

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

June 2009

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 11

Proposed Restrictive Antenna Ordinances: What You Can Do

presented by Felix M. Tinkov, Esq., Lounsbery, Ferguson, Altona & Peak, and Marty Woll, N6VI, Vice Director, ARRL Southwestern Division

A factual update on recent and pending attempts by local governments around Southern California to restrict residential Amateur Radio antennas. Slides and photo presentations will be followed by an open Q&A session that will arm you with useful tools to help prevent unreasonable antenna restrictions from being enacted in your community.



ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director, Marty Woll, N6VI, will present the June program on proposed antenna ordinances.
- photo courtesy N6VI.

EVENT CALENDAR

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| June 11 | EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| June 20 | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. |
| June 16 | Field Day Planning Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| June 23 | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| June 27 | VE Testing, 9 a.m. |
| June 27-8 | Field Day! |
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| July 9 | EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| July 18 | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. |
| July 25 | VE Testing, 9 a.m. |
| July 28 | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Steve, W6TAN, President

Hi all,

Well, the last month has been incredibly busy for me as far as my ham radio activities are concerned.

The last club meeting was a lot of fun. We had a great 'behind the scenes' presentation by Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, on the communications room of USS Midway - with added commentary by Fred McDavitt, KI6VBQ. Good job guys!

The main event was the annual EARS quiz night, and as always, I had as much fun in asking the questions as the contestants did in answering them. The winning team this year was:

"The Newbies & Oldies" with 25.5 points
Megan Reschly, KI6LFA (Captain)
Dirk Reschly, N6SUN
Sam Bradsher, N6SD
Kurt Barnhart, N6MD

See the full report and quiz night photos elsewhere in this issue of All EARS.

The interesting thing was that somehow it was leaked out that the EARS quiz night was a lot of fun, and I have since been asked by the Palomar ARC to do the same for them at their club meeting in July (1st). So, if you want another go at getting the old grey cells moving - please feel free to come along. Hey - how about forming an EARS team to take on PARC? Now there's an idea!

Anyway, at the last meeting we also started selling tickets for the 'opportunity drawing'. This was well received - although there were some complaints that I only had a photo of the VX-6R - rather than the real deal. My view was that I didn't want sticky-fingers pawing all over the nice pristine radio... I didn't think that the winner would appreciate it very much!

I will have it at the next club meeting for those who are interested in seeing it for real. And just to let you know, we took \$126.00 in ticket sales... Only another \$174.00 to go!

The next club meeting is on Thursday, 11th of June. This month we will be having a 'Town Hall' style discussion on the subject of proposed restrictive antenna ordinances, and what you can do about them. Please see the EARS website for more details - www.earsclub.org. Other clubs in the area have been invited, so it should be a full house. We hope to see you all there too!

The pre-meeting feast will also be taking place at the World's Best Pizza, as is now the norm, and tickets for the opportunity drawing will be on sale in the

meeting hall from 7:00-7:30 p.m.

Field Day is almost upon us as I'm sure you're aware. Jeff, AE6GM, is still looking out for people to assist, and is on the lookout for things like a generator for the CW station, a shelter for the CW station, and other stuff (probably for the CW station too)... So if you think you can help in anyway, please contact Jeff.

The GOTA station is being headed up by Rob & Viv, and they have asked that if you have any friends and family who would like to try their hand at operating, please do bring them along.

My wife Gina, KI6UQP, is organising the food for lunch on Saturday, and coordinating the food for the pot-luck dinner on Saturday evening. If you are planning to attend the social event in the evening, and wish to participate in the pot-luck, please contact Gina for details of dishes required, or what you plan to bring.

As for me, I am in the process of getting everything together for the VHF/UHF station, and as such, I will be taking Echolink down in the next day or so. The reason for this is that my lap-top which I use for contest logging is currently controlling Echolink. We are currently looking at getting a replacement lap-top, but it may not be until after field-day - Sorry!

As far as the EARS website is concerned, you may have noticed some small changes - such as the ability to sort the member roster by name or call-sign. One other addition which you may not have noticed is that members can now post items for sale (along with a photo if necessary). If you have something to sell (Ham Radio related), please feel free to try it. The 'Wanted' ads section will be up shortly too - so watch this space.

The last thing from me for this month is that it is with very much regret - I have to announce the resignation of our secretary, Vivian, W6NWF. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, she felt that she was not able to continue her duties as club secretary. I would like to say a really big "Thank you" Viv, and the excellent work that she has done will be missed by all.

The good news is that Jeff, AE6GM, has volunteered to take over from Viv for the rest of the year, and Viv's significant other (Rob) has agreed to replace Jeff as 'Member-at-large' / membership secretary. Please wish them all-the-best in their new roles.

Well, That's it from me for now - everyone have a great month ahead, and see you at the next club meeting.

Cheers,

Steve, W6TAN.

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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.

QUIZ NIGHT RESULTS

-- by Steve, W6TAN

"Newbies & Oldies" - 25.5 points (The winners - just)

Megan Reschly, KI6LFA (Captain)

Dirk Reschly, N6SUN

Sam Bradsher, N6SD

Kurt Barnhart, N6MD

"MROP, 2 Extras & A Tech" -- 24.5 points

Vivian, W6NWF (Captain)

John Musselman, N6EP

Rob Kitson, KI6SBL

John Rau, W6PSK (Guest)

"Lusrs Club" -- 16.5 points

Steve Albarn, KE6PY (Captain)

Vince Sheetz, W6CD

Ron Rosson, N6XT



Teams get ready for the brain strain brought on by Quiz Night.
Leave it to hams to make everything competitive.

- photo courtesy N6EP.

"The Wihners" -- 15.5 points

Jack Burns, KY5OAO (Captain)

Bill Clark, K6WSC

Gary Garman, KA6OCA

Fred McDavitt, KI6VBQ

"3 Right, 1 Left" -- 9.5 points (The winners of the losers)

Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL (Captain)

Rusty Kalkofen, KI6SMT

Patrick Horgan, K6SML

Mae Horgan-Cruz, KI6SRB

"The Antagonizers" -- 9.5 points

Tom Martin, KG6RCW (Captain)

Doug Ferris, K6DAF

Dick Beym, NB6R

Mark Baldwin, KI6FVH (Guest)

I think I got the team names correct... The hand-writing (& spelling?) left a little to be desired!!!



Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, gave a presentation on the USS Midway communications equipment at the May meeting.

- photo courtesy N6EP.

FIELD DAY T-SHIRTS

-- by John, N6EP

This year, EARS members are asked to order their Field Day items individually from the ARRL. This includes T-Shirts, pins, hats and other items.

The ARRL website has a page for ordering commemorative Field Day T-shirts, hats, pins and other supplies.

According to ARRL, all of the items are available for ordering now; many of the items are already in stock.

Visit www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=NO-0515.

The T-Shirts are \$12.95 each, pins are \$5 each and the hats are \$9.95 each.

For more details, please check out the ARRL website given above.

MARCH BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Vivian, W6NWF

1. Doug, K6DAF, reported that a minimum of 60 people attended the auction. Doug will create Certificates of Appreciation for EARS volunteers.
2. For the May program, Steve, W6TAN, will moderate Quiz Night. Robert, KI6SBL, will present a 10-15 minute picture presentation of the radio room on the Midway Museum before the Quiz.
3. Konrad, N6UKO, reports savings of \$927.26, CD \$2147.88 and checking \$2405.00.
4. Jeff, AE6GM, reported there were 2 new members recruited at the auction.
5. Ron, N6XT, did not attend last SANDARC meeting but he will be at the next meeting where they will discuss Convention 2010. Ron will be doing Vendor Services at the Convention.
6. Steve, W6TAN, commented on a bug Konrad, N6UKO, found in the website database. Steve fixed

the bug and another one as well. Steve will complete a For Sale / Wanted Section for members to post ads.

7. Steve, W6TAN, needs to restring the club station antenna due to roof repairs.

8. Jeff, AE6GM, reported that four people attended the last Field Day meeting. He stated Sam is once again allowing us to use N6SD. We acquired the same Dixon campsite as last year. Vince, W6CD, will be providing his trailer.

9. Steve, W6TAN, said that he would try to call for check-ins on the net rather than to go through the list.

10. Steve, W6TAN, will pick up a VX6R Yaesu tri-band handheld at HRO for the drawing. Once the drawing pulls in 20% over cost of the prize we will draw a number. It was agreed the Raffle Tickets will cost \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name _____

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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 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 or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, 619-461-2818, or ad6vi@arrl.org.

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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 to schedule an appointment.

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