

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

August 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. **No general meeting this month! See you at the picnic:**

Sunday, August 8 EARS Annual Picnic

It's time once again for the EARS annual picnic. As normal, it will take place at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido from 11:00 a.m. until about 3:00 p.m. EARS will be providing the essentials (i.e. burgers, sausages, buns, relishes etc.) Soft drinks and water will also be provided (BYOB, BYOW).

Those wishing to bring something to share are welcome to do so. Some suggestions are chips/salsa, salads, deserts, or some other side-dish. Of course you can always bring something more exotic if you wish! Don't forget to bring your sun-screen and hat, and a chair to sit on.

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Aug 8	EARS Yearly Picnic, 11:00 a.m.
Aug 14	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Aug 19	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Aug 28	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Sept 9	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Sept 17-19	ARRL Southwestern Division Convention
Sept 18	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Sept 25	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Sept 28	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.



Putting up the 20m yagi for the SSB station at Field Day.
The dog days of summer continue this month with the EARS Annual Picnic.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

Our annual EARS Picnic is coming up quick. Actually, as I write this article it is only 4 days away. This is why this article is so short. John N6EP expected me to have this to him by yesterday. I am too late to research everything I want to type so I encourage all of you to review the website and continue to thank Steve Venner W6TAN for doing such a great job keeping it updated.

I apologize profusely for not being better prepared. I offer only that a cold knocked me out for 2 weeks, just when I should have been writing this article.

See you Sunday,

73's

Robert J. Kitson, EARS President - 2010

PICNIC INFORMATION

by Doug, K6DAF

Well the year has really flown by and it time for our Annual Summer Picnic at the Rod Mcleod Park in Escondido. The date will be the 8th of August. Please check our website for a map. The event will start at 11:00 am till 3:00 pm. The club will provide hamburgers and hotdogs and soft drinks. If you prefer other beverages, thats OK. We would like everyone to bring one of the following: We figure around 30 people:

1. Chips and dips
2. Salads
3. Deserts
4. Side Dish

If you are going to provide one of the following please email me at k6daf@yahoo.com and let me know what you are bringing. Heard a rumor that Harry was going to bring his famous Chili. YUM YUM

NEW MEMBERS

by Steve, W6TAN and Viv, W6NWF

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

Robert Carlyle, KJ6HWW
Anita Carlyle, KJ6HWW
Steven Richards, KI6SBQ

WELCOME ABOARD!

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As of 1 August 2010, we have the following member totals:

Life : 49
Regular: 76
Total paid: 125

EARS ARRL STATUS

by Steve, W6TAN

Hi all,

As most of you should be aware by now, I'm in the process of updating the EARS membership database regarding your ARRL membership status.

The main reason for doing this is to determine our affiliation status within the ARRL. To keep our ARRL affiliation current, we must have 51% of our voting membership to be full or associate members of the ARRL.

With 124 voting EARS members, we need 63 of those to be ARRL members.

Until recently, we had no real way of checking what the current ARRL membership status was. Sure - we have the meeting sign-in sheets, but as we only have about a third of our membership attend the meetings, this would not be a good indication of how many ARRL members we have.

So to help determine this, I created a new field in the EARS database for ARRL membership, but when I checked the numbers a few weeks ago, we only had about 20 reported ARRL members.

Hence the reason I sent out an e-mail a week or so ago.

So far, I've received replies from only about 50% of the membership. Ideally, I would like this to be 100%!

So, if you have not already done so - could you please e-mail me stating if you are an ARRL member or not. Also, if you have EARS family membership, please let me know if your family member(s) are also ARRL members (full or associate).

E-mail: sbvenner@cox.net

Note: It doesn't matter if you are not an ARRL member, we don't mind... It's your choice. We just need to know for our annual report to the ARRL.

Many thanks for your time,
Steve Venner (W6TAN).

VENDOR SERVICES HELP NEEDED

from Ron, N6XT

EARS has volunteered to help with vendor services at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention this year, so if there are any EARS members who are able to provide assistance with this valuable service, please contact our SANDARC representative:

Ron Rosson, N6XT.
E-mail: ron@n6xt.org
Phone: (760) 749-1239

The vendor schedule is as follows:

- Friday 17th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday 18th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 19th - 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Note: Volunteers will not have to pay the convention registration. (Note that if they don't, they will not be eligible for any hourly or grand prize raffle tickets.)

Thanks in advance.
73, Ron N6XT

EXTRA CLASS THEORY COURSE

Instructor: Gordon, AE6QW
Location: First Lutheran Church of El Cajon
867 South Lincoln Ave.
El Cajon, CA 92020
House in the Back of the lot.

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Text: ARRL's

Sept. 14, 21 28; Oct. 12, 19, 26

To enroll Contact:
Mike Maston, N6OPH
Education Chairman
(619) 296-9067

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.

ALL EARS puzzle page

Hi all,

Here are the answers to last month's puzzle...

1, 4	N	U
1, 10	U	W
1, 13	W	A
3, 4	O	O
3, 14	Q	A
4, 7	K	A
4, 14	B	S
5, 9	I	I
5, 10	A	M
5, 11	E	B
5, 16	S	A
6, 7	J	Y
6, 9	X	T
6, 12	B	R
6, 15	E	E
8, 10	U	T
8, 15	S	C
9, 13	I	L
11, 15	O	R
12, 14	P	N
14, 16	O	T

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	T	C	F	N	P	I	M	Z	Q	U	T	P	W	L	M	C
2	H	A	D	G	J	L	T	W	R	Y	I	P	Z	O	C	B
3	E	S	C	O	N	D	I	D	O	A	X	H	M	Q	E	T
4	U	O	O	S	F	H	K	Z	X	M	V	V	N	B	C	Z
5	L	C	J	G	D	A	B	P	I	A	E	Y	R	W	G	S
6	C	I	D	N	F	H	J	Z	X	T	V	B	Q	N	E	R
7	C	E	M	A	R	Y	D	O	G	E	H	J	K	L	C	V
8	A	T	H	A	D	E	R	S	G	U	L	J	U	W	S	H
9	T	Y	A	L	I	T	T	L	E	R	A	D	I	O	Q	O
10	W	K	L	A	M	B	R	T	S	K	I	N	D	R	G	Z
11	S	I	X	X	B	K	F	I	N	T	N	S	W	B	O	N
12	T	G	S	I	L	R	F	K	C	Z	N	I	R	P	F	W
13	A	S	H	I	L	P	A	V	L	A	M	X	U	R	F	I
14	N	W	A	S	H	E	R	E	E	G	I	N	A	O	R	O
15	D	L	S	I	E	E	S	C	U	X	R	A	G	Q	S	T
16	A	L	P	H	A	B	R	A	V	O	D	E	L	T	A	M

Now arrange the letters to solve the following clue:

Lord Baden would be proud of this national event - which this year celebrates 100 years of collaboration between one of the world's largest youth organizations, and one of the world's greatest hobbies.

N A T I O N A L

S C O U T

J A M B O R E E

This month's puzzle is given on the next page.

Have fun & good luck!
Steve (W6TAN) & Gina (KI6UQP).

ALL EARS puzzle page (cont)

This month's puzzle is again a bit different...

First, identify the countries or entities represented by the given DX prefixes. Once you have identified each country or entity - determine its capital city, then enter the first letter of each of the capital cities into the shaded boxes provided.

For example:

GM		S	C	O	T	L	A	N	D		E	D	I	N	B	U	R	G	H
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Once you have found all of the letters - rearrange them to solve the main clue.

The answers will be published in next month's All EARS.

P4																			
CT																			
DZ																			
GT																			
EK																			
5H																			
JV																			
V7																			
5W																			

Now arrange the letters to solve the following clue:

This invaluable piece of amateur radio equipment could possibly be described as being stupid!

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SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE

--information provided by John N6EP

1. The opportunity drawing took in \$60+ in July. The drawing will probably be at the September meeting.
2. The Picnic is coming up August 8. Doug K6DAF volunteered to be at Rod McLeod Park at 7 a.m. to reserve our site. Sam N6SD will present a T-Hunt.
3. The September meeting will be a presentation by Joe Garza AB6RM on the USS Midway Museum and amateur station NI6IW.
4. Konrad N6UKO reported we have \$2,206.60 in savings, \$931.85 in our CD and \$1,628.04 in checking.
5. Harry W6YOO reported that the Salvation Army is training 50,000 volunteers to help clean the Gulf oil spill.
6. Rob KI6SBL relayed Ron N6XT's SANDARC report. EARS needs volunteers to help with vendor services at the Convention

7. Steve W6TAN reported on various improvements to the EARS website.
8. Marvin reported money spent on Field Day was \$148. Rob KI6SBL reported the Field Day T-Shirts sold out.
9. The net control schedule for the Sunday night net was settled as KG6DVE on the first and fourth Sundays, K6DAF on the second and W6YOO on the third. KI6SBL is backup.
10. K6DAF reported there is a new club in San Marcos, the SMARC. It will have a Technician class in August.
11. Jo KB6NMK reported that the CERT Net is using our repeater Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. then switching to simplex on 146.445.
12. Marvin W6MJM suggested we make a formal complaint to the telephone company building on Kalmia regarding RFI.

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.

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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.