

# 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, July 9 DXing 101

Harry Hodges, W6YOO, answers basic questions about DXing for the Ham new to HF, and for the seasoned operator who wishes to try something different. See [www.earsclub.org](http://www.earsclub.org) for details.

### Thursday, July 9 EARS Annual Picnic

Once again at Rod McLeod Park. Mark your calendar now. Details in next month's newsletter.

## CONVENTION TIME

-- by John, N6EP, and Marvin, W6MJM

The 2009 ARRL Southwest Division Convention will take place in Santa Barbara this year on August 15 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds.

The show will be run by the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club (SBARC) who has stepped in to take over the show from its usual Orange County sponsors. Due to the last minute change of venue, the show will take place on one day only.

The convention includes free admittance to the adjacent Santa Barbara Home Show should you or your spouse care to attend that as well.

For more information, visit [www.sbarc.org](http://www.sbarc.org).

A registration form is also available at:  
[www.sbarc.org/HamFest2009.pdf](http://www.sbarc.org/HamFest2009.pdf)

## EVENT CALENDAR

<b>July 9</b>	<b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</b>
July 18	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
July 25	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
July 28	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
<b>Aug 9</b>	<b>EARS Picnic, 11:00 a.m.</b>
Aug 15	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Aug 15	ARRL SW Division Convention
Aug 25	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Aug 29	VE Testing, 9 a.m.

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

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Steve, W6TAN, President

Hi everyone,

Well, now that Field Day is done-and-dusted for another year (all bar the tallying of the scores) - it's time to start getting back to normal (whatever state that is!)

Field Day itself was a lot of fun, and a lot of hard work and sleepless nights as normal, but I can honestly say that this was one of the best Field Days I've participated in. On Saturday we had so many visitors to the site I thought we were going to get into trouble with the park rangers... Parking was a nightmare!

Anyway, I'd like to say a really big thanks to all those who participated, either as operators, providers of food for the pot-luck, or who just came along to be social. In particular, I'd like to thank Jeff, AE6GM, for being the Field Day chairman. And the band captains CW, John, N6EP, phone, Dirk, N6SUN, GOTA, Rob, KI6SBL, and Viv, W6NWF, for all of the extra work they put in to make it a success. I think some dude named Steve did something with the VHF/UHF station - whoever he was!

In addition to the above, I'd also like to thank Marvin, W6MJM, for the most excellent food on Friday (and Saturday) evenings, Teresa (Mrs. N6EP) for the wonderful spicy Mexican chicken dish, Jan (Mrs. K6DAF) for the great BBQ pork, and finally to my wife Gina, KI6UQP, for arranging it all. Good job everyone - I can't wait for next year!!!

One last thing - If anyone has any photographs or videos of Field Day that they wouldn't mind sharing, please contact me, and I'll put a few of the better ones on the EARS website for all to see.

Yet another EARS success was the last club meeting... We had a 'town-hall' style meeting and presentation regarding recent events in Palmdale, and proposed antenna restrictions in the San Diego area (which could filter their way to Escondido). The presentation was given by Marty Woll, N6VI, and Felix Tinkov, and was moderated by Steve Early, AD6VI. We invited other local clubs in the area, and had guests from PARC, ROARS, SANDRA, The San Diego DX club and a few others. In total, 55 people signed-in, but at one point 65 heads were counted!

They were both great presentations, and for those who couldn't make it, I have the whole thing on video. If you would like a copy of the video (either .wmv or DVD format), and copies of the presentations, please e-mail me (sbvenner@cox.net) or call me. Unfortunately - it's too big to place on the EARS website (~1.5GB).

Also at the last meeting, we continued with the opportunity drawing. But because of all of the activities taking place for the main presentation, we didn't have too much time to offer ticket sales. We only took about \$40 - making a total so far of \$166. We need another \$134 before the drawing can take place... That's only about another 13 people buying \$10 worth of tickets. So come on - Let's see if we achieve that at the next meeting!

Talking of which - the next club meeting will be given by our very own Harry Hodges, W6YOO. He is once again going to give his great presentation on DXing: DXing 101. Please see the EARS website for more details: [www.earsclub.org](http://www.earsclub.org).

Member spotlight. This is something that I've been thinking about for a short while, and the idea came to me while listening to the EARS Sunday evening nets. Many of our members have other interests besides amateur radio. I thought it would be a good idea to produce a short 'All EARS' article about them, and their 'non-ham' lives. So be prepared to get a call from me asking to come and visit.

And finally, as from the beginning of July anyone checking in to the EARS Sunday evening nets will be given a point (one point for each Sunday net they check in to). At the end of the year (at the Christmas party), all those who are present and who have checked in to the nets will be given special raffle tickets - one for each of the points they have accrued. There will be a special prize for the net check-ins, and obviously the more you check in, the more chances there will be for you to win! So come on, don't be shy... let's hear you on the 88 machine on Sunday evenings.

That's all from me for now, so everyone have a great month ahead.

Cheers,

Steve, W6TAN

## A THANK YOU

-- from SDDXC

The San Diego DX Club wishes to thank EARS for the presentation of the tower/antenna restriction program.

A special THANK YOU to those members who contributed towards our legal fee's. We are still waiting on the cities response to our proposed ordinance.

73, Leon, N6VS, Secretary/Treasurer SDDXC

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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 5.

## FREE ADS -- by John, N6EP

The economy is tight and people and businesses are counting their pennies. But EARS ads are FREE! Submit your want ad or your business card now.

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All EARS accepts ads free of charge at the Editor's discretion. Ads should be of interest to Ham Radio operators in the Escondido area. This includes personal ads, ads for Ham Radio related businesses and for member's businesses.

All ads are accepted at the Editor's discretion and on run on a space-available basis.



## FIELD DAY PHOTOS

-- courtesy Grace Amilbangsa-Biddlecome.



Bill Clark, K6WSC, operates the Field Day CW station in front of a mighty crowd.



Ron, N6XT, racks up the phone Qs as Harry, W6YOO, waits his turn.



## CRUZIN' GOOD TIME

-- by Steve, W6TAN

As it's now been quite a while since EARS had any involvement with Cruzin' Grand, I thought I'd take a mosey-on down there to see how it compared with last year (now that it's back in its previous format). It certainly seems a lot busier compared to last year – the side-walk is as crowded as it used to be a couple of years ago. The cars on display are as wonderful as I remember... and it amazes me how much time and effort (and money) goes into preparing them. If you've never been to Cruzin' Grand, or at least you've not been for a while, if you get a chance, take a stroll one Friday evening. In addition to the great cars, there are some great shops and restaurants, too. And of course – you never know who you might bump into from EARS!



Gary Lockard, W6BRV, is spotted cruzin' Grand.  
-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

-- by Steve, W6TAN

The Escondido Amateur Radio Society would like to offer a very warm welcome to the following new club members: WELCOME ABOARD!

Darrel Annable - KI6AZR  
James Biddlecome - KI6ZUP (Life)  
Grace Amilbangsa-Biddlecome (Family-Life)

Also to returning members:

Katherine Boyd - KA6OYD (Life)  
Michelle Wallenda - N6WGR

Left: Escondido Fire Chief Mike Lowry gets a rundown on Amateur Radio from John, N6EP, before operating GOTA.

## JUNE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Jeff, AE6GM

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| <p>1. Steve, W6TAN, reported \$40 dollars was collected at the last general club meeting for the Opportunity Drawing - currently at \$166.00.</p> <p>2. Doug, K6DAF, reported the June meeting on antenna restrictions went really well. A video is available from Steve, W6TAN. Doug's wife, Jan, created Certificates of Appreciation for the speakers. July's program will be DX 101 by Harry, W6YOO.</p> <p>3. Konrad, N6UKO, reported the checking balance is \$ 2,116.59.</p> <p>4. Robert, KI6SBL, reports there are currently 98 paid members. Procedures were discussed regarding adding new members to the database.</p> <p>5. Steve, W6TAN, would like to start a club member spotlight in the newsletter.</p> <p>6. Steve, W6TAN, reported on updates to the website and discussed upcoming changes. He is investigating adding a reflector.</p> | <p>7. Steve, W6TAN reports the Club Kenwood radio will be used for the GOTA station. The HF antenna is still laying across the roof.</p> <p>8. Jeff, AE6GM, reported Field Day is ready to go.</p> <p>9. EchoLink is currently down so that Steve, W6TAN, can use his laptop for Field Day. Up to \$300.00 was authorized for a netbook for Echolink.</p> <p>10. It was authorized to update the EARS brochure and to purchase another 500.</p> <p>11. The San Diego DX Club is seeking donations to offset the cost for legal fees for fighting the tower ordinance. A collection will be made at the general club meetings.</p> <p>12. Steve, W6TAN, will come up with a rotation schedule for the weekly Sunday evening net.</p> <p>13. \$150 was authorized for the food for the club picnic.</p> |
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## Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

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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](http://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](http://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.

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**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](http://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 8:00 a.m. at Scripps Memorial Hospital, Nobel Room, Schaetzel Building, 9890 Genesee Ave, La Jolla, CA 92037. Park in the first lot to the right after the guard shack. Parking is \$2.00 and is antenna friendly. If interested, go to [www.sdgares.net](http://www.sdgares.net) or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, 619-461-2818, or [ad6vi@arrl.org](mailto:ad6vi@arrl.org).

**SECTION NEWS** – The latest happenings around San Diego are available at [www.arrl.org/sections/SDG.html](http://www.arrl.org/sections/SDG.html), the official website of the ARRL San Diego Section.

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**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](mailto:w6yoo@amsat.org) to schedule an appointment.

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