

# 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.

### SEPTEMBER 24 THE MYSTERIES OF HUBBARD HILL

Though we all use it, how many have actually seen it? The EARS repeater, that is. Come visit, through videos, pictures and words, the site that holds this club together. Also, we will present information on the new controller and our hosts on the hill.

The presentation on the repeater will be given by Art, KC6UQH.

### OCTOBER 22 TO BE ANNOUNCED

### NOVEMBER 26 TO BE ANNOUNCED

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

## EVENT CALENDAR

Sept 21	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Sept 21	I Love A Clean San Diego 9:00 a.m.
Sept 24	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Oct 1	EARS Board Meeting at Konrad's
Oct 5-6	California QSO Party (see p. 3)
Oct 19	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
Oct 20	Escondido Street Faire
Oct 26	SD Section Picnic 10 a.m. (see p. 4)
Oct 22	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Nov 5	EARS Board Meeting at Harry's
Dec 14	Escondido Christmas Parade
Dec 14	EARS Christmas Party



*The new EARS repeater controller is a shining example of organized simplicity (or a reasonable facsimile thereof). Get details at the next meeting. -- photo by Marvin, WB6PKK*

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## 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

It just gets easier and easier to write this column. I think that is because there is no shortage of happenings in Ham Radio.

If you didn't make it to the Convention, you missed the Ham Radio happening of the year. Several of us worked at the EARS booth and discussed EARS activities with many prospective new members. We handed out over 200 club brochures and signed up 5 new members. There were plenty of vendors, great seminars on Ham Radio topics and a great special event station consisting entirely of state of the art ICOM radios and coordinated by the Ramona Outback Amateur Radio Society (ROARS).

During the course of the convention, I saw a lot of boxes at the vendor tables slowly disappear. I know quite a few hams went home with a new rig, HT or antenna.

At the banquet, it was announced that Harry Hodges, W6YOO, is the ARRL Southwestern Division Volunteer of the Year. I know Harry was there at every test I have ever taken, from Novice to Extra. A conversation with just about every new ham usually includes some reference to guidance they received from Harry. And I know, as President of EARS, that Harry has always been there with help and advice when needed. I couldn't think of anyone more deserving than Harry of the Volunteer of the Year award. Congratulations, Harry!

The first of the year will soon be upon us and that means election time for EARS officers. The Club Bylaws require that the Board of Directors appoint a five person nominating committee to nominate club officers. If you would like to serve on the nominating committee, let one of the club officers or myself know. There will also be some openings on the Board, so if you are interested in serving next year let someone on the nominating committee know. This club has done well this year and with your help we can continue to prosper in 2003.

I was thinking it would be nice to have some sort of demo at each meeting such as packet radio, APRS, satellite, HF, PSK31 or ? This would simply be something set up at the back of the room which people could observe, maybe make a few contacts or just monitor. We have a lot of new ham members and this way they could get exposure to some of the many operating modes. If you would like to set up something at a future meeting let me or Willie know to schedule it.

Our next meeting will feature Art, KC6UQH, and Marvin, WB6PKK, with Konrad, N6UKO, who will talk about our EARS repeater site and the operation of the new controller along with a video presentation. If you have ever wondered what the meaning was of all that music - er, I mean telemetry - you hear on our 88 machine, this is your chance to find out.

Our last meeting was the club picnic. It was a great success. There were over 30 members and guests. Thanks go out to Willie, N8WP, Cheryl, KG6KTT, Karen, KD6YRO, and Skip KD7CBF for setting up the area and cooking some great food.

Thanks also go out to all of the operators who helped at the Grape Day Parade and Festival. Konrad assigned me to work with Susan, who was the event coordinator. I knew I was in trouble when Susan asked me if I wouldn't mind jogging. Where else could you work jogging down the middle of Grand Avenue, talking on an HT and not get a ticket. I had a great time and got a workout, too! I also received several comments on what a great job KG6IDL did. Thanks, Chris.

73 all,

Nick  
kk6tv@arrl.net

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

by David Doan, KC6YSO

### I LOVE A CLEAN SAN DIEGO

The annual cleanup of San Diego area beaches takes place this Saturday, September 21. There are still a lot of beaches to cover.

### CUYAMACA-LAGUNA 50K TRAIL RACE

The race will be held on October 12, 2002. We will need operators for four aid stations plus the start / finish. I would like to have two operators at each station. The aid stations will be at the same location as last year. Race information and maps are at <http://www.reddice.com/cl50k> This will be an 80 m NVIS operation, with VHF backup.

If you'd like to help with either event, please email or call me:

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619-286-4888

## CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY (CQP) 2002

by Marc, W6ZZZ

1600Z October 5, 2002 until 2200Z October 6, 2002

I'd like to personally invite you to participate in the California QSO Party (CQP).

I also want your help to encourage each and every HF ham in California to "get on the air for CQP". For just this once each year the entire World is "looking for CA". You might be a small station like me but when you get on the bands and "call CQ" in this contest people from around the World will answer you!

We expect a record-setting year in USA/Canada/DX QSOs and participation due to the new "Top Club non-CA" plaque that NCCC is offering for the very first time this year. We have notified 225 non-CA clubs around the World about this new award.

Have some fun in CQP!

All the California QSO Party rules, results, county abbreviations, and free logging software are available at: <http://www.cqp.org/>

Read all about the 2001 CQP contest results (only six CA clubs entered the 2001 CQP, maybe you can win in 2002):

\* <http://www.cqp.org/Results-2001.html>

\* <http://www.cqp.org/results/2001/01cqp.pdf>

California county-by-county records (who will set a new county record in 2002?):

\* [http://www.cqp.org/results/Records/rec\\_ca.htm](http://www.cqp.org/results/Records/rec_ca.htm)

Don't forget about all the awards available in CQP (see <http://www.cqp.org/Awards.html>):

\* 34 Plaques (wood and metal, not mere wallpaper!)

\* 40 Bottles of special vintage California wine (with commemorative CQP labels)

\* Certificates to the top S/O in each and every state, province, country, and CA county

\* Certificates to each and every ham who makes at

least 100 QSOs in CQP

We even have CQP T-shirts available for purchase if you make at least 100 QSOs in the contest.

This year's California QSO Party promises to be a lot of fun!

California QSO Party (CQP), is sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC), see complete rules at <http://www.cqp.org/>

\* 1600Z October 5, 2002 until 2200Z October 6, 2002.

\* Single op, multi-single, multi-multi, CA county expedition, mobile, and Novice/Tech. 160 80 40 20 15 10 6 2 meters.

\* Send QSO number and CA county. If you're outside of California, send the QSO number and your state/province/DXCC country.

\* Single ops are limited to 24 hours. Multi-singles have a 10-minute rule. Single ops and multi-single are limited to one transmitted signal at a time.

\* CW QSOs must be made in CW subbands, except on 160 meters.

\* Work stations once per band/mode, work CA stations again as they change counties. A CA station on a county line counts for 1 QSO but multiple counties.

\* CW - 1.805 and 40 kHz up; phone - 1.850 3.850 7.230 14.250 21.300 28.450; Novice - 10 kHz up and 28.450.

\* Score 2 pts/QSO on phone and 3 pts/QSO on CW. Final score is QSO points multiplied by CA counties (max 58). CA stations multiply QSO points by states and VE sections (max 58).

\* Hundreds of awards, certificates, plaques and bottles of wine.

\* Free CQP logging/scoring software (DOS and Windows): <http://www.cqp.org/Software.html>

\* Send logs to Alan Maenchen, AD6E, 3330 Farthing Way, San Jose, CA 95132

or email to [cqp@contesting.com](mailto:cqp@contesting.com);

<http://www.cqp.org/>

Marc, W6ZZZ

(NCCC CQP Publicity Assistant)



## W6YOO - VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

by Tuck Miller, NZ6T

The prestigious Southwestern Division Volunteer of the Year for 2002 was presented to Harry Hodges, W6YOO, during the convention banquet held Saturday evening August 17 at the California Center of the Arts, Escondido.

Harry, a well known Amateur in the San Diego area has been active in many facets of the service. He has held the Presidency of two clubs, the Escondido Amateur Radio Society and also the Palomar Amateur Radio Club. He also is a former Section Manager for the San Diego section, as well as being active in Army Mars. Harry is presently Secretary/Treasurer for the San Diego DX Club.

Holding offices is only a small part of Harry's Ham Radio life. He is very active in DXing where he is always listed in the top ten for the San Diego DXers, and is also active in public service. Whenever the call goes out for help, you can count on Harry to answer that call. Harry, a most deserving ham. Thank you, Harry, for all your service.

*(Editors Note - Harry has also been selected as one of the first two hundred Hams in the nation to be enrolled in the ARECC Level 1 course under the new grant program.*

*As payback for getting the free course of instruction Harry will act as mentor for folks taking the same course later on, according to ARRL San Diego Section Manager Kent Tiburski, K6FQ.)*



## **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**

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*For more information: E-mail Section Manager Kent Tiburski, [k6fq@arrl.org](mailto:k6fq@arrl.org)*

## EARS SUMMER PICNIC AND T-HUNT

by Nick Uran, KK6TV

Well over 30 members and guests attended the EARS August picnic. Along with the perfect weather and good conversation, great food was served up by Willie, N8WP, Skip, KB7CBF, Karen, KD6YRO, and Cheryl, KG6KTT. The many side dishes everyone brought made the picnic a feast.

Of course one of the highlights was the Transmitter Hunt. This was one of the first transmitter hunts I watched and didn't participate in. I must admit I got a good laugh watching some of the T-Hunters stand within inches of the transmitter unable to locate it.

The most daring T-Hunter award goes to Roger, K6EQ, who, in his quest, ventured places where few men have ever roamed. Tuck, NZ6T, was the most persistent T-Hunter.

The first transmitter was located by Roger, KB6DQO, who, after standing under the transmitter for about five minutes, just happened to (skillfully) look up to find it hidden on the roof of the bathrooms.

The second transmitter was located by Roger, K6EQ, hidden in a tree. The two transmitters were placed on the same frequency and were transmitting one after the other, a truly difficult T-Hunt, but the skill of the operators came through.

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The deadline to submit material for the October bulletin is Tuesday, October 15.

## EARS Club Officers for 2002

### President

Nick Uran, KK6TV, 749-8734, kk6tv@arri.net

### Vice President

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## SEPT. BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Art, KC6UQH

1. John, WB6UHF, reported the September newsletter deadline is September 17th. John to copy, Marvin to mail.
2. The Bylaws Committee is to meet and review the Club Bylaws, and report to the Board.
3. A motion to abandon the eBay Service idea passed .
4. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported that the controller is ready for installation. September 14th will be the day to install the controller. Time 10:30 a.m.
5. Nick, KK6TV, reported 200 brochures were handed out at the Convention. EARS got five new members to sign up. SANDARC reports a loss of \$271.00 from preliminary figures. The figures do not include airfare and lodging for keynote speaker.
6. Nick to appoint the nominating committee. Leon, N6VS and Art, KC6UQH, will not run next year.
7. The Escondido Christmas Parade and the EARS Christmas Party will be December 14th.

8. The September program will be on the Club repeater, including new features, video of the site and equipment. Art, KC6UQH, will talk on the repeater and Marvin, WB6PKK, on the controller.

9. A 3-element TET for 20 Meters has been donated to the club by Chris Bille. We need someone to pick it up in Alpine.

10. Harry, W6YOO, requested some type of support be made for the EARS antennas stored at his house.

11. Sometime next year we would like to have a Catalina DXpedition. Discussion of equipment, time of year, etc.

12. Motion carried to make Tuck, NZ6T, ARRL Southwest Division Vice Director, an Honorary Member for the Year 2002-2003.

13. John, WB6UHF, asked if we were interested in having Amateur license classes. N8WP reports he has made arrangements for a code class.

14. Skip, KD7CBF, proposed the forming of an Interference Committee for the Escondido area. Discussion continues...

## Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

### 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](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 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 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.

**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](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.

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