

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

Dec 2007

GENERAL MEETINGS

EARS meets at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Salvation Army building at 1301 Las Villas Way, in Escondido. Come early and chat!

Saturday, December 8 Annual Christmas Party

Starts at 4:00 p.m., after the Christmas Parade. See announcement on page 4.

Thursday, January 10 Section Manager Candidate Debate

Debate open to the candidates for ARRL San Diego Section Manager. This position is currently occupied by Harry Hodges, W6YOO, on an interim basis until a new SM is elected in February.

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

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| Dec 8 | Christmas Parade |
| Dec 8 | EARS Christmas Party, 4 p.m. |
| Dec 15 | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. |
| Dec 29 | VE Testing, 9 a.m. |
| TBA | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Jan 10 | EARS Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Jan 19 | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. |
| Jan 22 | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Jan 26 | VE Testing, 9 a.m. |

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

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4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Dirk, N6SUN, President

Hi All,

Well, this is my swan song...

Yes, this is my final President's report. It has been an extremely enjoyable two years as the President of this organization. I'm proud of our accomplishments and optimistic about the future of the club. We already have January's meeting in place and the club has an excellent President and VP combination ready to take the reins.

As always, I want to thank you, the members who make the club function. Without the regular involvement of the club's membership, very little would really happen.

As I write this, rain is in the forecast. With that in mind, it will be interesting to see what Mother Nature provides for us on Saturday. Escondido will be holding the 57th annual Christmas Parade which has never been cancelled due to rain. If the forecasts are correct, it might be pouring on Saturday so make sure to dress warm if you are one of the volunteers on the parade route.

After the parade, we will hold our Annual Christmas Party in the afternoon. Please plan on joining us at John, W9EN's house in Valley Center beginning at 4:00 pm. We will have a gift exchange which is always a lot of fun. Bring a gift valued at \$10 or less and see who ends up with what. The suggested donation at the door is \$15 per couple.

Lastly, I just want to remind members that if you are considering becoming a life member (as I have decided to do), then make sure your check is mailed by December 31. Our dues structure changes slightly beginning on January 1.

Please see previous newsletters for details.

73,

Dirk

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AWARDS AND QSLING, PART XLII

by Harry, W6YOO

Would you believe that this is the last issue of ALL EARS for the year 2007? Someone once said that when age takes you over-the-hill you begin to pick up speed. It must be so, because I have no recollection of the past year as it has been just a blur of events happening. I certainly hope that things slow down in 2008!

Hopefully, you all had a chance to work the St. Brandon DXpedition, 3B7C, this past September. My YL, Jerry, and I had the pleasure of watching a slide presentation by Bob Grimmick, N6OX, a member of the DXpedition team, this past Saturday. Although not as harsh as Peter I (3Y0C) that Bob went to a year or so ago, it was harsh enough. Especially so as the airlines lost his luggage and he had to get by with two pair of ill-fitting pants that he managed to purchase locally on Mauritius Island before the boat trip to St. Brandon. The team spent some three weeks on the island and made some 120,000 plus QSOs, and that at the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

Bob, who lives up the road in Rainbow, will be leading a team to Clipperton Island in February, 2008, and hopes to set some QSO records there as well. Clipperton is a French possession and is located about 1,500 miles due south of New Mexico and is certainly not a spot where one would spend their honeymoon. Again this is another "bring everything you need" because you won't find it there. This includes equipment, food, water, and other supplies. However, for those who need it for DXCC it is relatively a "chip shot" from here.

I hope you are all planning on attending the EARS Christmas party this coming Saturday, December 8th. In addition to the nice gifts that will be part of the raffle, Jerry and I are donating a 'still in the wrapper' ARRL 2007 Handbook which includes a copy of the QST magazine published when Hams went QRT at the beginning of World War II.

We look forward to the advent of a new sunspot cycle and improving radio conditions where one can work the really rare ones with low power and a dipole antenna. Please let me know if you have any questions about DXing, Awards and QSLing. We will try to dig up the answers. May you have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2008.

73 de Harry, W6YOO

VALLEY CENTER CERT CLASSES

from Jim, K6MHY

VC CERT is planning a training class for the general public the second and third weeks of January. We will be teaching the standard course plus a module on communications.

Anyone interested please call us at (877) 204-7269, or email us at vccert@hughes.net, and we'll put you on an email list to send you more information on location and exact dates and times.

If you have taken some modules but not the whole course, this will be an opportunity to complete your training and receive your Disaster Service Worker certification and ID card. Photos will be taken and new members will be sworn in at the completion of the commencement exercise the last day of the course.

Jim Courter, k6mhy@amsat.org

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 5.

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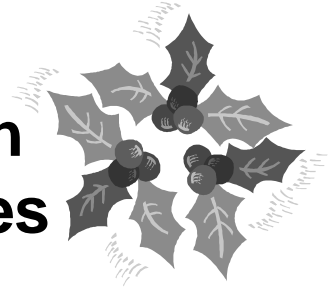


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**COME ONE, COME ALL
THE MORE THE MERRIER**

NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Sam, N6SD

1. Steve, W6TAN, reported the website is being updated and will include the Christmas Party information. The January meeting will be a debate between the candidates running for Section Manager.
2. Konrad, N6UKO, reported there is \$1556.70 in the checking account with \$107 yet to be deposited and \$860.49 in the savings account. He has received the bill for our equipment insurance which is due by the end of the year.
3. Marvin, W6MJM, reported no progress on the antenna, he still needs a bracket and phasing harness. The repeater controller needs software update after it has been decided what we want it to do. He will organize a work party to go to the repeater site to determine how to interface the new controller to the 440 repeater.
4. Harry, W6YOO, reported the ARES meetings have moved to the Sharps Business Building for the next two years on the second Saturday of the

month. There are on-line classes available such as ICS 100 and EMS 101.

5. Jeff, AE6GM, reported he is set up and ready for new mailing lists. Due to several changes in 2007, the current Club brochure is outdated and needs revision for 2008. Marvin, W6MJM, will update the brochure and Jeff, AE6GM, will copy as many as he needs for the mailings.

6. Dirk, N6SUN, reported he is making progress on the 1023.

7. Steve, W6TAN, reported the Christmas Party will be held at the home of John, W9EN, and his wife Lynn at 27364 Saint Andrews Lane in Valley Center from 4 to 7 p.m. on the 8th of December. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange bring a gift worth less than \$10. A donation of \$7.50 per person is suggested to offset the cost of the food. There will be a \$50 gift certificate from HRO and two \$25 checks for the ladies only.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name _____

Call _____ Class _____

Address _____

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Phone No _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Date Licensed _____ Expires _____

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Membership Rates (to Dec 31, 2007)

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 any club officer.

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. The price is \$8.00

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 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.sandarc.org.

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 7:30 a.m. at the offices of Sharp Healthcare Corporate, Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, San Diego, CA 92123. Catered breakfast is \$8.00. The monthly meeting begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. ARES is a service organization providing back-up emergency communications. If interested, go to www.sdgares.net or contact Jim Cammarano, SEC, sec@sdgares.net, or Asst. SEC for EMS, Teri Rowe, RN, ki6fkf@sdgares.net, for any additional information.

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, 5511 Maryland Drive, La Mesa, CA 91942-1519. You must include your FRN 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 - A SANDARC Volunteer Examiner team administers license examinations on the last Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the LDS Church, 1917 East Washington Avenue, Escondido, 92025. Contact Harry, W6YOO, at (760) 743-4212 or w6yoo@amsat.org 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. See Harry, W6YOO/AAR9LX for details.