

ALL EARS

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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.

AUGUST 24

EARS SUMMER POT-LUCK PICNIC

This looks to be a great day at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido. Bring your family and radios (in that order) and enjoy a great summer picnic.

The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and the normal accessories. Members are encouraged to bring side dishes, desserts and lawn chairs.

The potluck lunch will be at noon or so. There will be a fox hunt at 2 p.m. so bring your HT and sniffing equipment. We will stake a claim at the park at 7 a.m. so come out as early as you wish.

Rod McLeod Park is located at 1701 South Iris Lane (between El Norte Parkway and Centre City Parkway).

SEPTEMBER 24

THE MYSTERIES OF HUBBARD HILL

Though we all use it, how many have actually seen it? The EARS repeater, that is. Come visit, through videos, pictures and words, the site that holds this club together. Also, we will present information on the new controller and our hosts on the hill.

EVENT CALENDAR

Aug 16	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Aug 16-18	ARRL SW Div Convention
Aug 24	EARS Summer Picnic
Sept 7	Grape Day Parade
Sept 21	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Sept 24	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Oct 20	Escondido Street Faire



Dennis, WA6IQY, racks 'em up at EARS 2002 Field Day. This and tons more photos have just been added to the EARS website. Check it out! - photo by Marvin, WB6PKK

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The Escondido Amateur Radio Society

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

Dues are very affordable. Come join the fun! See page 6 for an application form.

HARRY HODGES UPDATE

by himself

Since being home, I have had a home health nurse and a physical therapist three times per week to take blood pressure, temperature, and the like and to have me doing some light exercises with the leg to restore flexibility and muscle tone (that's going to take awhile!)

We went to see the doctor on Thursday, July 20, 2002, and had the staples removed and had an x-ray of the leg. Here's what the doctor did: After opening the area around the right femur, he removed the broken rod from the femur (broken in two places), separated the femur at the old fracture line, "dressed the ends" to promote a union, stretched the two sections apart restoring the 1" loss sustained in 2000, straightened the femur, re-inserting a new, larger rod which he anchored top and bottom with screws to eliminate torque. He filled the gap between the two sections with a bone graft (the bone coming from my pelvis) and then installed an electro-stimulator in my lower back with the electrodes running down the flanks of the femur past the graft. The built-in battery will last about six-seven months. The stimulator will promote a strong union. The femur (except for the hardware) now looks straight and normal and both legs ARE NOW THE SAME LENGTH. It was a real emotional moment, let me tell you.

I must use a wheelchair or a walker with NO weight bearing at all. My next visit with the doctor is on August 29 for an x-ray to see how the femur is repairing itself. With any luck I could begin partial weight bearing then and be on a cane by the beginning of December. We got out of the house today for a ham radio club breakfast and plan to attend club meetings and attend the convention. The doctor's advice was to "plan on taking the South Pacific cruise in December", but I think waiting to see what the leg is doing at the time of next month's visit might be prudent. Jerry has been a real source of strength through all this although she says: "next time marry a nurse!"

So, needless to say, my activities are going to be somewhat curtailed and Jerry will be acting as chauffeur probably for a month or so. However, the long term prognosis is good. I feel fortunate to have had this particular doctor as my surgeon as his skill is certainly evident in my case.

Looks like I'll have plenty of time to play radio and search for the rare ones. Come by and visit if you can.

PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

Well August is only one third gone and its easy to say EARS has been busy this month.

The first thing is the ARRL Southwest Division Convention in Escondido. As I write this, we have 14 volunteers for Exhibitor Services. Several members are also working the special event station. We have a few members also working as Volunteer Examiners and EARS member Harry Hodges will be conducting two seminars on Friday, Islands on the Air at 3 p.m. and DX 101 at 4 p.m.

It can not be said that EARS has not supported the convention. We will also have a booth there. The booth will have club brochures available for those who are interested. If you would like to work the EARS booth, just come over and take a chair. Walk-in registration is \$15.00. Hope to see you all at the convention.

The weekend after the convention, August 24, is the EARS Picnic which will take the place of our usual August meeting. The picnic will be at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido. Rod McLeod Park is at 1701 South Iris Lane (west of South Iris Lane between El Norte Parkway and Centre City Parkway). We will be there around 7 a.m. to stake our claim. The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert, plenty of sun screen, and lawn chairs, frisbee, football, or whatever. There will also be a T-Hunt at 2 p.m., so bring your T-Hunt gear.

If you have never entered a transmitter hunt, now is your chance. The simplest way to hunt is with a two meter HT. You can hold the antenna close to your body and observe the S meter at the same time. A BNC antenna that can be replaced with a thumb tack or paper clip (an attenuated antenna) also helps. There will be a brief T-Hunt class before the T-Hunt. See you all at the picnic.

And finally, the Grape Day Parade and Festival! The date is Saturday, September 7, 2002 and we usually provide a number of operators to help get the parade organized and on its way down Grand from Centre City to Juniper. They'd like us on scene at 7:30 a.m. Konrad is the Club Coordinator for this event so give him a call if you would like to volunteer. This is one of the more enjoyable parades and they have been well organized in the past.

73 all,

Nick
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CONVENTION SCHEDULE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th

	Rehearsal Room	Escondido	Felicita	Mezzanine 2	Mezzanine 6
3 P M				Islands on the Air (IOTA) Harry Hodges W6YOO	Frequency Coordinators Council
4 P M			How To Be A Media Relations Superstar Jeff Reinhardt AA6JR	DXing 101 Harry Hodges W6YOO	What Energy Crisis? The Use of Wind Turbines Ted Schultz N6RPG
6 P M	FCC Enforcement in Action Riley Hollingsworth N4ZDH (2 hrs)				

CONVENTION SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th

	Rehearsal Room	Escondido	Felicita	Mezzanine 2	Mezzanine 6
9 A M	Skywarn Ed Clark, National Weather Service	NVIS Antennas Dave Doan KC6YSO	Ham Radio and Antennas on Motorcycles John Reynolds W5JFR	Life without Full Duplex - Hospital Emergency Communications Mike Scofield N6OKG and April Moell WA6OPS	Partnership for Public Warning Richard Rudman W6TIA
10 A M	Science of Audio Bob Heil K9EID	Ham Radio and Highway Emergencies Bruce Nolte N1BN	AMSAT Duane Nogle KO6BT		Introduction to Amateur Television Mike Collis WA6SVT
11 A M		Power-User Techniques for Repeater Operations Bruce Nolte N1BN	Ten Ten International Chuck Imsande W6YLJ	Weak Signal Work on VHF/UHF Pat Coker N6RMJ	Advancing the ATV Art Workshop Mike Collis WA6SVT

CONVENTION SCHEDULE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th (cont)

	Rehearsal Room	Escondido	Felicita	Mezzanine 2	Mezzanine 6
12 P M	Search and Rescue including Canine Support Rich Medhurst K6BFO and Don Hale KA6ILV	Surface Mount Technology Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ	Internet Radio Linking Project Ron Phillips VE6RGP/W6 & Jeff Stouffer K6JSI	100 Great Publicity Ideas Jeff Reinhardt AA6JR	The World of Six Meters Will Anderson AA6DD
1 P M	Tropo Ducting Gordon West WB6NOA	Amateur Radio and Direction Finding Joe Moell K0OV	440 Linking Jeff "Shorty" Stouffer K6JSI	Building an Automatic Tuner Alan Herr WA0AVS	RACES Steven Ruesch KE6CWP and Chuck Wood WD6APP
2 P M	ARES Jack Hunter KD6HHG	MARS Cliff Hauser KD6XH	APRS Ramona Outback Amateur Radio Society (ROARS)	Red Cross Participation Larry Wilson K6SCH	Contesting 101 John Barcroft K6AM and Paul De Cicco NN6X
3 P M	ARRL Forum Featuring Jim Haynie W5JBP ARRL President, Jerry Hill KH6HU, ARRL's Big Project Coordinator, 3rd Vice Pres Fried Heyn WA6WZO, Division Director Art Goddard W6XD, Vice Director Tuck Miller NZ6T, Section Managers Joe Brown W6UBQ, Rob Griffin K6YR, Cliff Hauser KD6XH, Phineas Icenbice W6BF, and Kent Tiburski K6FQ. Also presenting Phil Leonelli WF6L and students from the Fallbrook Iowa St School, a local Big Project School. (2 hrs)				

CONVENTION SCHEDULE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

	Rehearsal Room	Escondido	Felicita	Mezzanine 2	Mezzanine 6
9 A M	Global Positioning System Gordon West WB6NOA	DF Antenna Building Workshop Marvin Johnston KE6HTS		PSK31 Jim Edds KA6G	Disaster Preparedness for the Amateur Radio Operator Howard Burkhart KB6MYE
10 A M	Live Automatic Antenna Tuners Gordon West WB6NOA				

SCOPING OUT THE CONVENTION

by Art Goddard, W6XD

Can you believe that your 2002 Southwestern Division Convention is less than one week away? Come on over to the Center for the Arts Friday afternoon when we have several great programs slated, including two by Harry Hodges, W6YOO (see schedule). At 5 p.m., stroll on over to the Exhibit Hall and check out all the latest offerings from your favorite manufacturers and vendors. For two hours, starting at 6 p.m., you will have a chance to hear "The Enforcer", Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, speak on enforcement issues, and you can even ask him questions. Don't miss this!

Early Saturday, get on over to the Flea Market in the parking lot at the Holiday Inn Express. Back at the Center for the Arts, exhibits and forums start at 9 a.m. (see schedule).

At 11 a.m., at the Sizzler Restaurant, across the street from the Center will be a special "Ladies Luncheon". This year, Rajni Banthia, a doctoral student in the UCSD/SDSU Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, will give a talk on breast cancer.

At 3 p.m., you will want to make it to the special TWO HOUR ARRL FORUM!! There, you will be able to meet all of your Division ARRL reps, as well as Jim Haynie W5JBP, the League President, and Jerry Hill, KH6HU, ARRL's Big Project Coordinator. Phil Leonelli, WF6L, and some of the students from the Iowa St. School in Fallbrook, will be there.

Don't forget about the Saturday nite banquet. Our MC is none other than that famous television producer Dave Bell, W6AQ, whose wit is truly amazing! Mentoring is the theme of this year's convention. Closing the day off, or starting Sunday off early, we have that "secret" meeting of the Royal Order of the Wouff Houg.

On Sunday morning, head on over to the DX Breakfast, featuring World Champion DX Contester, Trey Garlough, N5KO. If that's not enough, we still have exciting tech forums on hand.

Sunday afternoon, there will be a large-scale T-hunt. There is also a Saturday evening hunt planned for 6 p.m. More on this can be found at the convention.

Did we forget to mention that there will be hourly prize drawings? This will be one convention you will not want to miss, and Art and Tuck look forward to seeing each and every one of you. Stop by the ARRL booth, the ARRL forum, wherever you see us, and say hi. That goes for all the ARRL staff. Every single one of us are here to serve you.

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The deadline to submit material for the September bulletin is Tuesday, September 17.

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AUGUST BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Treasurer Konrad, N6UKO, reported \$1,077.50 in the checking account and \$1,324.95 in savings. Current EARS membership is 85.

2. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported that programming of the new controller appears to be O.K. There is a minor problem with the voice I.D. but all I/O ports appear to be functional. Konrad reported that the 224.14 repeater is off the air because of antenna damage caused by SDG&E workers. Konrad had problems activating the link to the EARS repeater. Marvin will listen for the link transmitter.

3. The August Newsletter is to go out early this month for the Convention. It is unknown if the July Newsletter was mailed to those members who do not have e-mail. Motion approved to send the newsletter by U.S. Mail to all first time members of EARS for the first three months of their membership.

4. Motion approved to print 500 EARS brochures for the convention and other Amateur Radio functions.

5. John, KG6DVE, reported last Sunday's net was the longest ever, lasting 35 minutes.

6. President Nick, KK6TV, appointed Marvin, WB6PKK as Property Manager for the Club. Marvin requested all members who have club-owned equipment to e-mail him.

7. Nick appointed a committee to review the Club By-Laws and report back to the Board on their recommendations. That committee is: W6YOO, KB6NMK, WB6PKK, WB6UHF.

8. Nick appointed Cheryl, KG6KTT, to audit the EARS treasury.

9. Willie, N8WP, agreed to draft a proposed set of rules for an e-Bay selling service run by EARS.

10. Motion approved to authorize an expenditure of \$100.00 for food for the August picnic.

11. Nick has reserved a booth at the convention for EARS. Nick also requested help for managing the Exhibitor Services booth.

12. The Board agreed to support the Grape Day Parade with communications on September 7th. KK6TV and W6YOO will organize this.

13. Nick asked for names for the Nomination Committee to select club officers for the coming year.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name _____

Call _____ Class _____

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Phone No _____ Date of Birth _____

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Member of the following organizations?

ARES _____ ARRL _____

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Other _____

Membership Rates

One year \$13.00

Family membership \$3.00

Lifetime membership \$130.00

Lifetime membership (family) \$20.00

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 ½ 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.

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.

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

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, callsign, telephone, license class, etc. We want to keep our records up to date. Contact Marvin, WB6PKK, the keeper of the club database, or any club officer.

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.

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