

# ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society

April 2002

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

EARS meets at the Escondido Chamber of Commerce building, 720 N Broadway, at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Come early and chat! And remember to bring canned food items, etc., for donation to the North County Food Bank.

### APRIL 23 ANNUAL EARS AUCTION

One man's junk is another man's treasure -- so be sure to lug in your junk and go home with some real treasures at the annual auction. Art, KC6UQH, will once again serve as auctioneer. Anyone is invited to sell or buy.

NOTE the earlier than usual times! Sellers may begin registering at 6:00. Buyers may begin registering at 6:30. Auction proper begins at 7:00!

### MAY 28 APRS

A presentation by Willie, N8WP, of the Automatic Position Reporting System, or APRS. This technology connects GPS to ham radio.

Also, at this meeting will be a final presentation of Field Day plans and a demonstration of how to use the CT logging program for Field Day logging and for other contests.

### JUNE 25 FIELD DAY WIND UP & DX VIDEO

A review of our Field prowess (we hope!). If you attended Field Day, you'll relive the action and find out who went home with that special wrench of yours. If you didn't go, you'll get the "fish story" first hand from those who were there.

Also, a video of the East Timor DXpedition will be shown. Field Day of a different sort, if you will.

## EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 20	EARS Monthly Breakfast
Apr 23	EARS Monthly Meeting - Auction
Apr 26-28	Int'l DX Convention, Visalia (see inside)
Apr 27	VE Testing Session
May 18	EARS Monthly Breakfast
May 19	Escondido Street Faire (see below)
May 28	EARS Monthly Meeting - APRS
Jun 15	EARS Monthly Breakfast
Jun 21-23	ARRL Field Day (see below)
Jun 25	EARS Monthly Meeting - FD Review
Aug 16-18	ARRL SW Div Convention (see below)

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

May 19 – Escondido Street Faire. This is a fun community support event. Needed are about 20 operators with HTs to work 9-1 or 1-5 shifts. Konrad, N6UKO is event coordinator.

June 21-23 – ARRL Field Day at Dixon Lake. Set up on Friday, operate Saturday morning until Sunday morning. The aim is to show the community that we can communicate in times of emergency. Willie, N8WP, is the event coordinator.

Aug 16-18 – ARRL Southwestern Division Convention. To be held at the California Center for the Arts (CCA). This is a must attend event. Technical sessions, vendors, prizes, banquet and DX breakfast, and more!

## The Escondido Amateur Radio Society

is a non-profit organization of social and educational benefit to Amateur Radio operators and those interested in Amateur Radio in the Escondido area.

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Harry Hodges, W6YOO, 743-4212

Club dues are \$13.00 per year. Come join the fun!

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

By now our club membership should be close to 70. With this many members, I am sure our interests related to Amateur Radio are just as varied. At our last meeting, Willie's excellent I-Link demo showed that the internet and ham radio can enhance the operation of each other. By using I-Link, I have (almost) been able to check into the Sunday evening net when I cannot normally reach the 146.88 repeater from my QTH. One of the neat things about ham radio is that we have a multitude of tools to reach a goal. I-Link is just one of those tools.

I am sure that with the growing membership we have a lot of experts on different amateur radio topics. Consider sharing your expertise at one of our meetings or even at the Saturday breakfast! DXing, tuning antennas, erecting towers, T-hunting, station grounding, propagation, ATV, autopatch use, packet radio, basket weaving! Share your knowledge with us! If you have an idea for a club project, take the initiative and do it. Curt, KF6VHA, has done an excellent job with the food drive and as the net control for the Trivia Net. John, KG6DVE, just continues to do a unbelievable job with the Sunday net. Thanks Curt! Thanks John! How about a T-hunt following one of our Saturday breakfasts?

Recently, the ARRL requested feedback on member opinion concerning moving the Section Manager reports and contest line scores from QST to the ARRL web page. We took a vote at the last meeting with 11 members voting for moving SM reports, 1 don't care. 13 voted for keeping contest line scores in QST with 4 voting for moving them to the web page. The information has been forwarded to the ARRL and your voice has been heard!

This weekend I have begun gathering my treasures to sell at the club's annual April auction. Two years ago I managed to pick up a Swan 250, a collection of Ringo Ranger antennas, and an SWR meter. Hopefully, I will score again this year! I haven't decided yet if I will sell the Swan, Ringos and meter this year. The Swan had a shorted diode in the power supply which I repaired and used once. I also managed to use the 2m Ringo.

EARS once again this year will support the SANDARC ham station/booth at the Del Mar Fair for two days. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. You work four hours at the booth, talk up ham radio (something which any EARS member will have no problem doing) and get a free ticket to the fair. Our two days will be Wednesday, June 19th and Thursday, June 20th. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer.

The ARRL Southwest Division Convention, as I am sure most of you are aware, will be in Escondido. This is the ham radio event of the year and EARS has a chance to be right in the middle of it. If you have never been to an ARRL convention, unless you are entering the microwave contest on that weekend you have no excuse to miss it! There will be lots of seminars, vendors, a luncheon, dinner, DX Breakfast and demonstrations. I am hoping EARS will assist in this event in some capacity and will keep you informed!

Field Day is just around the corner. Your EARS Field Day committee is working hard at inventorying and gathering equipment. Willie and John have secured our field day site at Dixon Lake. It looks like we are going to have an excellent turnout this year. If you are not planning on operating, at least come up and visit, make one contact through our GOTA station, and enjoy some food and a great view. We are doing Field Day planning on the 3rd Saturday of the month right after breakfast at the Westside Cafe. Everyone who plans on participating should try to attend.

73,  
Nick, kk6tv@arrl.net

## INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

from *The Sinewave* (King's ARC)

Celebrate the sunspots at the 53rd International DX Convention. Mark your calendars for the International DX Convention, April 26-28, 2002 at the Holiday Inn, Visalia, California. This event attracts attendees and presenters from around the world, offering an opportunity to catch up on the latest DX events, such as Ducie Island and Logbook of the World, and perhaps catch a glimpse of new products before Dayton! With a full slate of programs plus vendors, a banquet, contest dinners, famous DX, friends and that famous convention patch, there's something for everyone. For more information, visit the International DX Convention Web site [www.qsl.net/visalia2002](http://www.qsl.net/visalia2002) or contact Don Bostrom, N6IC, [n6ic@arrl.net](mailto:n6ic@arrl.net).

### Bits 'n Pieces

Anyone interested in EARS club shirts are invited to talk to sweet Willie P, N8WP, who is trying to gauge interest...

## **"SONOFABITCH"**

author unknown

*(continued from last month)*

The old lady was taking alot of time getting her car out of her parking space. I even began to think she would never leave. Finally, her car began to move and crept out. Given the circumstances, I decided to back my car up a little to give her as much room as she needed. "Super", I thought, "finally she's going." Immediately, a black Ford appeared in the opposite direction and alit on the space the old lady had left and for which I was waiting.

I began to honk and to shout "You can't do that! I was here first!" The guy from the Ford simply got out, closed the door and walked toward the shopping center, ignoring me as if he hadn't even heard me. Considering his attitude, I thought "This guy is a sonofabitch. There sure must be a huge number of sonsabitches in the world." It was then that I saw the FOR SALE sign in the rear window of his Ford. So I wrote down the number and went looking for another parking place.

A couple of days later I was sitting home at my desk and had just let go of the phone after my therapy session calling 555-4863 (and saying "You sonofabitch") when I saw the number of the guy with the black Ford and I thought "I should call this other sonofabitch, too". After a couple of rings, someone answered and said "Hello?"

"Am I speaking to the person with the black Ford for sale?" I asked.

"Yes, you're speaking with him." he said.

"Can you tell me where I can see the car?"

"Sure. I live on St. John Street at the corner with St. Peter. It's a yellow house and the car is parked in front of it."

"What's your name" I asked.

"Ed" he replied.

"What time would be good to meet you, Ed?" I asked.

"You can find me at home in the evenings."

"Listen, Ed, can I tell you something?"

"Sure" he responded.

"Ed, you're a royal sonofabitch." and I hung up on him.

*(to be continued)*

## **Bits 'n Pieces**

Over 100 pounds of food was collected at the last General Meeting and was turned over to the North County Food Bank. Keep up the good work!

## **Bits 'n Pieces**

The next Board meeting will be held May 6 at the home of Konrad, N6UKO...

## **NEW MEMBER THOMAS HINSON, KG6INL**

I have been a ham now since November 2001. I was born and raised in Atlanta. I became interested in radio because my grandpa had a business radio for his AC & Heating company and I thought it was the neatest thing how he could talk to his workers just about any time he wanted to. My pops bought me a Cobra WX mobile CB with a little magnet mount antenna and I quickly became a regular on CB when I was 10 years old. I attended college at the University of Montevallo in Alabama. After a few years of that I headed to Dallas to catch up with my folks who had moved out there. During this time, I met my wife at the church I was attending. My wife, Jennifer, grew up in Valley Center and was in Dallas finishing her B.A. in nursing from Baylor University. Soon after our wedding, my company was bought by a larger corporation in Nashville, so we moved up there to continue my job. After a year, the corporation decided to drop our division so my wife and I took the severance and moved out here to Valley Center so that we could be close to our family. After testing the CB band out here I was quickly disgusted with the lack of respect and decided it was time to get my ham license. As soon as we get a house and I can have my own shack I will obtain my General class license so I can talk HF. I am the network administrator at Emmanuel Faith Community Church in Escondido. My hobbies are spending time my wife and family, learning more about technology, raveling, radio (of course) and hangin' with my dog Scarlet.

## **ALL EARS**

The official bulletin of the Escondido ARS

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The deadline to submit material for the May bulletin is Tuesday, May 14.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

**EARS REFLECTOR** – is a free service that keeps members up-to-date via e-mail. Local news, gossip, “for sales” as well as reminders of all upcoming EARS functions are sent regularly to all subscribers. When you subscribe, you may also broadcast messages to all the other subscribers.

To get on the reflector, go to the EARS website at <http://www.qsl.net/earsca> and click on the Yahoo Groups banner at the bottom of the main page. Or, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and follow the directions. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, email Nick, [kk6tv@arrl.net](mailto:kk6tv@arrl.net).

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

**SUNDAY EVENING NET** is every Sunday at 8 p.m. local time. You can get the latest information on club activities there. Tune in to the club repeater at 146.88 MHz, negative offset and PL of 107.2, check in and say hi.

**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”.

**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 Recreation 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.

**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.

**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](http://www.arrl.org/members). The ARRL Letter is also available to all, free of charge, at [www.arrl.org/arrlletter](http://www.arrl.org/arrlletter), where it is posted each Friday after it is distributed via e-mail.

## APRIL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Art, KC6UQH, has written a letter on behalf of EARS to Escondido City Councilman Ed Gallo asking for a \$500 donation from the City of Escondido.

2. Jo, KB6NMK, reported that the Baker to Las Vegas Race will occur on April 20. Seventeen Amateurs from RACES and ARES in San Diego County plan to participate. Also, the RACES Emergency Drill on March 30 was a partial success. Efforts to establish contact on 2M and 70cm simplex and packet were hampered by terrain and one member was not able to gain access to his assigned station.

3. Nick, KK6TV, reported that SANDARC wants 200 EARS brochures for the Del Mar Fair. He asked Jo, KB6NMK to make a new EARS information sheet. Nick asked for volunteers to man the booth at the Fair this year.

4. John, KG6DVE, reported a good net. It lasted over 1/2 hour for the first time in years.

5. John, WB6UHF, reported the newsletter went out as planned. He wants to increase distribution by e-mail. Willy is working on converting the membership data base.

6. Willy, N8WP, reported that he has secured the site and radios for Field Day. He is investigating a new logging program for Field Day. Next Field Day meeting at the Saturday Breakfast.

7. Nick, KK6TV, reported that the Club Auction to be held as this months General Meeting. Times are seller's registration 6:00 p.m., buyer's registration 6:30 p.m. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Marvin has volunteered his services to manage the Auction.

8. Konrad, N6UKO, reported on our treasury. Checking account \$1064.80. Savings account \$1321.68. Konrad reported we have 53 paid regular Members, and 12 Life Members.

9. Willie, N8WP, reported that he has talked to Mike, AB6QT, about locating an APRS digipeater on Palomar Mountain. Mike seemed to be receptive to the idea.

10. EARS will donate \$100.00 to Harry, W6KCZ to help him with the loss of his residence in a fire.

11. Nick, KK6TV suggested that we consider holding a summer picnic and T-Hunt this year. He also was looking for support on purchasing Field Day T-Shirts.

### Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

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#### Membership Rates

One year .....	\$13.00
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Mail this form with payment to EARS, PO Box 3243, Escondido, CA 92033, or give it to the treasurer or any other club officer at a regular club meeting.

Membership is from January 1 to December 31. After July 1, membership to the end of the year is 1/2 the annual fee. Special rates apply for family membership for each additional licensed amateur radio operator in your immediate family and for lifetime membership.

For membership confirmation and auto-patch codes, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form.

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