

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

July 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, July 8
Field Day Wrapup

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

Jul 8	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Jul 17	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Jul 22	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Jul 31	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
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.



At the June meeting, Wild Bill, WB6BFG, and Ellen, N6UWW, presented a slide show of their participation in a DXpedition to Jersey Island. The program was very well received by all in attendance. Well done, Bill and Ellen!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

As I write this article the July EARS meeting is wide open. Please contact Doug, K6DAF, with your ideas for a meeting presentation. Harry, W6YOO, has offered a DVD showing the Midway DX Expedition. I have enjoyed watching a talk about the Midway expedition. I bet the DVD will be great.

Our July meeting will be this Thursday. I hope to see you there.

I want to thank all members who stepped forward to work on our Field Day activities. I was going to list all the people who helped, but I realized if I tried that I could miss someone. So, I am going to settle to mention the Band Captains and a couple others. If I do not opine on your input it does not mean I missed it or did not appreciate your help. We were all a team and together we enjoyed a smooth, productive, and educational weekend.

On single sideband we had Vince Sheetz, W6CD. At VHF/UHF was John Belstner, W9EN and Fred McDavitt, W6PVR. John Musselman, N6EP handled CW. Vivian Kitson, W6NWF and Teri Bloom W6TRB took special care of the GOTA station. A special thanks to Marvin Munster, W6MJM for keeping us well fed and Emmett Logan, KJ6CLP and Konrad Wellenda, N6UKO for making sure we had towers for our antennas.

Our annual EARS Picnic is coming up quick.

73's
Robert J. Kitson,
EARS President - 2010

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

from Steve, W6TAN

New members since last month

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

Roger Gagos, K6EQ
Larry Engel, KJ6GOQ
Thomas Lettington, N6TFL

WELCOME ABOARD!

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EARS NOW 501(C)(3)

from John, N6EP

The IRS has approved the EARS application for 501(c)(3) status. This means all donations to EARS are tax deductible. In return, all EARS expenditures must be for our stated charitable and educational purposes. Contact any Board member for details.



2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

September 17, 18 & 19, 2010

San Diego, California

Four Points Hotel Sheraton, San Diego

It's time for one of the best ARRL Conventions on the West Coast! Come see the Ham Gear and take in the sights of Sunny San Diego!

For up to date information about the Convention, please visit us at the website: www.sandarc.org/Click on Convention Button.

Contact Person: Paul KC6QLS at (619) 593-9445 or Email at kc6qls@cox.net

See you at the Convention!

HAM RADIO CLASSES

from Steve, AD6VI, San Diego Section Manager

(A) Instructor Training for Amateur Radio Licensing classes is tentatively scheduled for Friday evening, July 9th.

This 1-1/2 hour class will provide information on:

Scheduling a venue (Classroom)

Scheduling an Exam Team (Volunteer Examiners)

Recruiting Students

Preparing for the class

Teaching the class

Transitioning to the exam

Follow-up with the students to get them involved.

This class will be followed by:

(B) Technician License Class and Exam on July 17th,

(C) General License upgrade class on July 24th,

(D) Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) seminar on July 31st.

If interested in any of the the classes, please contact San Diego Section Manager, Steve Early, AD6VI at ad6vi@arrl.org.

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. A force which tends to cause electrons to flow...
2. I'm being interfered with, are you?
3. Perhaps it's time to go to the town center's mall.
4. A long distance diagnosis perhaps.
5. It's reported that this is Bob Bruninga's system.
6. In times of disaster – they are super.
7. Mark my words; you'll get spaced-out using this mode.
8. Your signal report's so bad – it's almost sinful.
9. Effectively, it's what comes out of your antenna...
10. Winning one of these could make you look like a star!
11. You have no control over this... It's all automatic.
12. The best radio 'club' in town.
13. We need people like Harry to sort the rest of them out.
14. What to use when 'green-stamps' won't do.
15. A Canadian invention which links the world.
16. Sadly, he can no longer send CW.
17. This is what she becomes once she's married.
18. You could spend a day at them when there's an emergency.
19. A layer 55-90 miles up.
20. You don't need to get all sensitive about this ratio.
21. It's really just a MODEM by another name.

E	M	F		
Q	R	M		
U	T	C		
D	X			
A	P	R	S	
A	R	E	S	
R	T	T	Y	
S	I	N	P	O
E	R	P		
O	S	C	A	R
A	G	C		
E	A	R	S	
V	E	C		
I	R	C		
I	R	L	P	
S	K			
X	Y	L		
R	A	C	E	S
E				
S	I	N	A	D
T	N	C		

Now arrange the letters in the shaded boxes to solve the following clue:

Allegedly, it's what the ARRL's field-day is really all about.

E	M	E	R	G	E	N	C	Y
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P	R	E	P	A	R	E	D	N	E	S	S
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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 a bit different - in that the letters needed to solve the main clue are already given to you in a grid. All you need to do is find them!

To do that, you take the given coordinates, and locate the appropriate letter from the grid. **Note however, for each coordinate pair - there are two possible letters.** For example, the first coordinate pair is [1, 4]. From the grid – this will either be “N” (1 down, 4 across), or “U” (1 across, 4 down).

Enter the letters in the boxes provided (the first one is done for you). Once you have found all of the letters - arrange them to solve the main clue, but remember that only half of the letters will be needed.

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

1, 4	N	U
1, 10		
1, 13		
3, 4		
3, 14		
4, 7		
4, 14		
5, 9		
5, 10		
5, 11		
5, 16		
6, 7		
6, 9		
6, 12		
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	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.

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SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE

--information provided by John N6EP

1. Konrad N6UKO reported that we may be over-spending. There was some discussion. Konrad will report on our income and expenses for the first quarter when he has the information organized. Konrad reported that our CD renews on June 30.

2. Marvin is ready to donate the antenna to the Club now that we have the 501(c)(3). Jeff AE6GM reported that somebody was throwing the breaker at the 220 site. Jeff put a lock on it. We have permission to raise the 220 antenna. Jeff may organize a work party this summer.

3. Viv W6NWF reported we have 121 members.

4. Jeff AE6GM reported that at least five EARS members worked or will work at the San Diego County Fair. Ron N6XT should have the information on our duties as vendor services at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention in September.

5. Steve W6TAN reported on website updates. He needs the amended wording for the By-Laws approved at our last meeting.

6. John N6EP reported that the opportunity drawing was held at the last meeting. We took in \$174 and paid \$130. The drawing was won by Teri W6TRB.

7. Rob KI6SBL presented the EARS Field Day T-Shirts.

8. Dirk N6SUN and Rob KI6SBL will inform the City of our new 501(c)(3) status.

9. There was discussion of the net control schedule.

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.

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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.

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