

# ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society

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## CALENDAR

Jan 19, '02 **Monthly Saturday Breakfast**  
Jan 22, '02 **Monthly Meeting**  
Feb 16, '02 **Monthly Saturday Breakfast**  
Feb 26, '02 **Monthly Meeting**  
Aug 16, '02 ARRL SW Div Convention in Escondido

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**January 22** – This promises to be an active year for EARS. The club has decided to return to a monthly meeting. We are endeavoring to provide an interesting presentation each month.

We asked Charlie VE7BOC/W6, the owner of Hi-Q Antennas to come down to Escondido to give us a presentation of his excellent HF mobile antennas. Charlie has been building his version of the effective "Screwdriver" type antenna. He is currently on the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the Stealth II high performance HF mobile antenna.

So we look forward to seeing you at the January 2002 meeting. Remember that talk-in is available on the 146.88 EARS Repeater.

**February 26** – Show and Tell. Contact Willie now if you'd like to be included in this popular display of club member's pet homebrew projects.

Deadline for February's bulletin: Tuesday, Feb 19

## FLASH

Next month's regular EARS Saturday breakfast will be held at the K&S Cafe, instead of the Westside Cafe.

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

By Nick Uran, KK6TV

After attending the first board meeting this year, I realized that the board that was elected this year is a really dedicated group of hams ready to make this a really great club. With the support of the board, our past President, Bill, KD6BFR, and the membership, I think it is going to be a pretty good year for EARS!

I had a great time at the Christmas Party and I am sure all those who attended also had a great time. Thanks go out to John, KG6DVE and his parents for being great hosts. Those of you who did not attend have all year to plan on attending next year, no excuses!

I had a great time working at the Escondido Jaycees Holiday Parade. I think every year we are depended upon more and more and with the excellent leadership of Konrad, N6UKO, EARS comes through. I believe there were more than 25 ham operators who volunteered this year. That is about one third of our membership. For a club of our size to provide this level of support for a community event is outstanding. Those of you who volunteered deserve a pat on the back!

I hope most of the membership plans on getting involved with EARS this year. Our Vice President, Willie, N8WP, has put together a series of excellent programs for our meetings this year. We already have topics scheduled for the entire first half of 2002. I am sure you will find something that interests you. If not, let us know and maybe we can come up with something the second half.

In an effort to cut costs and keep membership dues low, we are attempting to publish an electronic PDF version of the ALL EARS newsletter. This will be posted on the Yahoo groups page and also will be e-mailed to anyone who requests it. The December version has been posted along with this version too. Please let me know if you would prefer to receive the electronic version. One other option would be to receive the PDF version via e-mail and then pick up the printed version at the next club meeting. This would also save the club postage.

John, KG6DVE continues to do an excellent job with the Sunday net. Try to check in and say hi. I have frantically tried to check in from my new QTH in Valley Center, but have not had much luck. My beam on the roof of my garage does not hit 146.88, and, believe it or not, the beam lying on the ground will barely bring in 146.88. Maybe some time soon with a little tweaking I'll get into 146.88. Perhaps if I bury the beam 6 feet into the ground I might reach full quieting!

Start thinking about Field Day. Willie once again has graciously accepted the Field Day Chairman position. The more people who volunteer to help, the better! The club made an excellent showing last year with the effort of a small group. Just think what we can do this year with YOUR help. Willie has created Field Day Planning Web site, which we have added to the EARS web site. Check it out to get the latest Field Day Info. Willie has done a great job with this.

Happy New Year everyone and see you at the next meeting!

73, Nick

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## **BEEN ON MARS? HOW ABOUT SATERN?**

By Larry Ruegseger, wa6utq@n2.net

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network (SATERN) needs you.

Ham radio volunteers with HF privileges are needed to help support the SATERN team during times of emergency or disaster. Volunteers will help with the maintenance, setup and operation of a complete HF station at the SATERN facility at the Salvation Army in Escondido. Volunteers should be available during an emergency!

There is an annual training session at the San Bernardino Corps office of The Salvation Army at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26th, 2002. These classes are only held about once a year and are required for obtaining an ID card showing you as a certified SATERN Emergency Disaster Services worker. The class will be most of the day and, as in the past, should be very interesting.

For further information, contact Larry Ruegseger, WA6UTQ! Those interested may e-mail Larry at [wa6utq@n2.net](mailto:wa6utq@n2.net) or phone 760-758-5820.

## **FIELD DAY PLANNING**

By Willie Peloquin, N8WP@arrl.net

2001 Field Day is well behind us. The EARS Field Day station managed to rack up a score we can be proud of. I realize that it is only January, but now is the time to begin thinking about Field Day, 2002!

I have created a Field Day planning web page, which is available from the EARS web site, <http://www.qsl.net/earsca>. I will keep this page current with all decisions and plans made. Field Day planning meetings are forthcoming.

Right now the big decision is for a site. Last year's site at Coronado Hills worked well for us. We are also considering re-activating the top circle of campgrounds at Dixon Lake.

I would like to encourage everyone to volunteer his or her time and make a "reservation" for an operating time. All operators of any license type are welcome. Now is your chance to legally get on the HF bands and work under the club's extra class license, N6WB, "November Six Water Buffalo".

Field Day is a time to utilize your competitive spirit. It is also a time for fellowship and good times with other amateurs. The opportunity to expose new people to amateur radio is tremendous.

Lets all work together to make Field Day 2002 a memorable event for the Escondido Amateur Radio Society.

73,  
Willie N8WP  
Field Day Chairman

### **NEWS FROM THE WEB**

[www.qsl.net/earsca](http://www.qsl.net/earsca)

If you haven't been on our website lately, you are missing this:

The Website for the 2002 SW ARRL Division Convention which will be in Escondido is now on line. To register, or for further information, look for the link from our website.

Why are shortwave radio sales increasing? Follow the link to this Union Tribune article, featuring EARS own Harry Hodges, W6YOO, and find out!

## -----GENERAL INFORMATION-----

**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).

**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/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. corner of Redwood St. at 8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY EVENING NET** is every Sunday at 8PM 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.