting is so well attended, the variety of contributed dishes are a wonderful assortment of flavors all of which are available for sampling at one time. The meeting fills the large double room at the County Education facility on Linda Vista Road and for the first time in several years, it actually started on time.



Munching and crunching.

Members and guests began filling the room at 6 pm. A certain amount of rearrangement was required to organize the tables and chairs, cover the tables with tablecloths and potted poinsettias. By 6:45 pm the room was arranged, the food laid out and guests found suitable places to sit, some sitting with old friends not seen in a year or more and others making new friends.

As is always true when a hungry throng finds food, a murmur settled over the room as people ate and talked to their table mates between bites. People made additional passes through the food lines until there was little if anything left. All of the main course dishes were completely consumed and only a few of the deserts

went begging by the end of the meal. Conversation picked up as the food neared total consumption. It was obvious that everyone was having a very good time.

President Barbie Flinn opened the membership meeting while most people were finishing the last of their coffee and deserts. The first order of business was to introduce the sitting SANDRA Board of Directors and the 2014 SANDRA Board of Directors.

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Guests start back for a refill

The two boards are substantially the same with only one new member and three people changing positions. Barbie welcomed David Andreoli, KI6VIA, who is accepting the Member-At-Large 3 position. Barbie also thanked retiring Member-At-Large 1, Tom Myrick, N6JOJ, for his long years of board service. Tom is still a very active member of SANDRA and will continue to manage the Net Control operators for the SANDRA Sunday Night Net.

A key portion of the Holiday meeting is the drawing for prizes. 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 prizes assembled by the SANDRA staff for this event. There was a great selection, with the top prize being a Kenwood TM 281A. Fifty-nine prizes were awarded to lucky winners ranging from the Kenwood TM



President Barbie Flinn, WA6URS, opens the meeting with retiring Board Member Tom Myrick, N6JOJ.



Winner of the Kenwood TM-281A, Norberto Creencia, W2NOR.

281A to potted plants and everything in between. The accompanying table lists the winners and prizes they chose. *SQ* photographed each drawing winner but unfortunately there is not enough page space to insert all of the images. See page 4 for the list of all winners-*{SQ}*-





Stu Hacken, WV6H

Stuart Hacken, WV6H SK

Long time San Diego HAM Stuart M. Hacken, WV6H, passed away on December 24, 2013 in Midland, Texas. He was only 58 years old. Born May 6, 1955, in Jersey City, N.J., Stuart moved with his family to San Diego California in 1973 where he finished school and began to work in his family owned business, Portrait World. After leaving the family business, he went to work for Western Radio, and in 1979 he started a long career at Motorola. In 2005, he transferred from San Diego to West Texas to further his career as Territory Manager. Stuart's career with Motorola spanned 34 years. His Motorola career was still rising at the time of his death.

Stuart also had many other interests. During his tenure in San Diego he served as a Reserve Deputy for the San Diego County Sheriff's office and worked professionally with several other law enforcement agencies throughout his career. He played bass guitar with a number of bands, in San Diego he played for both The Dynamix and in the Hot House Band. In West Texas, he played bass in the Glove Box Band. Everywhere he went he took "Kronos," his bass guitar, with him.

Stuart was an active member of SANDRA during most of the time he was resident in San Diego. Being generous to a T, he acquired and donated equipment to the organization. He was able to negotiate a Motorola MSR 2000 that SANDRA still has in service, as well as the cable supports on Otay. During his amateur radio career he had five call signs, WN2WFC, WA2BBS, WB6HEE, N6ECI and finally WV6H. The first two being from the New Jersey area and the very first a novice call.

He leaves behind his wife, Kathy, and his son, Ben (both of Gardendale, Texas), two nephews, an aunt, an uncle, several cousins and many friends in Texas and San Diego. He touched everyone with his unique and warm personality. It seems that everybody has a story. Stuart will be sorely missed by all.
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Stu with his mother, wife Kathy and son Ben.

Photo – Ken Decker, WA6OSB.



Stu with SANDRA members Tom Myrick, N6JOJ, John Austin, K6RLV, Ken Decker, WA6OSB and Herb Turton, 6JXM at Stu's wedding.

Photo – Ken Decker, WA6OSB.

Drawing winners for 2013:

Call	Name	Prize	Call	Name	Prize
W2NOR	Norberto Creencia	Knwood TM281A	KI6VIA	Dave Andreoli	T-Hunting Book
KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	BaoFeng Xciever	WA6NVL	Ray Waldemar	Multimeter
N6KBP	David Cheney	BaoFeng Xciever	WA6AIL	Larry Cox	Schreewdrivers
AI6O	Ed Felton	BaoFeng Xciever	N6LSO	Judy Parmigian	Multimeter
WA0AVS	Alan Herr	BaoFeng Xciever	W2NOR	Norberto Creencia	Multimeter
KF6VAM	Terry Frost	\$25 HRO Gift	WA6URS	Barbie Flinn	Screwdrivers
W6YOO	Harry Hodges	WELLER Solder Station	KC2GNV	Brian Slosson	Alligator Clips Leads
WB4LCN	Dave Goodwin	ARRL Handbook	WA0AVS	Alan Herr	Multimeter
W2IRI	Bob Boehme	Flashlight	N6LSO	Judy Parmigiani	Flashlight
W6LBC	Judith Sarno	\$25 HRO Gift	KJ6ZCZ	Jennifer Dandle	Flashlight
N6WHK	Phil Pedido	Crimper	W6AWP	Robert Reyes	Multimeter
KJ6VCM	Peter Krause	Repeater Directory	KG6EJW	Bob Shoemaker	Multimeter
K6WD	Mike Todd	Kill-A-Watt	KJ6VCM	Peter Krause	Multimeter
N6JLE	Julie Raymundo	Flashlight	KG6EJW	Bob Shoemaker	Multimeter
AG6WG	Terry Hohm	Repeater Directory	NJ6IE	Jay Mamuyac	Multimeter
KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	\$10 Sizzler Gift	AG6KA	Noel Encarnacion	Multimeter
W6SS	Vance Belliston	Kill-A-Watt	W6YOO	Harry Hodges	Multimeter
K1OZO	Lisa Drayton	Rep. Direct	Ke6THZ	Paul Adams	Multimeter
AI6O	Ed Felton	MFJ Speaker	WA6URS	Barbie Flinn	Multimeter
KJ6BYF	Paul Thompson	Tape Measure	WA6OSB	Ken Decker	Multimeter
KR6RG	Roy Gallagher	\$10 Sizzler Gift		Phoenix Bunsold	Multimeter
KE6THZ	Paul Adams	\$10 Sizzler Gift	W6AWP	Robert Reyes	Multimeter
N6OUJ	Tricia Smith	\$10 Sizzler Gift	W6WHK	Phil Pedido	Multimeter
AG6IO	John Schultz	Tram Dual Band Kit	W5COM	Thomas Bryan	Multimeter
WA6OSB	Ken Decker	USB-Serial Adapter	AG6IO	John Shultz	Poinsettia
KF6VAM	Terry Frost	Multimeter	N6LKG	Gary Wheeler	Poinsettia
KR6RG	Roy Gallagher	Poinsettia	K2BEN	Ben Raymundo	Poinsettia
N6VVY	Ben Concepcion	Poinsettia	WA6URS	Barbie Flinn	Poinsettia

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
SANDRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm

CLUB NIGHT!

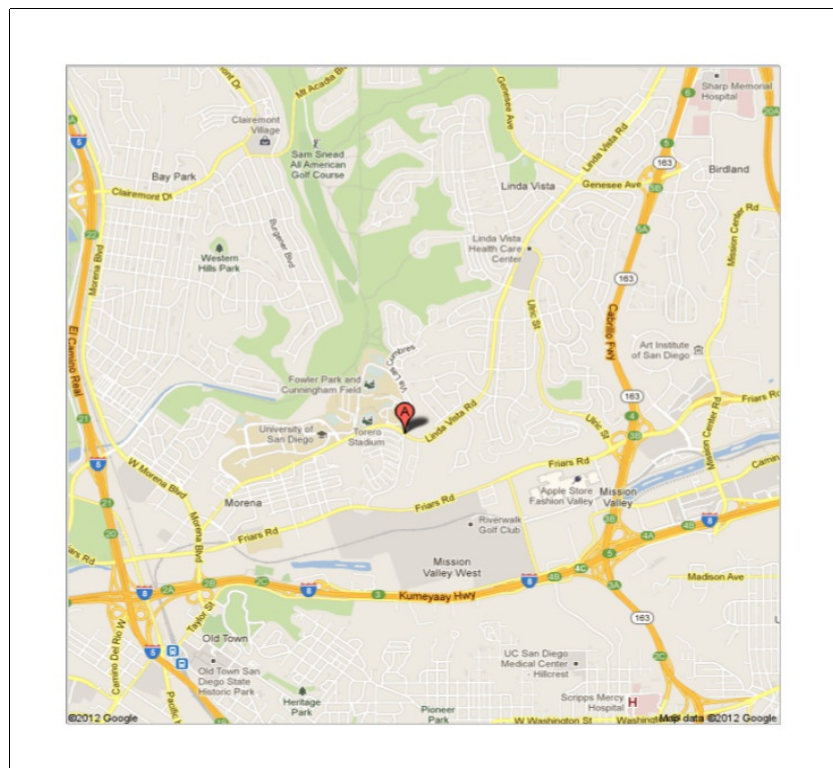
**SANDRA will host other San Diego Area Amateur Radio Groups
Inviting them to present their club activities to the SANDRA membership**

Find Out What is Happening with Amateur Radio in the San Diego Section

**Coffee and Snacks provided by SANDRA
San Diego County Office of Education
6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111
Room 307**

**SANDRA Board Meeting
7:00 pm February 6, 2014
San Diego Office of Education, Room 307
6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111**

The San Diego County Office of Education is located at 6401 Linda Vista Road at the intersection with Via Las Cumbres. Going north (up the hill) on Via Las Cumbres from Friars Road places the County Office of Education on the right and it can be accessed from either Via Las Cumbres or Linda Vista Road. Via Las Cumbres is about half way between Highway 5 and highway 163 and is easily accessed from Friars Road.



Meeting Minutes

**San Diego Repeater Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting of the Members / Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2013 (Thursday) 7:00 PM
San Diego County Office of Education
6401 Linda Vista Road
San Diego, CA 92111**

Director	Present	Excused
President Barbie Flinn, WA6URS	X	
Vice President Stogie Panger, AJ6AX	X	
Treasurer Ken Decker, WA6OSB	X	
Secretary Alex Groza, WB6DTR	X	
Membership Chair Bob Boehme, W2IRI		X
Meeting Chair Ben Concepcion, N6VVY		X
MAL-1 Year Tom Myrick, N6JOJ	X	
MAL-2 Year Bayard Rehkopf, K6GAO	X	
MAL-3 Year Chuck Wood, WD6APP	X	

Call to Order: The meeting convened at 7:07 PM, President Barbie Flinn, WA6URS, presiding.

SANDRA 2014 Board Elections: All Incumbent Officers were unopposed. Position Board Member At Large #3 David Andreoli KI6VIA ran unopposed. President Flinn declared all candidates “elected by acclamation.” President Flinn thanked retiring MAL Officer Tom Myrick N6JOJ for his years of service, and continuing as Net Control Manager for SANDRA Otay.

Members in attendance: Attendance Roster attached. (Twenty one attendees)

Presentation: Mark Ostrander KJ6OWX and assisted by Craig Williams W6CAW gave a presentation about Amateur Radio in East San Diego County as well as related matters such as San Diego Gas and Electric power line construction and issues involving the wind turbines being constructed in East County.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of October 2013 Minutes by unanimous consent.

Board Reports / Presentations / Comments:

President: Gave overview of December Pot-Luck meeting.

Treasurer: October Treasurer’s Report submitted. Otay site utility fee notices will be mailed out in the near future. Rates will be increased due to SDGE rate hike.

Membership Chair: Not present-Report submitted via email. 216 members. Most memberships are coming in via SANDRA website.

Other Board Members: No reports

Committee Reports:

Tech: Written report submitted by K6RLV.

- K6RLV reported on the donation to SANDRA of a UHF Stationmaster antenna.
- N6JOJ briefed Board regarding malicious interference issue during the morning commute hours on the Lyons Peak repeater.
- K6GAO stated Laguna UHF repeater signal strength fluctuates.

SANDARC: Report by WD6APP. SANDARC bylaws update Special Meeting will be held November 9th. SANDARC currently accepting “Early Bird” registration for upcoming convention.

Squelch Tales: Seeking articles for upcoming editions. Next edition coming out shortly.

Unfinished Business:

- WA6OSB some preliminary update recommendations have been made for the policy manual update project.

New Business:

- Email from N6VVY confirms FILAMARS participation at December meeting. \$300.00 authorized by Board for December party expenses paid to N6VVY.
- WA6URS discussed set-up procedures / roles and responsibilities.
- WA6URS discussed Amateur Radio Operating Day at Fry's Electronics.
- WA6OSB discussed the San Diego Gas and Electric rate increase and its impact on Otay fees.
- Per WA6OSB, SANDRA's online "Repeater Guidelines" is in need of revision. Repeater frequencies need updated and references to Autopatch need to be removed.
- WA6OSB inquired if there is some type of PayPal notification procedure so that he can be notified via email of SANDRA PayPal account activity. Inquiry will be sent to NF6E.

Correspondence / Member Comments:

- Bruce Krypton KG6IYN spoke about the upcoming ARES drill on November 21st and the need for volunteers.
- Ed Felter AI6O San Diego Six Shooters Amateur Radio Club President thanked SANDRA for all the assistance regarding the Six Shooters new repeater.

Next Meeting Date: December 5, 2013; Annual Pot-Luck dinner meeting @ 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM by Unanimous Consent.

Errata, Corrections, Amplification and Shorts: This section acknowledges errors and omissions or allows additions to previous articles. We rely on reader feedback – please write.

SANDRA Technical Committee Report: January 2014.

OTAY: The Packet radio was reported to be not working. When checked later, it had fixed itself.

LYONS: Reports of low power out. I am trying to arrange a trip up Lyons to make repairs.

SHARP: No changes this past month.

LAGUNA: No changes this past month

HI-PASS: No changes this past month

SOLAR: We have reports that the repeater, while it does work, is prone to ker-chunk itself. Ed, WA6YVX and Vance, W6SS will look into the problem.

Submitted by:

John Austin

K6RLV, SANDRA Technical Committee

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Callsign	Location	Input	Output	Callsign	Location	Input	Output
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	146.040	146.640	WB6WLV	Mt. Laguna	444.500	449.500
WB6WLV	Mt. Otay	222.460	224.060	K6GAO	Hi-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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