

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

March 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, March 11 EARS Quiz Night

Part 1: 2010 ARRL Southwest Division Convention Overview - by Mike Maston N6OPH.

Part 2: Quiz Night - presented by Steve Venner W6TAN.

Thursday, April 8 EARS Annual Auction

Mark your calendar now.

This annual event is well attended and not to be missed. 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.’

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Mar 11	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Mar 18	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Mar 20	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Mar 27	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Apr 8	EARS Annual Auction
Apr 15	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Apr 17	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Apr 24	VE Testing, 9 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Emmett Logan, KJ6CLP
Robert Arnold, KJ6DYG
Theresa Arnold, KJ6EMS
John Magnone, KG6DVE (returning member)

WELCOME ABOARD!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

Field Day 2010

We Need You! Please join us on March 25 (7pm) at the Salvation Army for our first Field Day Planning meeting. Field Day is one of our most prominent annual activities as a club. On June 25 and 26, we will contact radio stations without the benefit of community electricity. We invite the public to join us up at a Dixon Lake to learn why and how amateur radio operators are their first line of communications in an emergency where power and cell towers are knocked out.

I have been volunteered to be this year's Field Day Chairman, so please feel free to contact me with questions or ideas. I encourage all new members to attend as many planning meetings as possible. We are working on getting EARS Field Day T-shirts and pins.

EARS Net

Every Sunday night at 8pm we meet on the EARS repeater to discuss the upcoming events of EARS and the activities of our weeks. If you have not tried it, you do not know what you're missing. However, we have been getting complaints of it being too long, starting too late, and to some it is simply boring.

While the Net cannot please all the people all the time, we can try to make it more palatable for everyone. To that end, John Magnone, KG6DVE will be starting Escondido Trivia when he takes over Net Control on Sunday, March 28th.

Every fourth Sunday, John will be Net Control and he will ask everyone a question on Escondido history. To be better prepared to answer the question you can listen in on the Sundays he is not Net Control for hints on the question he will ask. This idea and others to make Sunday Night Net more exciting is ever evolving, so check in each week to see what we're up to.

For those who have asked, we are working on an earlier Net. If you're looking for an earlier Net, please contact me with the best time for you. I am thinking about having an unofficial Net each Sunday night at 6 or 7pm.

Well, that is all I have for now. EARS is an amazing club, join us at our functions.

73,
Rob

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UPCOMING UPGRADE CLASS

Info provided by Vince, W6CD

Two Day General Upgrade Class:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 20th, 2010, with breaks and a one-hour lunch. 8 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 (finish-up)

Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1917 E Washington Ave., Escondido, CA 92027 (Cross street is Fern St.)

Class is Free

SANDARC VE Testing, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27th, 2010 costs \$5

Please RSVP with Steve Early at ad6vi@cox.net to ensure enough materials and seats.

Get-On-the Air Seminar:

March 27, 2010, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1917 E Washington Ave., Escondido, CA 92027

Cost: Seminar is Free

Please RSVP with Steve Early at ad6vi@cox.net to ensure enough materials and seats.

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.

SDPC BACKS HAMS

-- from the San Diego DX Club

February 25 results from the San Diego Planning Commission:

With over 85 attendees in opposition to the San Diego's proposed restrictive amateur radio ordinance, the Planning Commission voted 6 to 0 against the staff's draft (in our favor), recommending that the City Council reject the proposal as too restrictive. The Planning Commission also recommended that the Council require the City staff to work with various stakeholder groups (namely the San Diego DX Club) in order to re-write the ordinance so that restrictions are loosened enabling higher, by-right, amateur antenna support structures and that those seeking taller structures not be required to pay exorbitant fees and deposits. Hams presented a compelling case regarding the services provided to the City, the technical aspects requiring greater heights and the potential effects of the onerous permitting process proposed by staff. Representatives and members of CalE*M*A, CalFire, the San Diego Yacht Club, Scripps Hospitals, Palomar Hospital, SANDARC, the Boy Scouts of America, VOAD, CERT, ARRL, Red Cross, and ARES, as well as former police and FCC representatives, and many more, took part in a hearing that went approximately three hours.

From here, the City staff will either (1) modify the ordinance provisions on their own in order to resolve the issues described by the Planning Commissioners before going to the City Council, (2) come back to us for additional suggestions/compromise on the terms of the ordinance before going to the City Council, or (3) proceed directly to the City Council with no further revision in order to seek approval of their current proposed ordinance. The wait time to get to the Council can be as short as a month from now, or several months into the future, depending on the staff's choice.

Even though only two representatives in favor of the ordinance appeared, the staff and the NIMBY ordinance proponents now have the benefit of knowing what we bring to the table and will likely try to counteract our efforts more vigorously at the Council hearing (Date: To Be Determined). We cannot let down our guard and must be sure to have as strong a showing, or stronger, when the Council hears the matter.

The complete video of the San Diego Planning Commission Meeting is posted at www.sddxc.org/tower/index.

SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY

--information provided by John N6EP

1. Konrad N6UKO reported that our checking account is now \$2,044.12.
2. Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 repeater is back up after power was cut off.
3. Doug K6DAF reported that the March meeting will be an update on the ARRL Southwest Division Convention followed by Quiz Night.
4. Steve W6TAN reported that we will have the Opportunity drawing at the March meeting.
5. Ron N6XT reported that operators are needed for the Del Mar Fair. SANDARC meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month.
7. Steve W6TAN reported that the proposed Articles of Association would be sent to all members so that it can be voted on at the next meeting.
8. Rob KI6SBL mentioned the upcoming Defender Bowl, an annual football game between Marines and

Police to be held Feb 27. EARS will man a booth.

9. Doug K6DAF reported on the ongoing San Marcos Metro Net which meets each Monday at 7 p.m. on the EARS repeater.

10. Rob KI6SBL agreed to be the Chairman for Field Day with Dirk N6SUN as co-chair. The planning meetings will be on the fourth Thursdays of the month, starting in March. Emmett KJ6CLP offered the use of his tower trailer.

11. There was a discussion regarding carpooling to the San Diego Planning Commission hearing on the proposed antenna ordinance.

12. A letter from Pamela Lennen of the San Diego Salvation Army was read. She sent information on FEMA online courses which are available.

13. It was mentioned that John KG6DVE would like to take one Sunday Net per month and has some ideas on improving the Net.

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.