

# 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.

**Thursday, October 8**  
**Anza-Borrego State Park**

Fred McDavitt, KI6VBQ, will be giving a presentation about the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Volunteer Program. The presentation will include the qualifications, testing and work requirements for becoming a volunteer at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

It will also include a little history and geography of the area, and because of the uncertainty of the Park's operating schedule (thanks to the state's budget issues), Fred will also address the latest status as of the 8th of September.



EARS participates in the California QSO Party.  
See p. 4 for more photos.  
-- photo courtesy Vivian, W6NWF.

## EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 7	PARC Auction - see p. 3
<b>Oct 8</b>	<b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</b>
Oct 15	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct 17	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Oct 31	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
<b>Nov 12</b>	<b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</b>
Nov 19	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov 21	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Nov 28	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,

To start with this month, I'd like to say a big thanks to Robert Kitson, KI6SBL, for putting on a great fun presentation at the last club meeting. We had about 30 members & guests in attendance and for those who couldn't make it, it was very interesting to see the different operating conditions that some of our members have to 'suffer'. I will try to put the presentation on the EARS website for those who would like to see it.

Also at the last club meeting, we held the opportunity drawing... I'm pleased to announce that the grand prize of the Yaesu VX-6R was won by Gary 'On-The-Rock-Pile' Lockard, W6BRV! Unfortunately, Gary was not present at the meeting, so his prize was given to him the following day (Friday) - at Cruzin' Grand (see photo).



Gary, W6BRV, receives his new VX-6R handheld at Cruzin' Grand.

-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.

A surprise prize was also very generously donated by Dr. Dick Beym (NB6R), which was a first-day-cover stamp from 1964 commemorating amateur radio. The winner of that prize was GT, K6TXT.

As for the next opportunity drawing offering – it is the new Yaesu dual-band mobile radio – the FT7900R/E, complete with YSK7800 separation kit. Tickets will go on sale at October's club meeting. The rules can be found on the EARS website as before.

So now onto October's meeting...

This is going to be a presentation given by our very own Fred McDavitt, KI6VBQ, and will be about the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. More details can be found on the EARS website [www.earsclub.org](http://www.earsclub.org). I have been reliably informed that this will be a very interesting presentation, so make sure you get there early to reserve your seat!

As far as operating is concerned, I've done very little. In fact, the only operating I've done is to check-in to the EARS Sunday net. Having said that, the California QSO Party takes place this coming weekend (3rd-4th Oct), and as I said last month - EARS is once again going to take part. We have the new tower (which Konrad, N6UKO, has successfully mounted to the trailer), and the sites at Dixon Lake have been booked.

By the time you read this newsletter it will be over, all barring the shouting. Hopefully some of you made it up to the sites to cheer us on.

I mentioned last month that to try and make the EARS Sunday evening net more interesting, I would be trying something different when it was my turn.

As those of you who checked in last time I did the net know, I held a short quiz of 5 questions. The idea was that rather than telling everyone what they'd been up to during the past week, they would instead try to answer the questions. Those getting all 5 questions correct would get 5 extra raffle-tickets for the Christmas drawing. Unfortunately, only 6 people took part, and no one got all 5 questions correct. I think it took most people by surprise, so next time; I will do it slightly differently again...

On a different topic, I also mentioned last month we needed a few EARS members to form a nomination committee for next year's club officers. Well, we received 0 responses, so the nomination committee was formed from those attending the last board meeting! Specifically, John Musselman, N6EP, Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, and Viv, W6NWF. So if you are interested in becoming a club officer – now's the time to do it. Just let one of the above nominating committee members know ASAP.

Well, that's it from me for this month... I was going to mention about my recent trip to Las Vegas, but I need to go and socialize with my guest from the UK, so I'll add that to my next month's offering!

73 everybody,

Steve, W6TAN

## NEW MEMBERS

by Steve, W6TAN, President

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

Carolee Ferguson - KI6ZEK

Ginger Lamp - KI6ZEM

WELCOME ABOARD!

## PARC AUCTION

by Dennis, KD6TUJ

The location for the October 7, 2009 AUCTION meeting will be at 3096 Harding Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

Set up starts at 5:30

Sellers 6:00

Buyers 6:30

Meeting 7:00

from I-5 Get off at Carlsbad Village Drive, go WEST 1 block to Harding street (Jack in the Box on corner) turn LEFT (South) 2 blocks

As things change, so do we. Some of the best plans..... Dennis

## ALL EARS

Advertising Policy

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.

## 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.

## EARS Club Officers for 2009

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## PHOTOS FROM CQP

-- from Steve, W6TAN



New EARS member Luke, KL7LK, at the operating position  
-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.



The tower trailer fully extended, crowned with a 20m yagi.  
-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.

### 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.



Setting the new tower trailer into place.  
-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.



Our fearless leader, Steve, KE6PY.  
-- photo courtesy Steve, W6TAN.

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## SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

information provided by Jeff, AE6GM

1. At the last meeting, Robert, KI6SBL, presented photos of the radio shacks he had taken. Everyone greatly enjoyed Robert's presentation. Gary, W6BRV, won the VX6 Opportunity Drawing.

2. The October program will be presented by Fred Davitt, KI6VBQ, on the Anza-Borrego Volunteer program.

3. Konrad reported the club checking account balance as \$ 2043.21

4. Robert, KI6SBL, reported that out of the 143 letters sent to new licensees, he received 7 replies and 2 new club members.

5. Ron reported that people can now pre-register for the 2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention. The club is still looking for alternate representatives to SANDARC meetings.

6. Konrad, N6UKO, reported that the Grape Day parade went well. It was shorter than in past years. John, N6EP, and Konrad will investigate EARS

participation in the Escondido Christmas Parade.

7. Robert, KI6SBL, will investigate the purchase of a new EARS club banner.

8. The Palomar College Health Fair date has been moved to October 1. The board decided not to participate because the theme of the event changed to Breast Cancer Awareness.

9. Steve reported that he presented a donation from EARS to the Salvation Army to Major Diane.

10. Steve, W6TAN, is planning a new ham license class. The first class will be in October (10<sup>th</sup>).

11. Marvin, W6MJM, has loaned a tower to replace the old tower on the tower trailer. Konrad, N6UKO, is having it welded and painted and it should be ready for the Cal QSO Party.

12. Vivian, W6NWF, Dirk, N6SUN, and John, N6EP, have volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

## 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.

**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](http://www.arrl.org/members). The ARRL Letter is also available to all, free of charge, at [www.arrl.org/arrlletter](http://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](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.

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

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