

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

January 2006

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 12th MonstIR Antenna

Dr. Howard White, KY6LA, will be speaking to us in January about his MonstIR antenna he installed in La Jolla as well as recent events that may impact your ability to install a tower of your own.

EVENT CALENDAR

Jan 12	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Jan 21	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Jan 24	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m. at N6UKO
Jan 28	SATERN Seminar (see p 3.)
Jan 28	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Feb 10	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Feb 18	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Feb 25	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Feb 28	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m.
Mar 10	EARS Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Mar 18	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Mar 25	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Mar 28	EARS Board Meeting 7 p.m.

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 4.

That's why they call them Dues!

All memberships paid through 2005 expired on December 31 and are now PAST 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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The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the previous month's Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Dirk, N6SUN, Acting President

Happy New Year to All!

Let me start out by thanking those who helped out at First Night. I hope you had a great time while providing much appreciated public service. I participated last year and had a great time. Although I had signed up for the second shift this year, I had a change of plans which required that I be with my folks.

Our family celebrated by staying up until the magic moment and watching the ball drop. We were able to see the fireworks from First Night at our home. This is Megan's third year of staying up until midnight. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays this year!

The first meeting of the year will be on January 12th and we have a very interesting program lined up. Dr. Howard White will tell us about his MonstIR antenna installation in La Jolla as well as informing us about recent events that may impact your ability to install a tower of your own in San Diego County.

Here's looking forward to 2006!

Cheers!

Dirk

EARS - SALVATION ALLIANCE

by John, WB6UHF

I have had some contact with Derrick Strickland, the head of the Salvation Army in Escondido. He is excited about the idea of locating a ham station at the Salvation Army headquarters, pending finding a suitable location within the building. This is the same building where we now meet.

EARS would operate the station as part of the SATERN network - the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. We already have two members who are also members of, and active in, SATERN - Harry, W6YOO, and Jo, KB6NMK. If you are interested in helping, see the announcement of the upcoming training seminar on page 3.

The station may also serve as an EARS club station, available to members when not being used otherwise for SATERN activities. Please let us know if you'd like to help set up and operate the station.

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*Happy Holidays
and
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from
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Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network

Riverside/San Bernardino Counties Section
Of the Sierra Del Mar Division

-- Tenth Annual --

***** Introduction and Seminar *****

Saturday, 28 January 2006
(No charge to attend)

AGENDA

- 8:30 - 9:00 am** *---Sign-in / Coffee and Donuts---*
- 9:00 - 9:30** **Welcome and Introduction to SATERN**
Dennis Deaton WA6ACC, SATERN Member
Major Russel Fritz, San Bernardino Corps Officer, Committee Advisor and Host
- 9:30 - 9:45** **SATERN and ARRL intro's**
- 9:45 - 10:45** **California OES Emergency Services**
Mark Bassett, OES Senior Emergency Services Coordinator
- 10:45 - 11:00** *---Break - Refreshments---*
- 11:00 - 12:00 pm** **Alaska Airlines Flight 261 Disaster**
Dale Carnathan, Program Administrator, California OES
- 12:00 - 1:00** *---Lunch (complimentary)---*
- 1:00 - 2:00** **Your Local Humane Society and its Role In a Disaster**
Brian Cronin, Executive Director, Humane Society San Bernardino Valley

Where: The Salvation Army San Bernardino Corps
746 West 5th Street San Bernardino, CA

Directions: Interstate 215 from either direction, take 5th Street exit, and
turn right at the light onto "H" Street. First street on left (right
away) is Spruce - - turn left. Park in one of the lots on either
side of Spruce at the rear of the S.A. facility. (Carpool if possible.)

Reservations Preferred:
(For lunch count)

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

provided by Sam, N6SD

1. Marvin, WB6PKK, reported that the antenna producing the interference to the 2 meter repeater has been moved and the noise interference is gone.

2. Harry, W6YOO, reported there will be an orienteering event in Ocotillo Wells Jan 14-16 for which communications operators are needed. Call Dave, KC6YSO, to volunteer.

3. The contributions for attending the Christmas Party were less than expected this year.

4. It was reported that John, WB6UHF, contacted Captain Strickland about the club setting up a SATERN station at their location and the Captain is all for it.

5. Steve, W6TAN, has volunteered to be webmaster for the club web site and he will contact Nick, KK6TV, about the transfer.

6. Dirk, N6SUN, will appoint new SANDARC delegates and alternatives and will write a letter to

Mike, N6OPH with their information.

7. Steve, W6TAN, reactivated the 144 to 220 link.

8. The next board meeting will be at Konrad's house, 3040 Quail Road starting at 7:00pm on the 24th of January 2006.

LOCAL SCHOOL SPACES OUT

by John, WB6UHF

The North County Times recently reported on contact made between students at Mt. Carmel High School and the International Space Station via Amateur Radio.

This was great press for us! If you missed it, see the archived article at www.nctimes.com/articles/2005/12/16/news/inland/21_11_4412_15_05.txt.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

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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 127.3. 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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