

# CONTRAILS

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## MONTHLY CLUB MEETING – JULY 2

The Convair/220 Amateur Radio Club will meet at the Kearny Mesa Recreation Center, 3170 Armstrong Street (near Mesa College) at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 2nd (1st Thur). There will be a short business meeting followed by a program and refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome.

## JULY PROGRAM

The program will be a PowerPoint presentation and a general discussion on “Digital Sound Card Modes and Operation” hosted by Don Bain, N6CEO.

Also we will probably have a short discussion on our Field Day activities.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS -- JUNE

The June program was presented by Mark WA6MMH on the Water Department Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system –Also plans for Field Day were discussed.....N6CEO, AF6HF, N6LWL & K6PD manned the Sandarc booth at the San Diego Co. Fair on Wednesday, June 17. Not too many visitors to the booth on our shift.....By the time you read this, Field Day will be over. We will have a report on FD at the July Club meeting.....

## CLUB NET

Be sure to check into this informative and interesting net held on Monday night at 7:30 PM on the Convair/220 ARC repeater. Features: FCC and technical news plus highlights of ARRL & ARES bulletins followed by a roundtable discussion. Also ARES has a net on our repeater each Saturday at 7:00 PM.

## SHOW & TELL

Please bring any items that you think would be of interest to the club members to any of our meetings for “Show & Tell.”

## BADGES

Club badges are available for \$6.00 each. Contact the Treasurer to place an order.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Has anyone noticed the weather lately? We normally get June gloom, but it has actually been raining occasionally this year. As I write this we are preparing for Field Day this coming weekend and then next Thursday we have our monthly meeting on July 2. In the short term I am

hoping the weather clears enough for a safe and successful Field Day event. But in the long term I know that things start clearing in July and can get down right hot during the summer in August and September. But somehow it just seems different this year and I cannot put my finger on exactly why it feels that way. It may be that I just have too many irons in the fire. As someone recently pointed out, I have a lot of interests or hobby-like activities and it is becoming difficult to do any of them justice. I'm just too busy. There is equipment involved in most of these, and equipment at some point requires maintenance even if it is just cleaning. Sometimes adjustments are required, and things just don't work right if they are out of adjustment. Last weekend for example I made a piece, a yoke if you will, for the tripod I use for my telescope to keep the legs from banging together when it is folded up. It gave me a chance to use some of the geometry I learned so many years ago. First I had to design it so the spacing was proper, and then I had to figure out how to make the silly thing. Lucky for me I had some tools that made the job easy, as long as the sequence was correct. Now I have to figure out how to finish the piece, in the meantime I painted the pieces that were banging together, so they look much better. The Sun came out for a while, so I had a chance to rinse off some outdoor equipment and let it dry. There was a drop of pine sap that needed to be removed so it was not sticky next time I get it out. Then of course I had a couple of calls from work in between these tasks just to break things up a bit. And then between things like eating, sleeping and spending some time with family, I feel like I got something done. Not much, mind you, but something. Next weekend is Field Day so probably no maintenance or cleaning. I guess I'll have to make use of some of the evenings during the week, since it is still light this time of year.

73, Duane Naugle, KO6BT

## REPEATER REPORT

The Club repeater, located on Palomar Mountain, is alive and well.

*Bring a Guest to Our Meetings!*

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# N6CEO Digital Radio Night

Digital Sound Card Modes and Operation



Program for July meeting



SANDARC Exhibit



San Diego County Fair