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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

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GENERAL MEETINGS

EARS meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Salvation Army building at 1303 Las Villas Way, in Escondido. Come early and chat!

Thursday, January 13th
Hi-Q Antennas

Charlie Gyenes, W6HIQ, will demonstrate his line of "Hi-Q" mobile HF antennas.



Some guys have all the luck! Gary, WD6BRV, escorts Miss Escondido in his Model T Hot Rod Roadster.
More on the Christmas Parade on page 4
-- photo courtesy Nick, KK6TV.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 13	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 15	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am.
Jan 25	EARS Board Meeting at Sam's 7 p.m.
Jan 29	VE Testing 9 a.m.
Feb 10	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Feb 19	EARS Monthly Breakfast 8:30 am
Feb 22	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Feb 26	50K Run at Lake Hodges
Apr 9	I Love A Clean San Diego
Apr 16-17	Special Olympics Basketball
May 28	Valley Center Western Days Parade

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The deadline to submit material for the next bulletin is Tuesday, July 13.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by John, W9EN

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party and had a Blessed Holiday and a safe entry into the New Year. Since this is my first "President's Corner" column I thought I would begin by introducing myself to those of you who may only know me by face (though it seems enough of you knew me well enough to raise your hand back in November).

I first became a "ham" in 1977 at the encouragement of my Dad, W9VSC. FM and repeaters were the big craze then and I soon found myself chatting with new found friends in the Milwaukee area and playing chess over the radio till the wee hours of the morning (except on school nights). I was also fascinated with HF and after a bit of saving (and matching funds from Dad) purchased a Galaxy V Mk II and a Model 19 Teletype. Playing chess over RTTY was better in that the whole game was documented (as long as the roll of paper didn't run out).

As a Civil Air Patrol Cadet, I was the Communications Officer for the squadron (and seemingly the only one stupid enough to climb the telephone poles to hang the large 5 MHz curtain antennas). I was also involved in WI RACES and Ozaukee/Milwaukee County ARES until the time requirements of college forced me set ham radio aside for a while.

After college, my first job was with Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids. Though I was in the Weather Radar Group, I had the privilege of working with one of the past designers of the Collins KWM-3 and KWM-380. Later, while working at GE Mobile Communications, I worked with Brian, WA1ZMS on a "ham hardened" version of the M-PA hand held radio that later became the first piece of ham radio equipment to fly on the International Space Station.

Over the years, I've held several different call signs (WD9DEN, KB9DY, KD0ZX, AC4RC and W9EN) and seen many changes in communication technology and in the hobby of Amateur Radio. One thing remains the same, however; Amateur Radio is a multi faceted hobby. There are those who simply enjoy chatting and meeting new people, those who enjoy community service by participating in RACES, ARES, MARS, SATERN, CERT and other such organizations, those who are fascinated by the latest that technology has to offer, those who enjoy restoring the technology of the past, and those who experiment with technologies that haven't yet been marketed. From the EARS members that I've met and gotten to know, it seems to me that the hobby's

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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 the application form on Page 6.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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entire spectrum is represented in our membership. This fact may make it more challenging for our Vice President to come up with interesting and informative membership meeting programs, but I see it also as an opportunity for us to mentor and learn from each other and continue to make this "hobby" of ours fun and fulfilling.

Speaking of "fun and fulfilling", I want to thank Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, for her efforts in organizing the ham volunteers at the Escondido First Night. Great Job!

I also want to thank Nick Uran, KK6TV (remember him?), for his continued efforts on building the EARS website. If you haven't already done so, check it out at www.earsclub.org.

I'm looking forward to a great 2005.

73, John

FIRST NIGHT OUR FIRST SUCCESS

by Jo, KB6NMK

December 31, 2004, was a cold and very wet afternoon, so I'm especially thankful that all these folks showed up to help with First Night Escondido.

Sam, N6SD	John, WB6UHF
Harry, W6YOO	Leon, N6VS
Gary, W6GDK	Ken, KD6PTZ
Terry, K3PXX	Danny, AE6MB
Amy, KG6WLF	Rich, KE6DUG
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Tom, KG6RCW	Dirk, N6SUN
Rob, WA3IHV	Bill, KG6PRU
Jacob, W6AEN	

It stopped raining soon after we started and we only had one short shower at about 10 o'clock. The crowd was less this year (probably due to the weather) and they were very well behaved. They also did a better job of keeping track of their children than usual so we had very little to do - that's GOOD!

I hope every one had fun. A special thank-you to those who showed up to help from Poway, Oceanside, and Valley Center and are not EARS members.

AWARDS AND QSLING - PART X

by Harry Hodges, W6YOO

On Friday, January 28, 2005 we will commemorate the 19th anniversary of the Challenger space shuttle disaster. The Challenger Middle School Amateur Radio Club in Mira Mesa will man a special event station in the classroom of Frank Forrester, KI6YG, Science and Technology teacher. The station will be on 15 meters and on 2 meters from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time. To assist Frank in this endeavor, my station will operate on 20 meters and the station of Joe Banando, KC6QXU, will operate on 10 meters.

If you would like to assist in this endeavor, you can contact Frank Forrester at Challenger Middle School at 1-858-586-7001 extension 4803 and ask what time he would like you to stop by and whether you could bring anything for "show and tell". It's a lot of fun to work with these 7th and 8th graders, none of whom were alive when the Challenger was destroyed, carrying the first teacher in space to her death.

For those who can't make it to the school but who would like to operate a little HF, drop by my house after 8:30 a.m. on that Friday (right after Breakfast at the Bunker). Unless the gods really smile on me and my new Force12 antenna shows up and the weather clears up and Ed Ross can get up and down my tower to remove the damaged quad and put up the C-3E, we'll be operating on the good old G5RV which doesn't quite have the punch of a multi-element beam.

For those who work KI6YG there is a special event QSL card available for an SASE. Further details are in the special event section of January's QST.

On another note, the 2005 edition of the K1BV Awards Director is now ready for mailing, with 3,313 awards from 125 DXCC countries. 299 pages of information concerning requirements, forms and fees. To learn more about this valuable tool for the award chaser, go to www.dxawards.com/2005edition.

If you worked the recent Andaman and Nicobar Island DXpedition (VU4) until it was interrupted by the tsunami, rest assured that the logs are safe and in the possession of the National Institute of Amateur Radio in Hyderabad, India. QSLs for those who have requested them will be sent out "after the present emergency has been concluded." The original team of five who were operating in Port Blair has grown to twenty-two, and now spread across the

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EARS HELPS CHRISTMAS PARADE

by John, WB6UHF

EARS not only helped at the 2004 Escondido Jaycees Christmas Parade, but this year had an entry as well. Here are photos of some of the highlights.

For the full story, visit www.earsclub.org.



Dirk, N6SUN, drove his 1959 Ford Skyliner.
-- photo courtesy Nick, KK6TV.



Before the parade, Jo, KB6NMK, shows off the banner which will later announce our entry.
-- photo courtesy Nick, KK6TV.



The EARS entry in the Parade consisted of Marvin, WB6PKK, in his Pinzgauer, followed by three "communication vans".
-- photo courtesy Nick, KK6TV



Partygoers enjoy the EARS Christmas Party after the parade at the home of John, W9EN, and his wife Lynn.
-- photo courtesy John, W9EN

AWARDS AND QSLING (continued)

Andaman/Nicobar chain of islands handling health and welfare traffic and doing an outstanding job.

It's a darn shame that the crap really has to hit the fan for the emergency service capabilities of Amateur Radio to be really appreciated.

73, Harry



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Convention in
Riverside

September 9-11, 2005

ARRL Forums
Antenna and Propagation Forums
Contesting / DX Forums
Sunday T-Hunt
Wouff Hong
W1AW/6 Special Event Stations

Saturday Luncheon
Sunday Breakfasts (DX & 2mtr)
Grand Banquet guest speaker:
H. Ward Silver, N0AX
Author of
"Ham Radio for Dummies"

Convention Highlights Include:

Low Power (QRP)
Public Safety Demonstrations
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(see our web site for a list of prizes & raffle info)
VE Testing
Non Ham Forums

**For hotel and updated information see
our web site at: <http://arrrlswdconv.org>**

Mail-In Registration Form

8-04 (AZ)

ITEM

QUANTITY

COST

AMOUNT

Early Bird Registration (before April 30, 2005)	_____	@	\$10.00	\$ _____
Pre-Registration (May, 1 to Aug 21, 2005)	_____	@	\$12.50	\$ _____
Late or On Site Registration (after Aug 21, 2005)	_____	@	\$15.00	\$ _____
Kids Registration (16 & under with paid adult)	_____	@	FREE	\$ _____
Saturday Luncheon (before Aug 21, 2005 <u>ONLY</u>)	_____	@	\$20.00	\$ _____
Saturday Grand Banquet (before Aug 21, 2005 <u>ONLY</u>)	_____	@	\$35.00	\$ _____
Sunday Breakfast (before Aug 21, 2005 <u>ONLY</u>)	_____	@	\$17.00	\$ _____
			TOTAL	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: IECARO and send to: 2005 ARRL Convention P.O. 6532 Norco, CA 92860-8051
Below information will be shown on registration badge, so please print legibly

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STAFF USE ONLY: Date: _____ Amount: _____ Check #: _____ Pins: _____ Processed By: _____

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Sam, N6SD

1. Konrad, N6UKO reported that there is \$633.06 in the checking account and \$1335.67 in the savings account. There are several members who haven't renewed membership yet. Konrad will contact them.

2. Konrad wrote a check for \$475 for the equipment from the estate of Virgil, KF6QQ. The club equipment insurance policy is due January 7, 2005. Sam, N6SD will handle the paperwork for that.

3. Harry, W6YOO, reported the following events;

The American Red Cross has scheduled an Introduction to Disaster Services course which is a prerequisite for all their other Disaster Services Courses on Jan 12 from 5-10 p.m. at the Escondido Service Center and Jan 31 from 5-10 p.m. at the Oceanside Service Center.

Lake Hodges 50 km Trail run - Sat. 26 Feb 2005.

I Love A Clean San Diego - Sat. 9 Apr 2005.

Special Olympics Basketball - Sat. & Sun. 16 & 17 Apr 2005

Lost Boys Trail Run - Sat. 14 May 2005

4. John, WB6UHF, reported that no more newsletter issues will be mailed. John plans on advertising the new club website in the newsletter. He and others on the board think Nick has done an excellent job with the site.

5. Delegates were selected for SANDARC for the year 2005. The primary are Konrad, N6UKO, and Sam, N6SD. The alternates are Dirk, N6SUN, and John, WB6UHF.

6. Jo, KB6NMK, reported that Heritage Charter School has requested a Show and Tell on Amateur Radio. The time and date is still open. She and Harry, W6YOO, have volunteered so far but others would be nice.

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, include a self-addressed stamped envelope with this form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLUB REPEATERS - EARS operates two repeaters in Escondido. The two meter EARS repeater is on 146.88 MHz with a PL of 107.2. The 440 EARS repeater is on 449.240 MHz with a PL of 127.13. Both repeaters are local in nature and primarily serve the immediate Escondido area.

ECHO-LINK - The two meter repeater is tied to the Echo-Link system as node 2846. See the Club website, www.earsclub.org, for information on Echo-Link. There is also a listing of local Echo-Link codes in the members section of the website.

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.earsclub.org.

EARS REFLECTOR – is a free service that keeps members up-to-date via e-mail. To get on the reflector, go to the EARS website and click on Yahoo Groups in the site map. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, e-mail 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, e-mail, etc. We want to keep our records up to date. Contact Marvin, WB6PKK, the keeper of the club database, or any club officer.

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.

SANDARC - EARS is a member of the San Diego Amateur Radio Council, an association of San Diego area Amateur Radio clubs. Among other things, SANDARC runs the local Volunteer Examiner program (SANDARC-VEC), and manages the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention when held in San Diego every fourth year. See www.qsl.net/n6oph.

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 8:00 a.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant, southwest corner of Clairmont Mesa Blvd and Ruffin Road. Order your breakfast at the counter and it will be brought to your table in the meeting area. The monthly ARES training session follows the breakfast meeting and takes place at the Kearney Mesa Recreation Center, 3170 Armstrong Street (near Mesa College). Training begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts approximately one hour.

SECTION NEWS – The latest happenings around San Diego are available at www.arrl.org/sections/SDG.html, the official website of the ARRL San Diego Section.

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS - To renew your license or supply the FCC with a change of address, use NCVEC Form 605 (obtainable from Harry, W6YOO). Attach a photocopy 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.

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 at 9 a.m. on the last Saturday of every month at Fire Station One, 310 N Quince Street. Contact Harry Hodges, W6YOO, to schedule an appointment.

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 HF regardless of license, now's the time. See Harry Hodges, W6YOO/AAR9LX for details.

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