

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

October 2005

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, October 13th Ham Station Remote Control

The speaker will be our own Bill Mahaffey, W6EET, who will be showing us how to set up a remote control station

WHAT'S NEW AT earsclub.org

There are lots of new items on the EARS website. If you haven't been lately, here's what you're missing:

- ➡ Announcement and link to the 2006 Southwestern Division Convention to be held in San Diego.
- ➡ Latest news and links to the Peter I DXpedition.
- ➡ October SANDARC report from Sam, N6SD.

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The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the previous month's Board meeting.

EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 13	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Oct 14-16	Miramar Air Show
Oct 15	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Oct 16	Escondido Street Faire
Oct 25	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Oct 22,23	San Diego 100 Mile Endurance Run
Oct 29	VE Testing, 9 a.m.

Nov 10	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Nov 19	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Nov 22	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m. at Jo's
Nov 26	VE Testing, 9 a.m.

GENE BIGGS, W6EEB, SK

Gene Biggs, W6EEB, became a Silent Key on Friday, September 16, according to his son, Reddy, KC5JIF.

Until recently, Gene was a fixture at the EARS annual Field Day, responsible for the VHF/UHF station. We will miss you, Gene!



Gene Biggs, W6EEB, (left) and his son John, operate the VHF/UHF station at a past Field Day.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Dirk, N6SUN, Acting President

Hello All,

As you may or may not have heard, John Belstner, W9EN, tendered his resignation to the Board as President of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society.

John works at a small company where he runs a small team of individuals who report to him. In addition, he signed up for engineering course work that has already begun and will continue through the end of the year. This was entirely John's decision, and I know he made it after much contemplation. He simply didn't feel that he was devoting enough time to the Club. While we will miss John at Board meetings and upcoming club meetings, I want everyone to know that he is still very much involved with the club. He will be working with Marvin on technical issues. Also, I'd like to thank John for the energy he put into the club as Vice-President and his term as President. He did a great job!

Currently, the Board has not yet appointed a Vice-President, which, as it happens, is the last position the nominating committee needs to fill. The slate of Officers for next year is unchanged with the exception of a Vice-President. I'd like to take this moment to make a request for those who wish to step up to contact a Board member or myself and let us know that you can serve as a Vice-President.

What are the qualifications you might ask. The first is that you have a desire to be involved with the Club. Two, you attend 12 board meetings (one per month). And three, arrange interesting programs for the Club meetings. Now, I can tell you that the third one was what concerned me the most. However, I think of all the folks I asked to speak at our Club, only one declined and then the next person I asked agreed. There are ready and willing speakers all over the County and they are more than happy to come to speak at our club. Lastly, you might have to run a meeting, cook a few hotdogs at the picnic, etc. In other words, the running of this club is not difficult.

Harry once said to me, if I could ride 100 miles on my bike, I could run the club. Please consider if you would be willing to help run our Club!

Thanks,

Dirk, N6SUN

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.

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More On Emergency Preparedness by Harry Hodges, W6YOO

We have read, or had presented to us at Club meetings, ideas about so called go-kits; that is, radios and accessories to allow us to be emergency communicators on a moment's notice.

Well, let's take this a step further. Suppose you have to evacuate your home because of fire, flood, or other disaster. What do you keep in the way of important papers and where do you keep them? Well, thanks to the American Association of Retired Persons, (AARP) we have some answers:

Grab-and-Go Case:

- Will and/or trust documents
- Powers of Attorney
- Insurance Policies
- Contact List
- Recent investment statements
- Recent tax return
- Copies of birth/marriage certificates
- Social Security Cards
- Passports and other identity documents
- List of prescriptions you take
- Emergency cash
- Safe combination
- Safe-deposit box keys
- Copy of drivers license
- Computer user names and passwords
- Listing of checking/savings account number
- List of credit card number and company information

In Your Safe-deposit Box:

- Copies of will and/or trust
- Copies of powers of attorney
- List of insurance policies
- List of financial account numbers
- Family birth, marriage, and death certificates
- Adoption papers
- Citizenship papers
- Military Service Records
- Loan agreements
- Certificates of deposit
- Real estate deeds
- Vehicle titles
- Mortgage paperwork
- Stock and bond certificates
- Inventory of home contents (photos/list)
- Jewelry/precious metals
- Employment contracts/business agreements

With Friend, Relative, or Advisor:

- Paper or digital copies of documents in your grab-and-go case
- Your emergency contact information (including

email and cell phones)

Contact list for heirs and advisers should something happen to you.

This is a fairly comprehensive list but if you lose your home in a disaster, think where you would be if these documents were lost also.

73,
Harry, W6YOO

MIRAMAR AIR SHOW by Howard, KY6LA

Communicators are needed for the Miramar Air Show on October 14, 15 and 16.

Our primary role is to provide emergency communications in the event of an air incident. We will need volunteers not only for the Air Show but also to be available for call out at the hospitals in the event of an emergency.

Our secondary role is to assist RACES and the USMC with lost and found children. Due to the aircraft noise, we will be using packet and need trained packet operators. According to volunteers who were there last year, we assisted in finding over 40 lost children, so this is a very vital role.

Our third role is to assist with medical and other emergencies in the crowd.

ARES Communicators with HTs will patrol the crowd looking for lost children and other emergencies. ARES will be using the Red Cross van which will be delivered on the Wed 12th. We will be setting up and testing equipment in conjunction with RACES on Thurs 13th. There will be a morning and afternoon Air Show on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th. In addition, a twilight show with fireworks is scheduled for the 15th.

We have priority parking at the Provost Marshall Office and are using the Sheriff's van as a shuttle to our location. Lunch is being provided by the USMC.

While almost 20 ARES members (including 3 father/son teams) have already volunteered, we will need operators for all the 7 show watches. We especially need experienced packet operators with portable packet stations. We need volunteers on standby for call outs to hospitals. We are hoping to be able to use Winlink as well but the use of Winlink will depend on RACES getting up to speed well before the show.

Please contact Howard, KY6LA, ky6la@ky6la.com, if you are available for any part of the show.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

provided by Sam, N6SD

1. Konrad, N6UKO, reported there is \$1313.81 in the checking account, \$538.12 in the savings account, and \$1009.24 in the CD.
2. John, W9EN, resigned as President due to a heavy work schedule and inability to attend meetings. Dirk, N6SUN, will assume the position of President. It was decided that a new Vice President will not be appointed since the year is almost over.
3. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported the repeater still has a noise problem with weaker signals and the delay in repairing it is due to a heavy work load (paid type work) for both he and Konrad, N6UKO. He will need help testing the new antenna in October.
4. Harry, W6YOO, reported the following events in October; MS bike ride the 9th, Pre-Air Show drill the 8th, Miramar Air Show 14th through 16th, and San Diego 100 Mile Endurance Run the 22nd and 23rd.
5. John, WB6UHF reported no problems with the newsletter. Dirk will submit the President's report for

the rest of the year.

6. Sam, N6SD, reported that the SANDARC notes are posted on the EARS website.
7. Konrad, N6UKO, will coordinate getting communicators for the Escondido Street Faire on the 16th of October.
8. John, WB6UHF, reported there has been no change in our convention duties.
9. Konrad, N6UKO, volunteered to be the nominating committee.
10. The Poway Amateur Radio Club offered a free 56 foot tower mounted on a trailer to our club. John, WB6UHF, moved that we take title to the tower/trailer. Harry, W6YOO, seconded and the motion was approved by a voice vote. Konrad, N6UKO will transfer the title to our club.

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, 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 127.3. 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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