

# Palomar Amateur Radio Club

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## **APRIL Meeting American Red Cross and Amateur Radio**

**April 6th  
7:30pm  
Carlsbad Safety Center**

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## **President's Message**

For those who missed last month's program: "I have my License, Now what?", you missed a good program. We will likely repeat it again, next year.

In California, April is "Disaster Preparedness Month". In support of this, the PARC April Program will be given by the San Diego/Imperial Counties Chapter of the American Red Cross. The American Red Cross has long relationship with Amateur Radio. This is due to our unique ability to deploy and operate under difficult emergency conditions and CFR 47, Part 97.1, which reads:

### "97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this Part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

### **Silent Keys**

It is with deepest regret that we report to you that friends in our ham community are now Silent Keys.

**Joseph P. Banando**, better known as Joe **KC6QXU**. Joe held the 10-10 # 59560 and the VP #2474. He was a member of some 40+ Chapters. He attended several 10-10 Conventions and Paper Chaser gatherings in Nevada. Many of us will recall signing his T-shirt at

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) ...."

We will learn about the purpose of the American Red Cross, how the Red Cross fits into the County Disaster Plan, how the Red Cross respond to daily small disasters, like house and apartment fires, as well as the big events like wild-fires. I have been a direct volunteer with the local Chapter for about 8 years now. I have seen first hand what the rank and file volunteers do for our communities. I have witnessed the need for willing and skilled communicators, communicators

these events. He was an avid 10-10 Contester. He also participated in Emergency Radio services locally. He will be missed by many of us.

Joe, was a retired grocery supervisor. He also raised Orchids and showed them at the Del Mar Fair each year. He was ever proud to show you his photos of his beauties.

**Harry A. Rouse** **WB6JVS** has passed away. Harry died of Liver Cancer on



willing to do more that "just operate the radio". This program is an opportunity for you to see the same things I have seen. This will be a good program for all of us whom want to get involved, but have not had the opportunity or have not known what to do.

Looking down the road: The May program will be on home-brewed back-pack portable Automatic Position Reporting System. The June program will be Con-

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March 7, 2005. Remembrances to the Palomar Amateur Radio Club.

### **Sybil Allbright** **W6CIG-**

In San Diego's ham radio circles, **Sybil Allbright** was considered the grande dame of dedicated hobbyists a mentor, an organizer and an advocate of communications for the public good. "She was the glue who held us together," said

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## Repeater Technical Report

de AB6QT. On March 6th the 147.130 repeater returned to the air but with a different sound. That's because it's a different repeater. It is important for you to know that this one does not support the autopatch. This is the spare that has been in storage in my garage and I have done some refurbishment to restore its operation. The reason for the swap is that the repeater that failed has a very strange problem and I do not have all of the schematics for it since it was built by someone else that is no longer involved with the club. It will take some time to figure it out. I will have to spend some time "reverse engineering" some of the interface circuits in order to find the problem. I hope to have it back in service some-time soon but I am very busy right now with working 2 jobs. Please report any problems with ANY of the repeaters to me by phone call at 760-742-1573. Thanks and 73.

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## Contest Coral

**Apr 2 Polish DX Contest**  
**Apr 2 Spain RTTY Contest**  
**Apr 2 MO QSO Party**  
**Apr 2 QCWA Spring QSO Party**  
**Apr 9 GA QSO Party**  
**Apr 9 ARCI Spring QSO Party**  
**Apr 9 EU Spring Sprint**  
**Apr 16 Holyland DX Contest**  
**Apr 16 YU DX Contest**  
**Apr 16 MI QSO Party**  
**Apr 23 FL QSO Party**  
**Apr 23 Columbia DX Contest**

Above are some of the many contests to be held in April. SSB, CW, RTTY and other modes are represented. Several state QSO parties for those seeking WAS. Complete rules are found in QST, CQ, NCJ and Worldradio magazines.  
**CU in the contest.**  
**73, Harry, W6YOO**

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Palomar Mt. Repeaters (W6NWX)

PARC Trustee: AB6QT

\*52.680- W6NWX, -0.5 MHz

Autopatches:

146.730-, 147.075+

\*147.130+, \*447.000-

PKT:

145.050s (PALOMAR/W6NWX -1)

146.700- (Duplex Pkt) PALBBS/EMG

use

145.070/146.7- (W6NWX-3/PALBBS)

ATV"IN":

915 wbfm, 2441.25 wbfm

ATV "Output"

1241.25 MHz am

Intercom:

146.415 PL 79.7 nbfm

Affiliated:

\*224.38- & \*224.94 KK6KD (HARS)

\*447.05- & \*145.26 KK6KD (HARS)

\*146.175+ N6FQ(Fallbrook ARC)

Linked to

\*445.600 MHz (-)

\*224.90- WD6HFR (Corvair/220 ARC)

446.14- WB6FMT (123.0) Vista

• = 107.2 Hz PL Tone

## Questions

Questions about club policy or for more information can be addresses to:  
Email: W6NWX@amsat.org

## Committee Chairpersons

ARES Info

ARES Net

Attendance

ATV

Auction

Badges New

Batteries

BBS Monitor

Billing:Ads/etc

Contest Info

Control Ops

Del Mar Fair

Emergency Com Centers

Harry

Dennis V

Field Day

Field Day Tech

Inventory

New Members

Nets

Newsletter

Patch Info

Patch Etronics

Picnic

Power AC/DC

Programs

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QSL Cards

RACES Info

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## ARES Public Service Events for 2005

I Love a Clean San Diego	Sat, 9 Apr 2005
Special Olympics Basketball	Sat, 16 Apr 2005 and Sun 17 Apr 2005
Lost Boys Trail Run	Sat, 14 May 2005
Special Olympics Greater Games	Sat, 4 Jun 2005 and Sun 5 Jun 2005

The Lake Hodges and Lost Days dates are tentative. The others 'should' be firm.

-Dave  
-kc6yso

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 testing 101, in preparation for Field Day. The July program will be the provided by Amateur Radio Emergency Services. All of these programs support Emergency Communications.

Now it is time to ask our members of PARC to help their communities and the club. We are looking for volunteers to support several committees.

The first need is for a Filed Day Chairperson. While Field Day is traditionally about making as many contacts as possible (a contest), the setting, for PARC, is always emergency conditions. The Chairpersons duty is to make sure all stations have the supplies they need to stay on the air for 24 hrs. This requires a logistics type of person.

The second need is for a "New Members Chairperson". Our current Chair has a full schedule and is looking to groom/mentor his replacement. This position is traditionally (and deliberately) given to a relatively new HAM. This person has the ear of the PARC Board of Directors, to keep us in-touch with the needs of the next generation of HAMs. The duties include seeking out and getting to know the newest members of the club and attending the Board Meetings.

The third need is for volunteers to staff the membership committee. Like all Amateur

Radio Clubs and Associations, we need to both attract new members and retain existing ones. This will be an opportunity to meet other HAMs in your community and to help the club grow.

After these, we have needs for volunteers for many things, such as repeater site maintenance, special events, Amateur Education, Community Liaison, etc.

Please consider giving your time to help the club, the Amateur Community and the Disaster Relief Community to grow. Intern, these communities will better serve our communities. See you on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Early  
 AD6VI

## EARS ANNUAL AUCTION

All Amateur Radio operators are invited to the Escondido Amateur Radio Society (EARS) annual auction,

Thursday, April 14, 2005. Location is the Salvation Army facility at 1301 Las Villas Way, Escondido (near junction of Center City Parkway and El Norte Parkway. Sellers please register at 6:30 pm and the auction gets underway at 7:00 pm. Auctioneer will be Art McBride, KC6UQH. Talk-in on the EARS repeater, 146.88(-) with a PL of 107.2 A good chance to get rid of your old boat anchors and acquire new ones.

# HAM RADIO OUTLET

Tom KM6K  
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# APRIL 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Club Meeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14 EARS Auction	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

If you would like to include information for the calendar, please send an email to: **SCOPE@palomararc.org** by the 18th of the month

## Schedule of Events

- April 6 Club Meeting
- April 13 Board Meeting
- April 14 EARS Auction—See Page 4 for details

## PARC NETS

- Sunday** 0830 146.730 ARES
- Sunday** 2045 146.075 MARA Emergency Services
- Monday** 1915 146.730 RACES Sub-Net
- Monday** 2100 146.730 Microwave Net
- Tuesday** 2100 146.730 Off-Road Net
- 2nd Wednesday** 2100 146.730 PARC Board Net
- Thursday** 1930 147.075 Young Hams Net
- Thursday** 2100 146.730 Ham Help Net
- Friday** 2100 146.730 Hiker's Net
- Saturday** 2000 52.680 6 Meter Ares Net
- Tue/Thu/Sat** 2000 146.730 NTS Traffic Net (SDCTN)

## Last Month

### Goodie Table



KG6RCW Tom  
 W6OJ Joe  
 WB6BFG Bill  
 N6UWW Ellen

### Club Membership

New Member Joining PARC: Kurt, N6MD

We had 10 "old" members reinstate their membership after considerable delay. Welcome back. The Board is seeking helpers to encourage membership in the club, and to retain the members we have when renewal time comes about.

Al  
 W6GNI

### Last Month's Fold & Staple Crew



March Issue Fold & Staple Crew  
 KR6BT Merle WA5ACE  
 Sonny  
 KB6NMK Jo & Toby  
 KB6YHZ Art & KG6AEW Bill  
 W6GNI Al & Kathy  
 W6YOO Harry

## For Sale

**(3.20)** For Sale. HP 5105A Freq. Synthesizer w/5110B Driver. Output from 100 KHz to 500 MHz in 0.1 Hz steps w/manual \$395.

Richard- W6RLC 619-224-9900

**(2.11)** Tempo S-2 (220 Mhz) Handheld with SS-32 PL & DTFM built-in. With Charger. \$60.00, Galaxy Electronics PR550 Phone Patch \$20.00, 2.4 Ghz Wireless CCD color CCD camera w/5 inch LCD Color Monitor complete \$50.00, Panasonic KX-F155 combo FAX/Ans Machine \$40.00, Texas Instrument TI-2000 AT Slim Line Laptop w/3.5 disc drive 20 Mg HD w/ac adaptor (ideal for portable Packet) \$25.00, Panasonic DT-680 BI-Amp Music Center w/wireless remote control \$60.00, Panasonic (new-unopened) ST-C30 Super VHS Compact Video Tape \$2.00/ea, VHS (new - unopened) Compact Adaptors to Regular VHS, \$15.00/ea, Too Numerous List - Panasonic Electronic accessories (email your request or call) , Yaesu FT-230R Two Meter mobile transceiver w/SS32 PL, \$70.00, Dell E551C 15 inch computer monitor (new - unopened) \$60.00, Epson C60 Ink Jet Printer (new- unopened) \$60.00, Avenger 4000 commercial alarm system 2 sirens, keypad, 8 PIR's , 1 Sonic, \$100.00 OBO, Contact Dennis K7DCG, 858-748-9046 or email K7DCG@arrl.net

**(2.11)** Swan 350 with matching power supply and lollipop mike, asking \$250.00. Kenwood tm201B FM 2 mtr Transceiver, asking \$50.00., Hallicrafter ht-40 transmitter with ha-5 vfo, asking \$175.00., Yaesu ft2700rh fm dual bander, asking \$85.00., 3 window mount air conditioners in the original box, 10,000 btu, 7,800 btu and 6,000 btu, asking \$100.00 per unit., Yaesu ft-221 all band 2mtr (base) lsb, usb, cw, am and fm, asking \$175.00., alf pettersen, wb6taw, 760.941-2428, e-mail: wb6taw@sdccu.net

**(12.9)** For Sale: Cushcraft ARC band 3 element beam, Model A3WS with 30 meter add on kit, Model A103 - Covers 12, 17, and 30 meters. Total weight 26

pounds, \$150.00; From estate of KF6QQ: Tokyo Hi Power Manual Antenna Tuner, HC-150, \$75.00. Wanze Co "Z" Match Tuner, 300 W \$75. Atlas DL-300 52 Ohm Dummy Load (It is like a small Antenna) with cooling oil \$15.00 Low Pass Filter (great for 6 Meter operators) \$10.00; Yaesu FL2100B Linear Amplifier (great table top amp) 300.00 Call Harry, W6YOO@760-743-4212. 73, Harry

**(12.9)** The R-8 is now off the house, still for sale @ \$200 which is a deal, Diamond 500X dual band antenna \$50 and dual band beam antenna 144/440 is also up for sale @ \$50, contact James @ 760-722-2797 or E-mail to no8rf@cox.net

**(11.28)** Ameritron 8L-811H linear, like new, \$650. Cushcraft MA5B 5 band mini HF beam. Never installed, partially assembled/painted, \$250. High Sierra Se-

SIEVER FIX OR MOBILE 10-160M SSB 100WPEP w/PS and Manual \$300, KENWOOD 2M TRANSIEVER MODEL TR-7330 5-25W w/AUTO PATCH MIKE MC-46 w/ARX-2M ANT, MANUAL \$200, ASTRO PSA w/ MANUAL \$25, SWAN LINEAR AMP MODEL 1500Z, 1500 W PEP, w/ MANUAL \$400, HY GAIN ROTOR w/ CONTROL BOX AND MANUAL \$100, REMOTE MOTOR DRIVEN COAX SW 6 POS w/CONTROL BOX \$100, PALOMAR SWR-PWR METER w/MANUAL MODEL M-827 0-200W \$50, SWAN SWR-PWR METER MODEL SWR-1 w/MANUAL \$20, DUMMY LOAD 1KW \$10, B&W G POS COAX SW MODEL CSAGG 1KW \$20, CUBEX 4 EL QUAD 30' BOOM w/QUAD ARMS FIBER-GLASS SPREADERS w/ INSTRUCTION MANUAL \$150, KRIS W6KTE 760-941-3555

**(11.16)** Cushcraft RF-8 6 Months old \$200 Diamond 144/440 Dual band base antenna \$50 you take down. James 722-2797 no8rf@cox.net

**(10.18)** I have a vx-7r with ext antenna and mic for sale for 150.00 can this be put in the scope my ph # is 619-251-6104 Craig Beresh 1 877 777-5492 Team San Diego

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**(11.16)** I have the following DVD-R discs for sale or trade, they are for DVD Recorders i.e., for recording from TV, Cable, VHS tapes, Camcorder videos. Not computers. 95 OptpDisk, 48 Memorax, 23 Maxell - all bought in the last month. Will sell for 25% off. Reason is -- I have a Panasonic DVD recorder and the only discs that work are Panasonic and TDK (- Call Rod AC6V at 760-945-6050 E-Mail rodac6v@cox.net

**(11.16)** CUBIC ASTRO 150A TRAN-

## Help Wanted

This is Jo Ashley's last year as Treasurer of the Palomar Amateur Radio Club. If you are looking for a way that you can help support your club and become more involved in PARC,,,,,, why not run for treasurer next year. According to Jo, it is the easiest job on the board. You can contact Jo directly she'll be glad to tell you what is involved.

Jo, KB6NMK, (760) 741-2560,  
kb6nmk@amsat.org

## Web Pages

### PARC's Home Page -

<http://www.palomararc.org>

### Rod's - AC6V

<http://www.ac6v.com>

### ARES Alert Publication

<http://sanarll.org/alert.htm>

### Tom's Hiker's - KF6PAZ

<http://www.fanciful.org/san-diego-hiker>

### Echolink

<http://www.echolonk.org>

### IRLP

<http://www.irlp.net>

### The Friday "Lunch Bunch" de KA6K

[www.KA6K.com](http://www.KA6K.com)

### Treasurer \$\$\$

**Jo Ashley** **KB6NMK@amsat.org**  
**February 28, 2005**

Checking	\$1,752.66
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CD	\$3,440.08
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## Handy URLs for HFers

### HF Beacons from around the world (on the same frequency for each band)

<http://www.ncdxf.org/Beacon/intro.html>

### Current Solar Reports

<http://www.wm7d.net/hamradio/solar/index.shtml>

<http://www.wn6k.cts.com/>

### DX Packet Cluster Spots via telnet (N7OD in Hemet is a good one)

<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Misc/cluster.html>

### World wide DX Spots

<http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/>

### Latest DX Operations

<http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

### Contest Calendar and Rules, required reports, etc

<http://home.online.no/~janalme/hammain.html>

### W6VR Six Meter Beacons Map

<http://www.qsl.net/k9mu/map.html>

### Much more on HF and DXing - Nets, Maritime Mobile, DX Nets, Prefixes, Distance and beam headings

<http://ac6v.com/dx.htm>

**Rod, AC6V**

## IMPROVEMENTS IN FALLBROOK

The Fallbrook Amateur Radio Club operates two open repeaters that cover tough spots for PARC to reach, including coverage into the Temecula Valley. FARC's frequencies are 146.175(+) and 445.600(-) MHz, both with 107.2 Hz PLs, and visitors are always welcome. If you come in on one machine, your audio will go out on both - but if you use 146.175 much south of Escondido or along the coast, beware of bringing up a co-channel non-PLed machine in Whittier.

Two pages of photos covering FARC's move to the CDF site on Red Mountain (at the NE corner of Fallbrook) are ready and available for viewing at <http://fallbrookarc.org/repcdf1.html>. This is quite a repeater site. Enjoy!

## PARC Testing

Carlsbad - 2nd. Saturday at 9:30 am in the Carlsbad Safety center.

Contact Jim Carmichael  
**N6FU**  
760 751 2515  
**n6fu@amsat.org**

## EARS Testing

*Escondido* - LAST Saturday at 9:00 am Fire Station #1  
Escondido Fire Department  
310 North Quince Street  
Escondido, CA 92025

Contact Harry **W6YOO**  
760-743-4212 or  
**W6YOO@amsat.org**

Register 5-7 days in advance for tests.

## 10 Meter Net

Monday - Friday

8:00 pm Local time

**28.340**

WA9MTP Dennie in Vista is net control.

## PARC Hiker's Net News

By Bernie - N6FN

### Canyoneer Nature Hikes

One of our long-term hiker net hams, Paula KF6KBZ also happens to be a volunteer trip leader for the San Diego Museum of Natural History's Canyoneer program. Volunteers go through extensive training on the flora, fauna and geology of the San Diego area, in addition to required training for leading day hikes intended for the general public.

It was in her duties as a Canyoneer trip leader that Paula came to recognize the benefits of ham radio as an additional piece of safety equipment. Realizing the extra measure of safety this would provide people entrusted in her care, she obtained an amateur radio license. Now in addition to her Canyoneer trip leader duties, she is also one of our rotating Hiker Net control operators.

Canyoneer Hikes are scheduled just about every weekend throughout the year. These hikes are interpretive walks, not endurance hikes; trip leaders adjust to the desires and abilities of all participants.

Trips to a large variety of locations all over the county are available. The task of guiding the trips is divided up among a number of Canyoneer volunteers. These walks are free, open to the public and are a great way to tour the out-of-the-way gems of San Diego County. No reservations are required. For further information visit: <http://www.sdnhm.org/canyoneers/index.html>

#### Kayaking the Green River

Hiker Net hams are getting ready to spend six days kayaking the Green River in Utah. Centered in Utah's renowned Canyonlands National Park, the group will be paddling from Mineral Bottom past the Confluence with the Colorado River to Spanish Bottom, a distance of 56 miles.

Scheduled for May 17, the trip will start in Moab where an outfitter will load our equipment and transport us approximately 25 miles over dirt roads followed by a hair raising ride down a narrow cliff side to the launch point. From there we will be on our own, paddling the Green River for six days, visiting old Indian Anazazi ruins and petroglyph sites set amid the natural wonders of Canyonlands National Park.

On our take out day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, the outfitter will use a jet boat to retrieve us from Spanish Bottom on the Colorado River, four miles below the Confluence. From there the jet boat will take us 67 miles up the Colorado River back to Moab. In all, we will travel 123 river miles through the heart of Canyonlands.

At the moment we have six confirmed participants, all hams except one. There is room for more; canoes and kayaks can be rented from the outfitter. The trip is all

flat water with no great paddling expertise being required.

Contact me at [berniel@niftyaccessories.com](mailto:berniel@niftyaccessories.com) if you would like to consider going along. The following web pages provide pictures and additional information:

<http://www.texsriveways.com/>

[http://www.tagalong.com/trips/selfguided\\_trips/jc0.html](http://www.tagalong.com/trips/selfguided_trips/jc0.html)

<http://www.desertpaddlers.com/greenriver2003-1.htm>

Hiker Net hams get together every Friday evening at 9 pm on the 146.730 machine to discuss trip ideas, reports of recent trips and other outdoor related topics. The net is open to everyone and new participants are always welcome.

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## PARC HAM BAND FORMING

PARC is proud to announce the formation of the PARC Ham Band an aggregation of our best musicians who will perform at the annual picnic in August. Come hear the CQ Boogie, Pileup in E Minor, QSL Via The Burro, and a medley of Q-signals. The feature performance will be the opening bars of Beethoven's Fifth played 73 times.

A jam session will follow. Bring your instruments and join the sessions.

Interested musicians should contact Herr Ludvig Von Leiter, our guest conductor from the Berlin Sympathy Orchestra.

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Chuck Wood, a fellow enthusiast. "She's the one people in our hobby would

go to for advice."

By 1970, when she settled in San Diego, Mrs. Allbright had 22 years of experience as a licensed ham radio operator in a male-dominated field.

Setting up a radio shop in their Serra Mesa home, she and husband, London Allbright, provided visitors who shared their passion access to the latest equipment. To encourage participants, she founded the San Diego Amateur Radio Council and edited its newsletter, *Squelch Tales*. To demonstrate the value of her hobby as a public service, she volunteered for animal rescue efforts and other emergencies.

"We all looked up to Sybil as an example," Wood said. Mrs. Allbright, who had suffered a series of strokes, died in her sleep Feb. 7 at her home. She was 84.

During the 1970s, Mrs. Allbright applied much of the technological savvy she acquired in amateur radio to the emerging field of personal computing. She bought her first home computer in 1976 and, for several years, edited *Personal Systems*, a newsletter for the San Diego Computer Society.

"She must have had every software program known to man from Day One in her home," Wood said.

After launching the San Diego Amateur Radio Council, known as SANDARC, Mrs. Allbright organized a series of conventions to bring together members of the American Radio Relay League.

"We had forums on amateur radio topics, including emergency preparedness," said Tuck Miller, former vice director of the ARRL's Southwestern Division. "Many people think it's just a hobby, but at the same time we make ourselves available for public service activities.

"Even if Sybil couldn't be actively involved, she owned repeaters on various mountain tops, including one in Otay, that enabled radio operators to transmit signals in emergencies."

Mrs. Allbright continued her involvement in amateur radio after her husband's death in 1992. She was a long-time member of the San Diego Repeater Association and was active in the El Cajon and Palomar radio clubs and the Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association, which coordinates repeater frequencies.

Over the years, she saw memberships in such organizations drop as a new generation of cell-phone-toting, e-mail-savvy youths opted for quicker and simpler communications alternatives.

"The younger folks want instant gratification," Miller said. "Radio is more like fishing. You throw out a call sign and don't know what you're going to catch – maybe it will be somebody in Russia, Australia or whatever. To me, that's the fun of it."

Mrs. Allbright was born Sybil VonRosenburg in Lubbock, Texas.

Her first husband was killed at Guadalcanal during World War II when she was carrying her first child.

A friend introduced her to an overseas pen pal, London Allbright, in the Army Air Forces. They corresponded for

11 months and exchanged photographs.

They met face to face for the first time after the war and married in December 1946 in Los Angeles.

As the future Air Force major's wife, Mrs. Allbright moved 22 times until the couple settled in San Diego upon his retirement.

In 1951, while living in San Francisco, Mrs. Allbright sang with the Berkeley Anns, a group that advanced to the national finals of the Sweet Adelines International competition, said Lisa Storey, a granddaughter Mrs. Allbright helped raise.

With the encouragement of her husband, a command pilot and communications officer, Mrs. Allbright was licensed in ham radio in 1948.

She pursued her hobby during a 32-year teaching career at the elementary school level that began in 1954 in Alaska.

When she moved with her husband to Japan, she earned a superior performance award for teaching military dependents, Storey said.

Mrs. Allbright, a graduate of University of California Los Angeles, taught for 16 years in the San Diego Unified School District. She earned a master's degree in 1982 at San Diego State University and completed all but two classes toward a doctorate of education at the University of Southern California.

"Those two classes would have cost \$10,000 at USC," Storey said. "She decided that it wasn't worth it because she was so close to retirement."

During her teaching career, Mrs. Allbright brought computers and ham radios into her classrooms at Miramar Ranch Elementary in Scripps Ranch, where she taught sixth-graders in a gifted program before retiring in 1986. She brought her organizational skills to the Serra Mesa Community Council, serving as its secretary.

Mrs. Allbright was preceded in death by her daughter, Carol Ann McKinney, in 1996.

Survivors include a son, Norman Allbright of San Diego; and two grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery. Donations are suggested to the San Diego Humane Society.

Also, our prayers and thoughts go out to those who knew **Ralph, K6HAV.**

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