

# ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society

August 2001

## CALENDAR

Aug 28	<b>EARS Club Meeting</b>
Sep 4	<b>EARS Board Meeting</b>
Sept 7-9	ARRL SW Div Convention in Riverside
Sept 8	Grape Day Parade
Sep 8	Monthly ARES Meeting
Sep 8	ARRL SW Div. Convention
Sep 8	ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sep 15	<b>EARS Breakfast</b>
Sep 15	ARRL 10GHz Contest
Sep 16	Annual QCWA Meeting, MCRD
Sep 22	CQ WW DX Contest, RTTY
Sep 29	Volunteer Exam Session
Oct 2	<b>EARS Board Meeting</b>
Oct 6	California QSO Party
Oct 12-14	MCAS Air Show
Oct 13	Monthly ARES Meeting
Oct 20	<b>EARS Breakfast</b>
Oct 21	Escondido Street Faire
Oct 23	<b>EARS Club Meeting</b>
Oct 27	Volunteer Exam Session
Oct 27	CQ WW DX Contest, SSB
Dec 8	Jaycees' Holiday Parade
Aug 16, '02	ARRL SW Div Convention in Escondido

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 28: EARS MONTHLY MEETING** - Getting Started In Contesting. (Note change from previously scheduled program) Do you think that contesting is only for those on HF? Well, it's also for VHF, UHF, RTTY, PSK, CW, EME, as well as for all classes of licenses.

Here's your opportunity to discover the basics of contest jargon, operating tips for beginners, how to compete from a small station, and practical ways to improve your score. Includes live "on-the-air" QSOs from some of the best testers in the world.

**October 23: EARS MONTHLY MEETING** – "Heard Island: Outpost on the Edge" – That's the title of this PBS documentary produced by James Brooks, 9V1YV. Why would a group of otherwise sane individuals spend thousands of dollars of their own money to visit one of the most inhospitable spots on earth? Just to operate a radio? Come see this beautifully filmed adventure.

## FIELD DAY

What's the biggest event of the amateur radio year? To a lot of hams, it's Field Day. Whether this is the big one for you or not, you know you will enjoy a good time at the EARS Field Day operation.

This year we will be in the Coronado Hills south of San Marcos. Check out our new website (see accompanying article) for a map to the site, operator information and the latest updates.

Willy, N8WP, is the chairman of our big event, so let him know you're coming, if you haven't already. Setup starts at 3 p.m. on Friday and the contest runs from 11 a.m. on Saturday until 11 a.m. on Sunday.

## EARS REPEATER TO CHANGE CALL SIGN

TASMA, the Two Meter Spectrum Management Association, has approved our request to put the club call, N6WB, on our repeater.

Look for this change soon.

## MEET THE NEW BOSS(ES)

Not reported last month is the fact that we have a new Club president. Jake, KF6PII, has resigned due to a pressing work schedule and Bill, KD6BFR, has been promoted automatically from VP. Moving up to VP is Willy, N8WP.

## THANKS

de Albert Fahnestock, N6GNB and Mickey, N6GWJ

By the time all you great hams read this, we will be in our new Retirement Home with no HAM radios.

With Mickey's bad back and the arthritis hurting my leg and ankle joints we just could not take care of the house any more. It has been great fun enjoying working with you all on HAM radio for the past 30 years.

Thanks again.

Albert and Mickey Fahnestock  
1650 East Old Badillo Street  
Covina, Ca. 91724-3163  
(626) 251-2278  
New e-mail address: auf30@yahoo.com

## ARRL DUES GOING UP

Our section manager, Tuck Miller, NZ6T, reminds us that "these are the final days before the League dues go up!! Take a look at the bargain you can get, BEFORE June 30!!

"1 year for \$34, 2 years for \$65, 3 years for \$92, and 5 years for \$146 with LIFE at \$850.

"For those over 65 years of age, 1 yr for \$28, 2 yrs for \$53, 3 yrs for \$76, and 5 yrs for \$122 with LIFE at \$700.

"Starting July 1st, regular dues go to \$39 a year and \$34 for seniors. However, Family Membership will remain at \$5 a year and \$125 for Family Life Membership."

## FREE TICKETS TO THE DEL MAR FAIR

Barbara Rohrer, KA6FPS, is in charge of seeing that the Amateur Radio Booth at the Del Mar Fair is staffed from Friday, June 29, until Monday evening closing, July 2, for the Palomar Amateur Radio Club. She writes:

"We need operators to help demonstrate amateur radio, answer questions about amateur radio, and to tell visitors how they can easily get an FCC license.

"I have the following spots that still need operators -

Fri 29th, 6-10pm shift (2 needed)  
Sat 30th, 10-2am shift (1 needed)  
Mon 2nd, 2-6pm shift (2 needed)  
Mon 2nd, 6-10pm shift (2 needed)

"I need 7 operators at this time.

"I might even be willing to accept your bringing a spouse or friend if I cannot get enough amateurs to fill the spots.

Remember, you would get FREE tickets to the fair. You can come early, see the fair, and then report for work or if you work earlier in the day you can work and see the fair after your shift. What a deal!

"Please contact me at tennis42@juno.com. (Yes, I do play tennis!) "

## AUGUST BOARD MEETING

A summary of the important actions taken at the August 7 board meeting at the residence of Harry, W6YOO:

1. Nick, KK6TV, has gotten the new controller to function by using an HT for testing. The next step is to wire it into the repeater. Call blocking and speed dial numbers were discussed.
2. Konrad, N6UKO, reported we have 77 current paid members.
3. Willy, N8WP, reported 89 raw CW and 416 phone contacts for a total of 594 contacts, plus 910 Bonus points, making our grand total score for Field Day 1504, with multipliers.
4. Harry reported that the speaker on mobile RFI for the August general meeting had to cancel and a different program on "Contesting 101" will be arranged.
5. Harry, W6YOO, reported that he will not be able to host the club's Christmas Party at his house this year. Bill, KD6BFR, offered the meeting room at his apartment complex but rules they ban alcoholic beverages. Discussion followed, tabled for next meeting.
6. Willy, N8WP, said he will draw up rules for a T-Hunt in September and post them on his web site. His web site will be linked to our EARS web site.
7. Willy, N8WP, is organizing an effort to operate from Imperial County for this year's California QSO Party. He would also like to see an EARS club entry. All those interested contact Willy.
8. Harry, W6YOO, reported that SANDARC is again asking that we appoint a representative to the council. Duncan, KF6ILA, who was active at this year's Del Mar Fair for SANDARC received an offer from the Fair Director to add a Youth Homebrew Amateur Radio competition at the Fair. John Earnest has agreed to organize it. SANDARC still needs volunteers for Committee Chairman and Transportation Chairman for the ARRL Southwest Division Convention for 2002 to be held in Escondido.

## STREET FAIRE REPORT

by John, WB6UHF

Not having operated a Street Faire before, I was surprised to find it comes complete with a shaded golf cart and pleasant company. I was paired with John, one of the security people, who seemed to know quite a bit about the operation of the Faire. Thankfully, my knowledge of local street names and businesses

complemented his and we were able to answer most questions right away. That was especially so after John helped me decipher how the program works.

Among our duties were directing people to the booths they sought, answering questions about Escondido and other events, and reuniting lost children with their lost parents. I think we even managed to get the right kids to the right parents.

## -----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](http://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** - The San Diego Section ARES meets on the second Saturday of each month at Coco's Family Restaurant, 5955 Balboa Ave. Come in for breakfast at 7am, with the meeting starting at 8am. The training session follows from 10 until noon, at the Kearney Mesa Rec Center.

**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.

**MONTHLY BREAKFAST** - EARS members meet socially the third Saturday of each month at the Westside Cafe, on West Ninth Ave. corner of Redwood St. at 8:30 a.m.

**WEEKLY BREAKFAST** - EARS members also meet most Friday mornings at the K & S Cafe, 622 Enterprise Street at 7:00 a.m. with conversation following at "The Bunker".

**"GOINGS ON"** - is the EARS broadcast e-mail service. It brings you the latest news, gossip and nonsense that you need to be informed (and reminded) of all club and local happenings. The focus is on Escondido and EARS, but anyone is invited to subscribe. To get on the e-mailing list, drop a note to [wb6uhf@arrl.net](mailto:wb6uhf@arrl.net). To send a message, e-mail it to the address above and say you want the text broadcast.

**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.

**EARS WEB PAGE** - EARS is on the Internet. You can read about upcoming activities, get links to other ham radio sites, or update your call and address information. The information is updated regularly. Check it out at [www.qsl.net/earsca](http://www.qsl.net/earsca).

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