

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society

June 2001

CALENDAR

June 22	ARRL Field Day Set Up
June 23	ARRL Field Day
Jun 30	VE Session
Jul 1	Canada Day Contest
Jul 4	Fourth of July QRP Sprint
Jul 8	I Love A Clean San Diego
Jul 14	ARES Monthly Meeting
Jul 14	IARU HF Championship
Jul 14	CQ WW VHF Contest
Jul 21	Georgia QSO Party
Jul 28	VE Session
Jul 28	RSGB IOTA Contest
Aug 4	NA QSO Party, CW
Aug 4	ARRL UHF Contest
Aug 7	EARS Board Meeting
Aug 11	Maryland/DC QSO Party
Aug 11	ARES Monthly Meeting
Aug 22	EMS Drill for MCAS Air Show
Aug 25	VE Session
Aug 28	EARS Monthly Meeting
Sept 7-9	ARRL SW Div Convention in Riverside
Sept 8	Grape Day Parade
Oct 12-14	MCAS Air Show
Oct 21	Escondido Street Faire
Dec 8	Jaycees' Holiday Parade
Aug 16, '02	ARRL SW Div Convention in Escondido

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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.

August 28: EARS MONTHLY MEETING - Are you a budding mobile operator? If so, then you will enjoy this program. Author Stu Downs, WA6PDP, who has written for QEX magazine, will speak to us on the subject of automobile RFI, what causes it and how to cure it. It would be nice to hear only the station you are talking to without the ignition and other noises. Please plan to attend.

FIELD DAY

What's the biggest event of the amateur radio year? To a lot of hams, its 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 WEB PAGE EXPANDS

Nick Uran, KK6TV, has expanded and improved the EARS web site:

www.qsl.net/earsca

If you haven't checked it out lately, you'll be surprised to see how much timely information there is to be found. Full information is available on our Field Day plans and Nick promises to put up some pictures of the whole thing after the big day as well.

The Website also now has a Want Ad section which needs want ads, submit your ads to kk6tv@arrl.net for posting.

Great job, Nick!

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.

2002 ARRL SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION (ESCONDIDO)

Remember that 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. If you would like to volunteer for with the arrangements or to work with one of the sub-committees, contact ARRL Section Manager Tuck Miller at nz6t@arrl.org.

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!) "

JUNE BOARD MEETING

A summary of the important actions taken at the June 5 board meeting at the residence of Harry, W6YOO:

1. The Club Roster is complete and ready for distribution.
2. Jo, KB6NMK, reports the following activities:

July 8, I love a clean San Diego
August 22, EMS Drill for MCAS Air Show
October 12,13,14 MCAS Air Show

Jo is requesting all ARES Members resubmit their Membership forms on the new form.

3. Konrad, N6UKO, has assumed responsibility for the new controller for the Club 2 Meter repeater. Marvin, W6PKK has illness in the family and has had little time to devote to finishing the project.
4. Harry, W6YOO reported that TASMA, at the next Technical committee meeting June 12, will approve the call sign change for our repeater to N6WB, our club call.
5. Konrad, N6UKO, reported that he heard activities on an amateur simplex frequency that were not in compliance with Part 97 Regulations. The board hopes that with notification of all the members involved, these activities will cease.
6. On a motion by Leon, N6VS, \$200 was approved for Field Day expenses.
7. On a motion by Harry, W6YOO, Willy, N8WP, was appointed Vice President to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year 2001. This was done under Article 9, Section 4 of the EARS constitution allowing for vacancies to be filled at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Congratulations Willy!

BROADCAST RADIO NEWSLETTER

Those of you interested in the technical side of broadcast radio (AM, FM, TV, etc) may wish to check out the CGC Communicator. This is published on the web by Bob Gonsett, W6VR, son of the founder of the old Gonset radio company and a member of the Palomar Club.

Lots of information about FCC actions, interference cases, transmitter moves, etc. You can find the CGC Communicator at www.bext.com/_CGC.

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.

The Street Faire is reputed to be the second largest in California (behind the one in Carlsbad) and judging from the crowd, I believe it. It was quite fun. Even listening to the fourth or fifth repeat of Peruvian flute music from the booth near us didn't cause excessive strain. In other words, I enjoyed the commotion and recommend this operating experience to anyone who hasn't done it yet

-----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 - 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 La Parrilla Mexican Grill, 1111 East Washington Ave. at 8:30 a.m.

"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. 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.

ARRL LETTER - The ARRL Letter, a weekly e-mailing of amateur radio related news, is available to ARRL members free of charge directly from ARRL HQ. To subscribe for e-mail delivery, ARRL members first must register on the Members Only Web Site, www.arrl.org/members. The ARRL Letter is also available to all, free of charge, at www.arrl.org/arrlletter, where it is posted each Friday after it is distributed via e-mail.