

ALL EARS

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November 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.

NOVEMBER 26 DOUBLE BILL

Two topics will be presented at this meeting.

First, Willie, N8WP, will tell us all we ever wanted to know about sun spots and propagation. Ever heard of a "planetary A Index"? Do you know what it means? We thought so. Come to the meeting to find out.

Second, we will be watching a video of the DX Lite DXpedition to South Sandwich Islands (9V1), which used only 100W transceivers.

P.S. Wear your photo best. We will be taking an official EARS group photo at this meeting. Also, elections will be held.

DECEMBER 14 EARS CHRISTMAS BASH

As usual, there is no meeting in December. Instead, we will once again be making merry instead. This year's party will be at the clubhouse in Floyd, W6JSP, and Millie's, KG6BOQ, trailer park on La Moree Road in San Marcos. There will be plenty of food, drink and camaraderie. And be sure not to miss out on the great door prizes.

This month's All EARS is shortened due to the approaching holidays.

EVENT CALENDAR

Nov 26	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Nov 30	VE Testing
Dec 3	EARS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Dec 14	Escondido Christmas Parade
Dec 14	EARS Christmas Party
Dec 21	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Jan 7	EARS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 28	Challenger
Jan 28	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.

That's why they call them Dues!

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

Please send in your renewal now to ensure your continued membership in EARS. Use the form on Page 6 or just drop off cash or check (check preferred!) at the next meeting.

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

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.

PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

Well here it is November already and the Field Day results are out. The neat thing about Field Day is there are many ways to interpret the results. It appears EARS was 2nd for 2A in San Diego (beat out by the number one nationwide "big guns", the San Diego DX Club), and about 60th overall for 2A nationwide. These are results the club should be proud of. Also, if you look at participants, it appears to me that EARS is around 4th or so nationwide for number of people who participated. Not shabby!

Give your Field Day Chairman (Willie, N8WP) and band captain (John, WB6UHF) a pat on the back and a job well done!!!! (*Editors note - also the second band captain, Nick.*) I think everyone is primed for next year and it should be one of the best Field Days yet!

Dont forget that next meeting is the election of club officers. As I understand it, there still is an opening for Vice President. So, if you are interested let the nominating committee know! The primary responsibility of the Vice President is to come up with our meeting content and of course to fill in for the President when necessary.

December 14th is the annual Jaycees Christmas Parade. This is one of the major events the club supports. If you have not done any public service this year, this is the one you should consider helping with. I always enjoy the breakfast in the morning.

Just think of December 14th as being a Ham Day with a great EARS Christmas party in the evening. Floyd and Millie have been able to procure us space at the clubhouse at their trailer park in San Marcos for the Christmas Party. Heck, maybe you could work a few 10 meter contest QSOs in between the parade and Christmas party. Look forward to good food, a raffle, gift exchange and great conversation.

Hope to see you all at the parade and party.

73 all,

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The deadline to submit material for the December bulletin is Tuesday, December 10.

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EARS EXPOSED TO PUBLIC

by Nick, KK6TV

Thanks to everyone who helped out at the EARS booth at the Street Faire. Thank you to Tuck, for driving all the way up here to help us out. I wish I had more time to spend with you and Harry, but duty called.

Thank you to all who helped set up, tear down, operated and talked to the public and lent equipment. Jo, Willie, Skip, Cheryl, Harry, Leon, Tuck, Konrad and anyone else I may have missed.

In the evening I managed to talk to a few hams who



Harry Hodges, W6YOO, and Tuck Miller, NZ6T, hard at work manning the EARS booth.

were interested in our club, I also talked to a few people who had no idea what ham radio was and one older woman who was an Art Bell fan and interested in aliens and UFOs!

For those of you who missed our station, we had a Kenwood TS570D HF radio, A Hi-Q Screwdriver antenna, a 40 Meter Dipole strung across Grand Avenue, a Radio Shack 2m mobile, and a Ringo Ranger 2m antenna.

All operated flawlessly the entire day on batteries!!!! I know Ireland was worked along with several stations in the Illinois QSO Party and a few JOTA participants and Alpine. If nothing else, we learned we can assemble an efficient battery operated station.



Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, exposes EARS to the public at the Escondido Street Faire.

Do you know in which year you joined EARS?

Well, we may not either. Some records have been kept in the past that show when some of you joined, but not all.

If you know in which year you joined EARS, please forward it to Marvin Munster, WB6PKK (WB6PKK@AMSAT.ORG) so we can make the database as accurate as possible. Also, if you have changed your address, phone number, email, etc., please forward the new information.

Updated information will be included in the next edition of the club roster and on your new membership cards. The 2003 roster and membership cards will be published in March.



Willie, N8WP, works the Illinois QSO Party while Jo watches.

NOV. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Konrad, N6UKO, reported that we have \$928.43 in checking and \$1326.62 in savings. The current EARS membership is 95.
2. Nick reported for Jo, KB6NMK, on the upcoming ARES EMS Drill at Palomar Hospital.
3. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported that the new controller needs to be removed and a total reset performed. The controller is not responding to some control codes.
4. John, KG6DVE, reported that the Sunday net is going smoothly, with regulars checking in. John has 3-5 prospective new members for the Club as well.
5. Wille, N8WP, reported that Harry, W6YOO, offered a tape of the DX Lite DXpedition to South Sandwich Islands using 100 W transceivers for the November meeting. Willie will also give a talk on Sunspots and HF propagation at the same meeting.
6. Skip, KD7CBF, reported for the Nominating Committee. He needs a candidate for Vice Presi-

dent. Willie will run for President as Nick is not seeking the office of President next year.

7. The Christmas Parade and Christmas Party will be December 14th. Konrad, N6UKO, is looking for a place to hold the party.

8. SANDARC Report: W6HME has replaced Dave, KC6YSO, as ARES Coordinator. SANDARC made profit of \$29.32 on the convention. The Del Mar Fair is June 13 through July 7, 2003. SANDARC is suggesting 4 shifts per day, with one operator per shift having HF Privileges.

9. Willie, N8WP, announced that he has reserved a booth for next years Street Faire.

10. John, KG6DVE suggested we need to push for more of our meetings to be announced in the North County Times.

11. January 28, 2003 is the anniversary of the Challenger disaster. Frank Forrester of Challenger Junior High will again offer a special event QSL card. He needs operators. This is also our General meeting night.

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 _____

EVAC _____ MARS _____

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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