

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

December 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.

DECEMBER 14 EARS CHRISTMAS BASH

As usual, there is no meeting in December. Instead, we will once again be making merry. This year's party will be at the home of Konrad, N6UKO.

There will be plenty of food, drink and camaraderie. And be sure not to miss out on the great door prizes and gift exchange.

Look for details elsewhere in this bulletin!

JANUARY 28 DX LITE - PART II

We will be watching the second half of the video about the DX Lite DXpedition to South Sandwich Islands (9V1), which used only 100W transceivers.

Also, we may have a guest speaker as well - details in the next bulletin.

That's why they call them Dues!

LAST CHANCE TO RENEW

All memberships paid through 2002 will expire on December 31 and are now DUE!

Please send your renewal now, using the form on Page 6 or bring a check to the Christmas party.

While you're at it, why not renew for multiple years and save our Treasurer (and yourself) some work!

EVENT CALENDAR

Dec 14	Escondido Christmas Parade
Dec 14	EARS Christmas Party
Dec 21	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Dec 28	VE Testing
Jan 7	EARS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 18	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Jan 25	VE Testing
Jan 28	Challenger Special Event
Jan 28	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.

We are saddened to report that Millie Chuplis, KG6BOQ, has suffered a stroke. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and with Floyd Harvey, W6JSP.

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

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Complete information on the
Christmas Party - see p. 3

PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

Well, this is it, my final column as president of EARS. Those of you who were involved with the club about three years ago probably remember when we talked seriously about dissolving the club or merging with another local club. That was a wakeup call for some of us to get involved with EARS.

For me, I decided to become a Board member, which eventually led to being President. It really felt good to see 30 members at our November meeting. We didn't have to go around the room 10 times to get people to volunteer to serve on the Board. I was also impressed at the number of people who readily volunteered to work the Christmas Parade. I am sure our 2003 Board members are ready to continue to make this a great club!

It is also nice to see three new faces, Dirk, N6SUN, Sam, N6SD, and Skip, KD7CBF, all of whom I am sure are ready to work hard to keep this club going. Membership in most San Diego Amateur Radio clubs is on the decline. EARS membership grew in 2002 and I suspect will continue to grow in 2003.

I hope you are all ready to enjoy our Christmas Party! Diane, and Cheryl, KG6KTT, have "took charge" to get the party rolling. It will be at Konrad, N6UKO, and Diane's home and it sounds as though we are going to all have a great time. We are going to have a raffle for HRO gift certificates and other prizes. There will also be a five dollar gift exchange. And, of course, the traditional passing of the gavel to the next EARS President.

I would like to thank everyone for their support in 2002. I hope this club has been what you would like it to be! I would like to thank Bill, KD6BFR, who helped me out at the beginning of the year, Harry, W6YOO, who always had helpful advice, Jo, KB6NMK, who was always there to help. Marvin, WB6PKK, and Art, KC6UQH, both did an excellent job getting the new controller in and continue to

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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 4 for an application form.

follow up. John, KG6DVE, ran the net faithfully and has convinced a lot of local hams to participate in the club. Konrad, N6UKO, continues to manage communications for the Street Fair and Parades. John Musselman, WB6UHF, created a great quality newsletter. I would also like to thank your next President, Willie, N8WP, whom has consistently come up with good content for our meetings, who filled in for me when I was sick and who led our Field Day team to being one of the most successful yet. And of course Skip, Sam and Dirk for serving next year. Thank you EARS for a great 2002 and let's have a greater 2003.

73 all,
Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year,
Nick, KK6TV

Introducing... EARS Club Officers for 2003

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ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



**Saturday, December 14, 2002
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Come Join Us for
an Evening of Fun and Fellowship**

**at the home of Konrad, N6UKO, and Diane Wallenda
3040 Quail Road, Escondido, California
(760) 743-8826**

**(north off Jesmond Dene, west of Broadway;
parking at Konrad's and his next door neighbor's)**

Raffle Drawing for Cash and HRO Gift Certificates

**Please Participate in our Gift Exchange
Bring One Wrapped Gift Valued at \$5.00 to \$10.00**

**Food and Beverages Provided
(A \$5.00 donation per person is suggested to cover the cost)**

**Families Invited
Dress is Casual**

**LET'S MAKE THIS THE BEST
HOLIDAY PARTY EVER!**



DEC. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Konrad, N6UKO, needs operators for the parade. He is calling the membership to find help. The parade will be on December 14, from 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

2. Jo, KB6NMK, talked with the organizers of First Night Escondido. They will need a list of operators before the event. First Night is December 31, from 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. We need 20 operators to break it up into three shifts. Jo will ask at the Palomar ARC meeting for additional help.

3. Konrad reported that the party will be held at the recreation center of Floyd and Millie's trailer park. *(Editor's note: the location has been changed - see elsewhere in this bulletin).* It was decided to have the club provide the hors d'oeuvres and to ask for \$5.00 per person at the door.

4. Nick, KK6TV, offered to pick up gift certificates from HRO. Two additional \$25.00 gift certificates for non-hams were authorized. Nick will bring the coffee pot. Members are requested to bring a \$5 to \$10 gift for the gift exchange.

5. John, WB6UHF, said the newsletter will go out next week along with a separate mailer on the Christmas party.

6. Willie, N8WP, will work on getting a speaker for January. Backup will be the second half of the tape on the DX Lite DXpedition to South Sandwich Islands.

7. Sam, N6SD, has donated a 6 element 10 Meter beam for Field Day to the EARS Club. Thank you, Sam.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL FROM EARS

Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name _____

Call _____ Class _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone No _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Date Licensed _____ Expires _____

Member of the following organizations?

ARES _____ ARRL _____

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Red Flag _____

Interests _____

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 Harry, W6YOO, to obtain a badge.

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. 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 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.

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.

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 Website, 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.

HAM RADIO LICENSE PLATES - All California hams may receive their call sign on their license plate. Use DMV Form REG17A. The cost is \$21.00 and is a one-time fee.

VE TESTING - is conducted in Escondido under the auspices of SANDARC on the last Saturday of every month at the Chamber of Commerce building, 720 N Broadway. Contact Harry Hodges, W6YOO, to schedule an appointment.

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