

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

October 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.

OCTOBER 22 THE SCIENCE OF AUDIO

Have you ever wondered why some signals are crisp and readable, while others sound mushy? If you want better sounding audio from your radio, you'll really enjoy this video by world renowned audio specialist Bob Heil, K9EID, President of Heil Sound, Ltd.

NOVEMBER 26 TO BE ANNOUNCED

Stay tuned for more great programs which will be announced in the next issue of All EARS.

DECEMBER 14 EARS CHRISTMAS BASH

As usual, there is no meeting in December. Instead, we will once again be making merry at a location to be announced. There will be plenty of food, drink and camaraderie. And be sure not to miss out on the great door prizes.

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.

EVENT CALENDAR

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| Oct 19 | EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m. |
| Oct 20 | Escondido Street Faire |
| Oct 22 | EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. |
| Oct 26 | SD Section Picnic 10 a.m. (see p. 4) |
| Nov 2 | ARRL Ham Radio Roundup |
| Nov 5 | EARS Board Meeting at Harry's |
| Nov 16 | EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m. |
| Nov 26 | EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec 3 | EARS Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. |
| Dec 14 | Escondido Christmas Parade |
| Dec 14 | EARS Christmas Party |

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!

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PRESIDENT'S KORNER

by Nick, KK6TV

Here it is October already. We are starting to prepare for the Escondido Street Faire. One thing will be a little different this time: EARS will have its own booth, thanks to Willie, N8WP, who came up with the great idea. We should have a pretty decent demonstration at the Street Faire. Spend a few hours helping out and then spend some time at our booth and talk up EARS and Ham Radio. If nothing else, just stop by and say hi this Sunday, October 20th!

On November 2nd, at the Kearney Mesa Recreation Area near Mesa College, the ARRL Ham Radio Roundup will take place. At this event, Amateur Radio clubs, search and rescue, animal rescue, RACES, ARES, and other agencies set up tables and invite the general public and Hams in general to learn more about their activities. Of course, EARS is going to have a booth there. So if you wish to participate, let me know. There will also be a pot luck lunch.

Our next meeting will feature the Bob Heil video, *The Science of Audio*. I tried to make Bob's presentations at the last two ARRL Southwest Division conventions but something has always prevented me from attending. So, I am looking forward to seeing this video. Bob Heil has designed some great performing radio microphones. He has also been the Sound Engineer for some great rock bands like the Eagles and Joe Walsh, among others.

By now, those of you who participated in the California QSO party have probably submitted log entries. Every year I say I am going to get at least 100 QSOs so I may buy a T-Shirt. This was my best year yet with 60 QSOs. I managed to work 26 states and 5 Canadian sections. I thought I was doing pretty well but when I was at 15 contacts I ran across Harry, W6YOO, on 10 meters, and he was at 115 contacts or so. Next year I'll have a bigger antenna and a taller tower! Gotta get that T-Shirt. I also won't go to the beach while 10 is open (on both days)!

We still need 3 more volunteers for the nominating committee for next year's officers. Most of the board has agreed to stay on another year so most of the nominating committee's job is done. If you would like to volunteer, let me know. We also could use one more SANDARC alternate delegate for next year. SANDARC consists of representatives from most of the clubs in San Diego County. They are

responsible for the local VE testing and the San Diego Southwest Division convention, among other things. This is also an excellent opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. I think it is important for our club to be represented on the SANDARC Council.

We are still looking for a location for the Christmas Party. If you would like to share your house or have another idea, let a Board member know. We could also possibly meet for dinner at one of the local restaurants. Of course, most of us will have breakfast together that morning before the Escondido Christmas Parade. Let Konrad know you if you would like to operate. If you don't have an HT and would like to help, let me know, we can come up with something.

One last thing. If you are interested in teaching a class on a ham radio related topic, let's get it going! We have a lot of expertise in the club. We could perhaps do something during a meeting or schedule something at another time. We have enough expertise in the club, I think, to offer some excellent content for free. It is up to you!

73 All,
See you at the Street Faire...

Nick

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.

EARS REPEATER SITE

by John Musselman, WB6UHF

The September meeting included a presentation of the EARS repeater site and the new controller, given by Art, KC6UQH. All in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the talk on the history of the EARS repeater and video of the site.

If you missed it, here are some of the highlights in photos provided by Marvin Munster, WB6PKK.



The EARS repeater site on Hubbard Hill, from the outside.



A good look at the antenna installation at the site.



This equipment rack has been pressed into service to hold various "miscellaneous" parts of the system. At least there's a fan to keep things cool!

ARRL - San Diego Section

Will Host the Annual

Amateur Radio Roundup

for all Amateur Radio Operators & Guests

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kearney Mesa Recreation Center, 3170 Armstrong Street

(Near Mesa College TB-1249-A5)

Exhibits & Displays by ARRL, ARES, RACES,
Government & Civilian Agencies, Local Clubs

Pot-luck Dinner at 12 Noon

Participants please bring one of the following: Main dish, Salad & Bread or Dessert
Coffee & Soft Drinks will be Provided

Talk-in frequencies: 146.265+ (PL 107.2); 224.90- (PL 107.2); 449.98- (PL 88.5)

Note: Set-up for participating organizations will start at 7:30 AM.

For information contact K6FQ at 619-575-1964



ARRL San Diego Section Picnic

Date: October 26, 2002

Time: 10AM – 4PM

**Location: Pine Valley County Park, Area #3
28810 Old Highway 80, Pine Valley
(T.G. 1237-B-7)**



BURGERS, DOGS, SODA, & BEER PROVIDED

GUESTS PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH FOR ALL TO ENJOY



- * **Meet your Section leaders**
- * **Prizes**
- * **Ham radio demonstrations**
- * **And more!**



Talk-in: 147.150+ 107.2 PL

For more information: E-mail Section Manager Kent Tiburski, k6fq@arrl.org

DEFINING GOOD AMATEUR PRACTICE

FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth has endorsed a list of several points that he feels help to define the concept of "good amateur practice." Section 97.101(a) of the Amateur Radio Service rules refers to "good engineering and good amateur practice"—considered to refer to maintaining the highest standards of engineering and on-the-air comportment. But the rule lacks specifics.

A Michigan Amateur Radio club has been credited with distributing a list of "Riley-isms" culled from Hollingsworth's various talks at conventions and hamfests and club meetings around the US.

Hollingsworth—who verified that he had been cited accurately—says his various comments represent an effort to flesh out what "good amateur practice" consists of for the considerate Amateur Radio operator. According to Hollingsworth, good amateur practice means:

- * giving a little ground—even if you have a right not to—in order to help preserve Amateur Radio and not cause it to get a bad name or hasten the day when it becomes obsolete.
- * respecting band plans, because they make it possible for every mode to have a chance.
- * being aware that we all love Amateur Radio, and there's no need to damage or disgrace it just to save face.
- * keeping personal conflicts off the air. Settle your arguments on the telephone, the Internet or in person. Just keep them off the air.
- * cutting a net or a contest a break, even if you don't have to and even if you have no interest whatsoever in nets or contesting.
- * realizing that every right carries responsibilities, and just because you may have a right to do certain things doesn't mean it's right to do them in every circumstance.
- * you don't "own" or get preference to use any frequency.
- * not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got into (or tuned in on) Amateur Radio in the first place.

Hollingsworth notes that the list "doesn't touch on a lot of other technical issues, such as using 1500 W when your signal report received is 40 over 9." Good amateur practice, he said, "just means a lot of things that can't always be quantified."

—thanks to Riley Hollingsworth

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The deadline to submit material for the November bulletin is Tuesday, November 12.

EARS Club Officers for 2002

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OCT. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. Konrad, N6UKO, reported that we have \$915.54 in checking and \$1,325.95 in savings. The current EARS membership is 96.
2. It was decided to do the audit of the treasury in the first quarter of 2003.
3. Jo, KB6NMK reported on the upcoming RACES General Meeting. The Miramar Air Show is on October 18,19 & 20th. The Escondido Street Faire is on October 20th.
4. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported that the new controller has been installed. The controller has an intermittent problem. When resolved, the autopatch and link functions will be activated.
5. John, WB6UHF, reported that the newsletter went out on time via e-mail, but the Post Office mailing was delayed until October 1. Forty-nine newsletters were mailed out.
6. Marvin suggested we issue membership cards. There was discussion on getting members to pay promptly. It was decided to publish the Club roster

and provide Membership cards in March to members in good standing (paid up).

7. Nick, KK6TV, reported the Convention is now in the black. The FCC will pay for Riley Holingworth's travel.
8. ROARS, the Ramona Outback Amateur Radio Society, is sponsoring a camping trip in November. Nick reported that ROARS has joined the Ramona Chamber of Commerce.
9. Nick will appoint the nominating committee. He needs three more members.
10. The Christmas Parade and the Club Christmas Party will be December 14th.
11. A 3-element TET for 20 Meters has been donated to the club by Chris Bille. If anyone is going to the ARRL Picnic in Pine Valley October 26 could they pick it up in Alpine?
12. Willie, N8WP, reports that we have a free booth at the Street Faire. Willie needs help and equipment for demonstration.
13. The Catalina DXpedition will take place sometime next year.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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