

ALL EARS

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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 1301 Las Villas Way, in Escondido. Come early and chat!

Thursday, June 12 Quiz Night

This month we are once again going to be holding the Quiz night - which turned out to be a lot of fun last time. Basically, EARS members and guests will form into teams of three, and will then be subject to about 35 questions related in some way to Ham radio.

For the team who gains the most points, there will be a selection of prizes. In the event of a draw - there will be a tie-break question.

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Jun 12	EARS Monthly Meeting
Jun 14	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Jun 17	Field Day planning meeting 7:00 p.m.
Jun 24	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jun 27-29	Field Day at Dixon Lake
Jun 28	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Jul 2	PARC Monthly Meeting
Jul 10	EARS Monthly Meeting
Jul 19	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Jul 22	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jul 26	VE Testing, 9 a.m.



Did you see EARS on the cover of June QST? Yes, that's the VHF/UHF antenna built by Steve, W6TAN, set up at last year's Field Day at Dixon Lake. Escondido is in the background.

- photo from www.arrl.org

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Steve, W6TAN, President

Howdy peeps,

Well what a month it's been...

No travelling for me - so that's a good thing. It's meant that I've been able to play ham radio quite a bit (especially as "the boss" has been in the UK).

One thing that I would like to share with you is that if you didn't know already - there is a photograph of our 2007 VHF field-day station on the front cover of June's QST magazine!

This was a total surprise to me... I only found out about it when I received an email from a ham in Washington (NA3VY) asking for construction details.

As I had no-idea what he was talking about - I rushed up to the mail box to get my copy of QST... and sure enough - there it was... right on the front cover!

The photo was taken by a Swedish ham who visited our field-day site last year (Henry Kotowski - SM0JHF). I emailed him to say thanks, and he replied to say that if we can get hold of the German CQ-DL magazine, there were even more pictures, and an article as well.

Fortunately, I have a friend at work who is a German ham, and he receives CQ-DL. I managed to get a copy of the article (in pdf format), so if anyone would like to see it, shoot me an email... It also includes some pictures & text of Palomar's GOTA station.

Note that it is in German, so you might need Konrad's help!

I'm also trying to get a full copy of the magazine to archive. Hopefully, with a little help from Ben (N6MUF/DJ0YI) - that shouldn't be a problem.

Talking of Field Day - it's almost that time again.

For those of you who are going to be visiting us on the Saturday, and sticking around to participate in the BBQ in the evening... If you are thinking of bringing something for the pot-luck - could you please contact Gina Venner (agvenner@cox.net), and give her the details of what delicacies / delights you think you will be bringing.

The reason for this is that we want to make sure that we don't have too much of the same thing (it gets a bit boring if every-one brings salad).

Whatever you decide - please do try and make it to

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AWARDS AND QSLING, PART XLVIII

by Harry, W6YOO

With this column, I complete four years of advising our membership on qualifying for Amateur Radio related awards and the process of collecting the elusive QSL cards necessary to substantiate one's claim for a particular award. It's truly amazing how quickly time passes by.

This October I will celebrate my 80th year on this planet and 35 years as a Ham. When I started chasing awards I never dreamed that one day I would have worked all the existing DX entities and over 75% of the islands in the IOTA program. As they say: "DX IS"

As you read this article, one of the really rare DX entities will be on the air. Timor Leste (East Timor), using the call sign 4W6R, will be on from o/a June 10th for two weeks or so. The operators are a group from Spain and Portugal and will be on from 160 to 6 meters, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA4URE, P.O. Box 230, 28080 Madrid, Spain.

Timor Leste has a rather violent history (see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timor-Leste_Scorched_Earth), with thousands having lost their lives in what seemed to be a never ending conflict. A good spot to watch for postings is the DX Summit at www.dxsummit.fi or DXscape at www.dxscape.com. I need them on 10, 30, 40, 80, and 160 meters.

Here is an award from Indonesia: "Visit Indonesia Year 2008 & 40th Anniversary of ORARI Award" is a short term award issued by ORARI (Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia). This award commemorates the 40th Anniversary of ORARI in 2008 and participates in the Indonesia government's tourism program called "Visit Indonesia Year 2008". The aim of the tourism program is to introduce Indonesia's various kinds of culture which will be found in the award.

RULES OF THE AWARD :

1. This award is available for all amateurs.
2. Contacts made ONLY during 2008.
3. Application/GCR list will be accepted until September 2011.
4. No band and mode restriction.
5. Contacts made via repeaters, satellite, E-QSO and Echo Link are NOT ALLOWED.
6. Indonesian amateurs are compelled to make 40 contacts with other Indonesian amateurs.
7. Non-Indonesian amateurs (DX stations) need to make contact with at least 10 Indonesian amateurs.
8. Send only your application/GCR list & award fee.

No QSL cards required.

9. Award fee:

- For Indonesian amateurs is Rp 40.000,-
- For Non-Indonesian amateurs (DX stations) is US\$8.00 or 10 IRC (new IRC)

10. Send your Application/GCR list and award fee to:

ORARI VIY 2008 AWARD MANAGER
BOX 1202 JKP
JAKARTA 10012 INDONESIA

11. Questions about this award can be reached via email: orari_viy2008@yahoo.com

Remember the prefix for Indonesia is YB. The award certificate is beautiful.

73 es DX

Harry, W6YOO

PARC UPCOMING EVENTS

by Dennis, KD6TUJ

Club meeting of July 2, 2008, held at Carlsbad Safety Center at 7:30 PM will be:

Digital messaging tools for EMCON

- BBS protocols from "90's" being used to restore "last mile" of internet infrastructure during disasters.
- Learn about the building blocks of these systems and how far they have come.

Presented by Andre K6AH

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K6DAF'S RAMBLIN'S

by Doug, K6DAF, Vice-President

Well, the summer months are upon us and the temps are starting to rise, which signals a couple of events for the EARS club. These events are annual ones and I sure hope you will be able to attend.

First one is the annual Field Day event which occurs the last full weekend of June and this year it will fall on 27, 28, 29th of June. We will hold the event at Dixon Lake on top of the hill overlooking the valley.

Your Field Day committee, led by Jeff, AE6GM, has been putting in some long hours to make this event a show-stopper and to showcase our EARS club. I know he is looking for volunteers to man some of the radios so if you have some time during that weekend - even an hour would help - please give him a call.

We know the weather is going to be great and the band conditions are going to be stellar so we are really looking forward to a lot of contacts. So please be part of this year's event as it promises to be one of the best.

I also heard some rumors that the food at our event will set the bar for years to come. Heard something about tri-tip so don't be left in the dark. Get involved this year and help out your EARS club. We need you.

Next event is our annual picnic and our program schedule shows it occurring in August. But stay tuned as we may have some issues with our meeting location in July at the Salvation Army building and we may move the picnic from August to July. We will keep you posted on this potential change.

Whichever month it happens in, it's one of our annual events that brings our families together for a fun time. Gives us a chance to met and greet, and to fellowship as one big family. So start brushing off those blankets and lawn chairs as it will be coming in the next few months.

I want to give a special thanks to John Belstner, W9EN, for his great presentation during our May meeting. It was well received by everyone and I think everyone took something new home that night in gained knowledge. I know I did. Thanks again, John, for a great presentation.

June meeting is QUIZ night and your President, Steve, W6TAN, is working fast and furious on getting teams represented from other local Ham clubs so brush up on your Ham info and let's be ready to kick

some Ham butt. So look forward to seeing you on June the 12th for QUIZ night.

Till I hear you on the air,

73
Doug
K6DAF

WANTED

from Mickey, KI6CSY

Wanted: Cushcraft R7 vertical multiband antenna for HF use. Contact Mickey, KI6CSY, at 760-744-2034 or mickeykc@juno.com

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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Dixon Lake to see us... You will be most welcome.

Finally, please check out the EARS website, there have been some behind-the-scenes work going on recently, and I'd like to make sure it's all is working well.

Please check your personal data that we have on file... Just in case we've made a mistake when entering it, or if has changed since you first told us.

That's about it from me this month... all that's left for me to say is that I'm looking forward to meeting you all at the next EARS club meeting for Quiz night. Thursday, June 12th. See you there...

Best wishes,
Steve, W6TAN

CLASSIC BOARD METING MINUTES

information provided by Jane, W6YAK

1. Konrad, N6UKO, called the meeting to order at 7:30 hrs. Konrad reported receipts from Auction: \$128.10 less \$25.00 (discrepancy). Konrad will be sending checks to sellers.

2. Doug has the May club meeting set up.

3. Konrad, N6UKO, reported that our last bank statement (March 31) showed:

Checking: \$2074.79

Business savings: \$861.22

Deposits from membership \$75

Net deposit from Auction: \$103.00

Payment: Liability Insurance \$322.

4. Marvin, W6MJM, reported that Echo Link is off until he can find another place to put it.

5. John, N6EP, reported a pdf of the flyer could go up on the website. Deadline for submittals to ALL EARS is May 3.

6. The next Field Day meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29.

OUT IN THE FIELD

by John, N6EP

It's getting on toward summer and time to think about EARS participation in Field Day, the annual emergency preparedness and operating event.

This year's Field Day is on the weekend of June 28 and 29 and will once again be held at Dixon Lake.

There are some changes this year. The biggest change is that Jeff, AE6GM, is heading up the planning effort. If you want to attend, all you need to do is come on out. But if you are keen to be more involved with the planning, setup, operating, etc., please contact Jeff and let him know.

The last in a series of planning meetings will take place on June 17.

Whatever your interest - camping out, camaraderie, technical improvement, honing your operating skills, getting some sun - you are invited to be part of the fun.

See you there!

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Membership Rates

One year \$15.00

Family membership \$4.00

Lifetime membership \$150.00

Lifetime membership (family) \$38.00

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.

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