

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

April 2010

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, April 8 EARS Annual Auction

This annual event is expected to be well attended. Precious treasures abound and the prices are always right.

Almost the entire history of Ham Radio spread out on auction tables for all to see! "No purchase necessary." (But just try to go away empty-handed.)

- Volunteer arrival – 5:30pm
- Seller Check-in – 6:00pm
- Buyer Registration – 6:30pm
- Auction begins – 7:00pm

Cost:

Sellers: \$3 (no commission).

Buyers: FREE (not counting what you bid and win)!

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Apr 8	EARS Annual Auction
Apr 15	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Apr 18	PARC Operating Day
Apr 17	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Apr 24	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
May 13	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
May 15	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
May 20	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
May 29	VE Testing, 9 a.m.

PARC OPERATING DAY --from the PARC Scope

OPERATING DAY
APRIL 18, 2010

DOUBLE PEAK PARK
900 Double Peak Drive
San Marcos

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Come operate on the ham bands at the park above it all during "Rookie Roundup" weekend.

Hosted by
PALOMAR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

for information, see www.palomararc.org

Contact Ron K2RP (760) 436-8109

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

Well, I wrote this article out completely and neglected to save it as I went along. My new laptop has a "Restart" button in a place I am not used to and I hit it. After a few choice words, my computer restarted and the article was gone. After a few more choice words, I calmed down and decided to type it out again. Only this time I will be selecting the "Save" function after each and every paragraph as I go along.

EARS Annual Auction

Every year, EARS holds an Auction that ends up being the talk of the Ham community for a while. This year, I expect the same thing will happen. The main players are back. Doug Ferris K6DAF will be in charge, while Art McBride KC6UQH will be behind the microphone.

Times are posted below - according to the EARS website:

- Volunteer arrival – 5:30pm
- Seller Check-in – 6:00pm
- Buyer Registration – 6:30pm
- Auction begins between – 7 – 7:30pm

Speaking of the EARS website, Steve Venner W6TAN is doing a great job maintaining and updating our website. Please use it whenever you need EARS or general Hamish information.

Field Day

The Field Day Committee met last Thursday. It was first agreed we will be meeting the 4th Thursday of each month until Field Day. Please join us.

We have our four Captains:

- GOTA – Vivian Wentworth-Kitson W6NWF
- CW – John Musselman N6EP
- VHF/UHF – Fred McDavitt KI6VBQ
- Single Side Band – Vince Sheetz W6CD

If you're interested in working any or all of the bands during the weekend, please contact the above Captain for your slot.

I want to thank Emmett Logan KJ6CLP for his interest in helping us out with our antennas this year. We are looking forward to having 2 (count

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them, 2) antenna tower trailers at Dixon Lake. That is all I have for now.

73s,
Rob

OFFICIAL QUIZ NIGHT RESULTS

--by Steve, W6TAN

Those of you who came along to the last EARS meeting for the annual quiz night will know what a fun time we had. It was quite an exciting event because we had two teams who, on the night, tied for first place! These being "The Ladder Lines" & "QRP-Team1", both with 32 points (allegedly). After a simple tie-break question, "QRP-Team1" were declared the winners, and suitable prizes were awarded.

Unfortunately, due to some slightly dubious marking, this shouldn't have been the case... The correct results are given below:

1st - "The Ladder Lines" with 32 points
Steve Alborn (KE6PY) - Captain
John Musselman (N6EP)
Doug Ferris (K6DAF)
Emmett Logan (KG6CLP)

2nd - "QRP-Team1" with 30 points
Grace Amilbangsa (UL1) - Captain
Dick Beym (NB6R)
Sam Bradsher (N6SD)
John Giroux (KI6NVT)

3rd - "The Winners" with 25 points
Jo Ashley (KB6NMK) - Captain
Fred McDavitt (KI6VBQ)
John McNelly? (AF6UA)

NO MORE ADS

by John N6EP

Due to EARS' pending change of status to a 501(c)(3) organization, all advertising in All EARS has been suspended.

Don't worry, your Club will not miss the income from the ads - there wasn't any!

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 4.

Pete ??? (???)

4th - "Is this a Cooking Class?" with 21 points
Dick Kalkofen (K6KAL) - Captain
Harry Hodges (W6YOO)
Marvin Munster (W6MGM)
Rusty Kalkofen (KI6SMT)

5th - "The Doorknobs" with 18 points
Kathy Boyd (KA6OYD) - Captain
Tom Martin (KG6RCW)
Gary Garman (KA6OCA)
Ben Pyfer (N6MUF)

6th - "The Long and the Short of it" with 18 points
Teri Bloom (KJ6EDR) - Captain
Robert Kitson (KI6SBL)
Vivian Wentworth-Kitson (W6NWF)

7th - "The Four Aces" with 16 points
Jeff Murdock (AE6GM) - Captain
Dirk Reschly (N6SUN)
Bruce Woods (KI6YFH)
Joanne Metrick (KI6YFK)

8th - "QRP-Team2" with 16 points
Jim Biddlecome (KI6ZUP) - Captain
Charles Stein (KG6VVM)
George Peek (W6KXB)

9th - "The Church Pew Crew" with 14 points
Pat Horgan (K6SML) - Captain
May Horgan-Cruz (KI6SRB)
Carolee Furguson (KI6ZEK)
Curtis ??? (???)

"QRP-Team1" were given a mark for correctly answering the bonus question for Q9. Unfortunately as they did not answer the main question, according to the rules, no points can be awarded for any associated bonus questions. They were also given a point for an incorrect answer to Q32.

Therefore, two marks were deducted from "QRP-Team 1"'s total, and hence the Ladderlines" are officially declared the winners of the EARS Quiz night, 2010! Congratulations and well done! Now how do we get "QRP-Team1" to give back their prizes ???

I hope all of you who took part in the quiz had as much fun as I did in presenting it... Good job everyone. For those who couldn't make it, the questions can be found on the EARS website (under the 'FUN STUFF' button at the top of the page). If you would like the answers, just send me an e-mail.

Cheers,
Steve W6TAN

SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH

--information provided by John N6EP

1. The Opportunity Drawing was won by Harry W6YOO and raised about \$86 for the Club.
2. Art McBride KC6UQH has agreed to be the auctioneer for the Club Auction. Doug K6DAF will be in charge again this year.
3. Konrad N6UKO reported we took in \$286 in February from memberships and there were no expenditures.
4. Doug K6DAF reported that the San Marcos Metro Net will be moving to an ARES repeater.
5. Vivian W6NWF reported we have 113 members.
7. A written report on SANDARC from N6XT was read. He was instructed to vote yes on a SANDARC donation to Handi-Hams.
8. Steve W6TAN reported that all the Quiz Night

questions have been posted on the website.

9. More EARS brochures were put out at HRO.

10. The new EARS Articles of Association were approved at the last meeting by a 38-0 vote of the members present. Steve has posted it on the website.

11. Rob KI6SBL will order EARS lapel pins for sale to members.

12. One of the EARS radios will be moved from the home of W6MJM to the radio room at the Salvation Army.

13. There will be a demonstration for new hams each Saturday of VE testing after the test at the EARS radio room. The first session will be on March 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society

Membership Application and Renewal Form

Name _____

Call _____ Class _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone No _____ Date of Birth _____

E-mail Address _____

Date Licensed _____ Expires _____

Member of the following organizations?

ARES _____ ARRL _____

EVAC _____ MARS _____

Red Flag _____

Interests _____

Other _____

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 three repeaters in the Escondido area. The two meter EARS repeater is on 146.88 MHz with a PL of 107.2. The 220 MHz repeater is on 224.14 MHz (AE6GM repeater), minus offset, PL 156.7. The 440 EARS repeater is on 449.240 MHz with a PL of 127.3. The two meter and 440 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. Get your Club Badge from Glaser Bailey, 2015 South Escondido Blvd, 760-743-5551.

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.

EARS HATS, SHIRTS AND JACKETS - Hats, shirts and jackets are available with the EARS logo. Order them directly from Print World, 107 S. Andreasen Dr., Escondido, Ca. 92029 (Tel 760-747-6443). Just let them know you are part of the EARS club.

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.

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.

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.