

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society

April 2001

CALENDAR

Apr 21	Monthly EARS Breakfast
Apr 24	Monthly EARS Meeting (Auction)
Apr 26	Monthly SANDARC Meeting
Apr 28	VE Exam Session
May 5	MA, CT, NV, OR, IN QSO Parties
May 5	Italian DX and RTTY Contests
May 12	ARES Meeting and Training
May 12	Russian DX Contest
May 19	Armed Forces Day (Fly Your Flag)
May 19	Monthly EARS Breakfast
May 20	Escondido Street Faire
May 26	VE Exam Session
May 26	CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
May 32	Monthly SANDARC Meeting
Jun 3	Special VE Exam Session
Jun 5	EARS Board Meeting
Jun 9	ARES Meeting and Training
Jun 9	Portugal Day Contest
Jun 9	ARRL VHF QSO Party
Jun 10	WV QSO Party
Jun 16	Monthly EARS Breakfast
Jun 22	ARRL Field Day Set Up
Jun 23	ARRL Field Day

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 24: EARS ANNUAL AUCTION – It's that time of year again. Go dig in your garage, basement, closet, whatever, and drag out your old boat anchors for the auction. Whatever you have in the way of unwanted stuff, no matter how remotely related to the amateur radio hobby, is fair game. Sellers should register at 6:00 p.m. and buyers at 6:30 p.m. The auction, led by auctioneer Art McBride will get underway at 7:00 p.m. Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, will be in charge of the paperwork team. EARS, of course, gets a cut of the proceeds.

June 22-24: ARRL FIELD DAY – This is the weekend that strikes terror into the hearts of wives and lovers as the intrepid Amateur Radio Operators trudge out into the primitive wilds to set up radio stations in order to talk to other groups of Amateurs who have done the same thing. Our Field Day Chairman of the past several years has resigned due to family commitments so we need someone to step up to the plate and take charge. Without a Chairman to lead us up the hill to Dixon Lake, there will be no EARS Field Day : (

I'M "ALL EARS"

By John, WB6UHF

I don't know how many remember it, but long ago we held a contest to name the newsletter. The silence was deafening and as a result, the newsletter has gone unnamed for as long as one can remember.

Until now.

By popular demand, the newsletter has a new name: "All EARS". (Actually, I thought of it on the spur of the moment when I made the masthead.) Unless someone comes up with a better idea and arm-wrestles me for it, I'll keep using it. Besides, it's shorter than typing "EARS Newsletter".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EARS participates in a number of municipal and other events by providing communicators and their radios. Coming up are:

Sunday, May 20th: Escondido Street Faire

September 7-9: ARRL SW Div Convention in Riverside.

Saturday, September 8th: Grape Day Parade.

Sunday, October 21st: Escondido Street Faire.

Saturday, December 8th: Jaycees' Holiday Parade.

There will also be a number of "I Love a Clean San Diego" beach clean ups and other events. We don't have the dates for all these events as yet. If you know of any other local events where Amateur Radio communicators are needed, let us know.

EARS WEB PAGE

Thanks to Nick Uran, KK6TV, for putting EARS on the Internet. You can update your call and address information and read about upcoming activities. Check it out at:

www.qsl.net/earsca

Also, the ARRL San Diego Section has a Web Page at:

www.qsl.net/sdgarri

2002 ARRL SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION (ESCONDIDO)

As announced in the last EARS newsletter, the 2002 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention will be held in Escondido at the Center for the Arts. The dates are August 16, 17, and 18, 2002. Right now the Convention Chairman, John Noland, and Tom Caudle, Assistant Chairman are looking for volunteers to chair or staff the sub-committees. Sub-committee chairs are needed for Banquet, Ladies Program, Media, Amateur Radio Station, and Facilities. If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions or just to work with one of the sub-committees, contact ARRL Section Manager Tuck Miller at: nz6t@arrl.org

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Several good folks help us by buying advertising in this newsletter. Please so your appreciation by considering them for your next purchase of supplies or services.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

If you or someone you know is interested in taking an Amateur Radio class for getting a license or upgrading, call Larry, WA6UTQ, at 760-758-5820. Classes are held at the Vista Blind Center.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

by John, WB6UHF

Do you use e-mail? I'm compiling an "e-mailing list" for the purpose of meeting notices, for sale ads, etc. The service will be available to all to use and works this way: you send me the notice of interest and I will re-mail it to the entire list. Plus I will be generating notices of upcoming events, deadlines, general news, and so on. The focus will be on Escondido and EARS, but anyone is invited to subscribe.

So if you use e-mail, don't be left out, get on the list and receive all the latest news, gossip and nonsense. Just e-mail me at wb6uhf@arr.net so I can get your e-mail address into the system. No need to write anything in particular, but as long as you're at it, how about the latest news from your QTH and we'll mention it in the bulletin.

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

EARS members meet socially the third Saturday of each month at La Parrilla Mexican Grill, 1111 East Washington Ave. at 8:30 a.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLUB BADGES - Let everyone know that you are a member of EARS and avoid having them guess what your name is. See Jo, KB6NMK for the traditional round badge and Harry, W6YOO for one of the new rectangular ones.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/CALLSIGN - Please let us know if you change your address or callsign. We want to keep our records up to date. Call Konrad, N6UKO, who is the keeper of the club roster, or visit our website at www.qsl.net/earsca.

MILITARY AFFILIATE RADIO SYSTEM - The US Army, the US Air Force, and the US Navy/Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) are looking for a few good men/women to join MARS. If you would like to get on the HF bands regardless of license, now's the time. See Harry Hodges, W6YOO/AAR9LX for details.

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION (QCWA) - If you were first licensed twenty-five or more years ago and that you are licensed today (it doesn't have to be continuous) you are eligible to join the QCWA. There is a local chapter in San Diego that holds quarterly meetings (brunch) and has VHF net on Wednesday evenings. The national organization conducts an annual QCWA QSO party and there is an annual convention. They are a great group so if you are interested in more details, contact Harry, W6YOO

MONTHLY ARES MEETING - For more years than most of us want to think about, the San Diego Section ARES organization has met on the second Saturday of the month at the Methodist Church in Normal Heights. The meeting has always been preceded by a pancake breakfast. Well... after April, due to a death and illness among the church volunteers, there will no longer be a breakfast, and the ARES group is seeking another site for their monthly meetings. We'll let everyone know where the May meeting / breakfast will be. Training will still go on at the Kearney Mesa Recreation Center at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday.

ARRL AND ARES BULLETINS - The ARRL and ARES bulletins are posted daily on K6PD-1 packet BBS on 145.03 MHz.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS - If you need to renew your license or supply the FCC with a change of address, the form to use is NCVEC Form 605 (obtainable from Harry, W6YOO). You fill out the form; attach a Xerox copy of your license and mail to SANDARC VEC, PO Box 2446, La Mesa, CA 91943-2446. You must include your Social Security Number. There is no charge for this service.