

# 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.

**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.

**JULY 23**

### BUILD A J-POLE!

Complete instructions on how to build a dual-band 2m/70cm J-Pole antenna, including a hands-on demonstration. If you want, bring your own materials and follow the instructions at the meeting and you'll go home with a new antenna. Look for the materials list in this issue.

**AUGUST 24**

### EARS SUMMER PICNIC

This looks to be a great day in the park. Bring your family and radios (in that order) and enjoy a great summer picnic. Hours from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Potluck lunch at noon or so. There will be a T-hunt. Full details and location to be announced.

#### Bits 'n Pieces

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at the home of Harry Hodges, W6YOO...

## EVENT CALENDAR

Jun 15	EARS Monthly Breakfast
Jun 21-23	ARRL Field Day (see below)
Jun 25	EARS Monthly Meeting - FD Review
Jul 20	EARS Monthly Breakfast
Aug 16-18	ARRL SW Div Convention (see below)
Aug 24	EARS Summer Picnic (see below)

## UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

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. **See page 4 for more information!**

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! **A registration form for the convention is included on page 5!**

Aug 24 – EARS Summer Picnic. In lieu of our August meeting, we will have a picnic lunch. Families invited, of course.

## 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.

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

## ANTENNA FIGHT TAKEN TO CCRs

by John, WB6UHF

The ARRL, having no luck with the FCC, has decided to press for antenna relief with the U.S. Congress, bypassing the Commission. At issue are private land use restrictions known as covenants, codes and restrictions, or "CCRs" written into homeowner deeds and administered by homeowners associations.

The idea is to extend PRB-1 type protections to Amateurs living subject to those restrictions. Currently, PRB-1 requires state and local governmental agencies to "reasonably accommodate" the need of Amateurs to be able to erect antennas to take advantage of their Federally-licensed privileges. But PRB-1 does not address CCRs or homeowner associations.

A bill introduced in Congress May 14 by Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) has introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act." Rep. Greg Walden, WB7OCE (R-OR), the only Amateur Radio operator in Congress, and Rep. Pete Sessions (R-TX) have signed on as original cosponsors. This bill has been assigned the number HR 4720.

The measure contains but one sentence: "For purposes of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation relating to station antenna structures in the Amateur Radio Service (47 CFR 97.15), any private land use rules applicable to such structures shall be treated as a state or local regulation and shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as a state or local regulation."

"It becomes important for all of us to write your congressman, call your congressman and voice your support," ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said. "This will have to be a grassroots effort, and we're going to pull out all the stops."

All members of EARS are encouraged to take part in the push for this legislation. A sample letter has been included along with this newsletter for you to use in writing to your Congressman. Thanks to Harry, W6YOO, for taking the time to download the ARRL's sample letter and format it for use by EARS members.

For most EARS members, their representative is Randy Cunningham. If you live outside the Escondido area, you may visit the US House of Representatives "Write Your Representative Service" Web page <http://www.house.gov/writerep/> for

information on how to contact your representative.

ARRL requests those contacting members of Congress to copy ARRL on their correspondence—via e-mail to [ccr-bill@arrl.org](mailto:ccr-bill@arrl.org) or via US Mail to CC&R Bill, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Please include your name and address on all correspondence.

Thanks for your help with this important issue!

## PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

As I write this, Field Day is just a few weeks away. We are making the final mad dash to make sure everything is ready. Actually, if everything were ready, maybe we wouldn't need Field Day.

Although we treat it as a contest, Field Day actually is an exercise. Field Day forces us to prepare our antennas, generators and coax and to make sure it all works. Then we take it a step further and actually use it. Not just one of us will operate on Field Day, but hopefully many will contribute.

If, in a few months, there were an actual disaster and we had a need to set up a portable station somewhere for a few days, thanks to Field Day we would have an idea who can operate, where the radios and antennas we need are, and how to set them up.

So, come on up to Dixon Lake and help us operate, set up and take down and have fun. You never know, next time we do this it could be for a real disaster. Field Day always seems to generate a feeling of excitement and anticipation which continues clear up until that last contact. So enjoy the training exercise and have a great time.

Also, plan on attending the June EARS meeting for a field day wind-down and a video on the DXpedition to East Timor.

And mark your calendars for August 24th, for on this day will be the EARS family picnic. Currently the board is considering several locations and has not made a decision yet. Let us know if you have any ideas for activities. I know I would like to see a T-Hunt. We would like to make this a family event.

73,  
Nick, [kk6tv@arrl.net](mailto:kk6tv@arrl.net)

## **"SONOFABITCH"**

author unknown

*(continued from April All EARS)*

After hanging up, I put Ed's number in my telephone's memory. For a moment, everything seemed to be going very well for me.

But now I had a minor problem: I had two "sonsabitches" to call. After a few months calling the two "sonsabitches" and hanging up on them, the game wasn't as fun as before. This seemed like a serious problem to me and I thought of a solution.

First, I called "sonofabitch 1". A rude person answered "Hello?", and then I said "Hello sonofabitch" but I didn't hang up. The sonofabitch said "Are you there?"

"Yes."

"Stop calling me," he said.

"Nooooooooo."

"Well, what is your name, jerk?" he asked.

"Ed," I told him.

"And where do you live?" he asked again.

"On St. John Street at the corner of St. Peter, in a yellow house with my black Ford parked in front of it," I told him.

"I'm going there right away, Ed. You're the sonofabitch."

"Come saying your prayers, punk."

"Ooooooh, yeah? I'm really scared, you sonofabitch."

And I hung up on him.

Immediately after that I called "sonofabitch 2". He answered.

"Hello?"

"Hello sonofabitch," I greeted him.

"If I ever get hold of you, you're a..." he said.

"Yeah, what, sonofabitch?"

"I'm gonna kick your butt."

"Yeeeah? Well, this is your big chance. I'm headed to your house, sonofabitch," and I hung up on him.

Finally, I took the phone and called the police. I told them that I was on St. John Street at the corner of St. Peter and that I was going to kill my homosexual lover as soon as he came home. Then I made another quick call to the radio station to report the news that a gang war was about to begin on St. John Street at the corner with St. Peter.

After that, I got in my car and I went to St. John Street, at the corner with St. Peter, to see the spectacle. It was glorious!! To see a couple of sonsabitches kicking butt in front of six police cars and a helicopter!! It was one of the best experiences of my life!!

### **Bits 'n Pieces**

If you haven't signed up for the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention yet, now is the time to do so. A complete application form can be found on page five. Don't wait any longer!

## **J-POLE MATERIALS**

Bring the following items to the July meeting if you wish to take part in building your own J-Pole dual-band antenna:

One 10 ft section of Schedule M 1/2" copper tubing  
One 1/2" copper elbow  
One 1/2" copper tee fitting  
Two 1/2" copper end caps  
One 1/2" copper threaded fitting (for mounting)  
One 1/2" cast floor flange (for mounting)  
42" of 1/4" soft copper tubing  
9" of 1/2" hardwood dowel (or fiberglass) rod  
One SO-239 panel mount coax fitting  
Small length of #14 stranded copper wire  
Two 3/8" x 7/8" stainless steel hose clamps

Bring these tools, or you can borrow from someone at the meeting:

Tape measure  
Tubing cutter  
Propane torch  
Solder and flux  
Electrical tape  
Caulking compound  
Screwdriver  
Steel wool or scotch brite  
Spray clear lacquer for finish coat

### **Bits 'n Pieces**

All EARS is now eight pages long to accomodate a greater amount of local news and gossip. To get your copy as soon as it's available and to save the club some money, sign up for delivery via e-mail. Just drop an e-mail to [wb6uhf@arrl.net](mailto:wb6uhf@arrl.net)

## FIELD DAY INFORMATION

by John, WB6UHF

EARS Field Day will be at Dixon Lake, at the circle of campsites at the top of the hill (the usual site). The number of vehicles we can have at the site is limited and priority is given, of course, to the motor homes. Check on 146.88 with the operators already at the site. If necessary, you may park in the main lot by the boat docks / concession stand and someone will come down the hill for you or you may hike up to the site.

If you plan to be at the site the full time or wish to help set up, throw plenty of extra tools and accessories (patch cables, extension cords, etc.) in your trunk. Don't forget to bring a sweater for nighttime and any extra food and drinks you might like.

There will be a BBQ on Saturday evening. We hope to see lots of club members and their families then. Bring a side dish if you can (optional), the club will provide the main dish.

We will be operating "2A". If you wish to operate,

contact the band captains: John, WB6UHF, station one; Nick, KK6TV, station two; Gene, W6EEB, VHF/UHF. We also have a "GOTA" station, which is a new category for all newly licensed or out-of-practice amateurs to "Get on the Air". As you can see, we have need to fill lots of hours, so come on out and have some fun.

If you do not operate at the site, you may contact the club on each band and mode for credit. The club call sign is N6WB.

### Field Day Schedule

Friday, June 21

2 p.m. Access to campsites, set-up begins

Saturday, June 22

11 a.m. Field Day begins

7 p.m. Family BBQ

Sunday, June 23

11 a.m. Field Day ends, take-down begins

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION CONVENTION SPECIAL EVENT STATION

by John, WB6UHF

There will be a special event station at the upcoming ARRL Southwestern Division Convention here in Escondido. The station will be operated by ROARS (the Romona Outback Amateur Radio Society) and EARS members are asked to help.

The station is being organized by Terry McNeill, N6AHE, and will utilize the call sign W6SLF. This is a memorial call used by ROARS.

Please volunteer today by contacting Terry McNeill, N6AHE, at 858-748-8529 or [n6ahe@cenon.net](mailto:n6ahe@cenon.net) or visit [www.roars.net](http://www.roars.net)

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The deadline to submit material for the July bulletin is Tuesday, July 16.



## 2002 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Registration Form

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No charge for "kids-in-tow" 16 years of age or younger; must be accompanied by an adult.

Every attendee must have a badge, including kids-in-tow.

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Entered to database by	_____	_____	_____	Banquet tickets	@ \$35.00 = _____
Date/time entered	_____	_____	_____	Ladies Luncheon tickets	@ \$20.00 = _____
Notes	_____	_____	_____	DX breakfast tickets	@ \$17.00 = _____
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Mail completed form with fees to SD2002 Registration, 10340 Everell Place, Santee CA 92071

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## JUNE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Jo, KB6NMK reported that ARES is handling communications for a race in the Laguna Mountains and needs operators for 75 meter phone. Contact Dave, KC6YSO, for details.

2. Nick, KK6TV, reported there will be no action on the controller until after Field Day.

3. John, KG6DVE, reported a good net. The nets have been lasting about 25 minutes.

4. The August meeting will be a picnic instead of the General Meeting. Feclita Park wants \$100.00 for reserving an area. It was agreed to look into an alternate location. The picnic date was moved to Saturday, August 24th.

5. John, WB6UHF, reported the newsletter went out as planned. Marvin, WB6PKK, has the database up to date with 78 Members. John also reported only 35 Members are still receiving the newsletter by U.S. Mail.

6. Nick, KK6TV, reported we still need operators for the Del Mar Fair and help at the convention. Nick asked that these items and the picnic be prominently displayed in the next newsletter.

7. Willie, N8WP, recommended that we purchase a 3 element 20 meter beam at a cost of \$329 plus balun. Proceeds from the E-Bay sale of old radios should cover the cost. This was approved.

8. Jo, KB6NMK, reported the Fallbrook ARS has a location for their Field Day site.

9. Up to \$ 300.00 was authorized for food at Field Day, although a Pot-Luck approach will be encouraged Saturday evening.

10. Willie, N8WP reported that SANDARC has asked us to talk up the upcoming convention.

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

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#### Membership Rates

One year .....	\$13.00
Family membership .....	\$3.00
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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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

## 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, 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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