

# ALL EARS

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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, May 13 Emergency Communications

Presented by Terry Runyon, K3PXX. Terry is a great speaker and you will enjoy this program.

Will include a brief update on the status of CERT in Escondido, given by John McNelly AF6UA.

## EVENT CALENDAR

**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 27 Field Day Planning meeting 7 p.m.  
May 29 VE Testing, 9 a.m.

**Jun 10** EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Jun 17 EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Jun 19 Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.  
**Jun 25-27** FIELD DAY  
Jun 26 VE Testing, 9 a.m.

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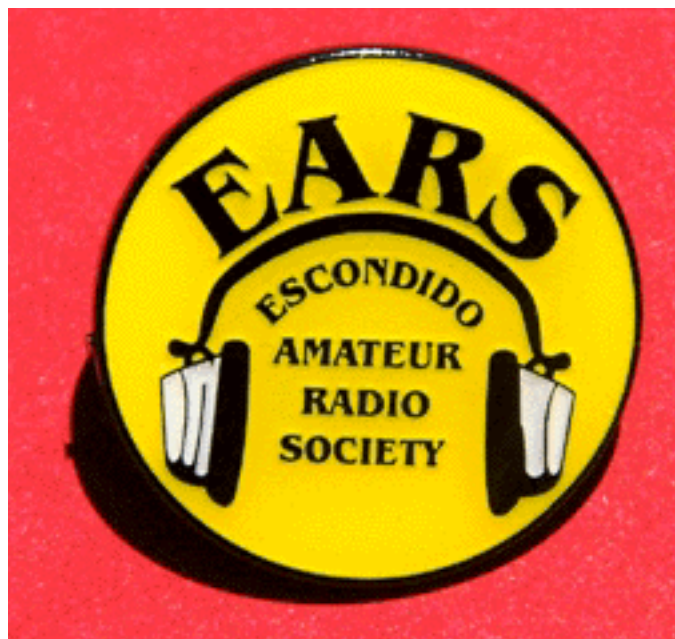
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## The Escondido Amateur Radio Society

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.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

I mentioned within my first EARS article as your President: grow membership; increase monthly meeting attendance; and, stronger public relations.

### Membership

Our membership is up to 119. Not quite where I hoped it would be, but we are a club where one first must be interested in amateur radio even before we can get them in EARS. So, how do we get our name in front on new amateur radio enthusiasts? We do it by continuing to have our brochures at HRO where the new hams are shopping for their equipment. We maintain a presence at the monthly FCC testing as EARS members volunteer their time and make sure our brochure is available.

In the spirit of May's new beginnings, I ask we start something new. Let's start showing off our radios and hobby to all whom we come in contact with. I am certain we all do this already, but I am asking that we step it up a notch and see if we can spark our interest into the lives of our friends and families. When all other communications fail, amateur radio steps up, please share this with all.

### Monthly Meeting Attendance

Well, I am dropping the ball on increasing monthly attendance. The only way I know how to increase attendance is to continually do 2 things properly: 1) Make sure the presentations are interesting: 2) Announce it early and often. Doug came through for May's meeting by getting us a great presentation on Emergency Services. All I had to do was send out email reminders and get my article to John early. Well, I forgot to send out reminders and poor John is not getting this article until 6pm on Sunday, May 9, 2010. That is hardly a reasonable time for you all to prepare to attend.

However, maybe this month you all will prove me wrong. I am hoping you all have faith in my and Doug's ability to put on a good meeting and not need reminders. I ask each of you to consider putting each month's EARS meeting in all of your calendars and come to each meeting you're able to attend because you know Doug and I have it covered and we will make sure each meeting is entertaining while being informative and hopefully educational.

### Stronger Public Relations

Each year ARRL gives all affiliated amateur clubs an opportunity to shine. It is called Field Day. June 26, 2010 at 11:00am we will start communicating with the world from 4 stations on Dixon Lake. Then over the next 24 hours we will offer any persons inter-

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ested an opportunity to **Get On The Air**. We do this for our practice and to let our local community know what EARS is and what we do.

I will be inviting community leaders and writing press releases for all local newspaper, radio and television stations. To this end, I am scheduled to be interviewed on the "Community Spotlight" May 28, 2010

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## 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](http://www.sandarc.org/Click on Convention Button).**

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

**See you at the Convention!**

### THE NEW EARS WEEKLY BRUNCH

by Steve, W6TAN

So you all know about the EARS monthly breakfast which takes place on the third Saturday of the month, but how many of you know about the EARS weekly brunch? For the last couple of months, there's been an informal gathering of EARS folks for brunch every Sunday at Major Market's BBQ on South Centre City Parkway.

The gathering starts at around 10:30, and goes on until the last person leaves... Major Market's BBQ offers tri-tip sandwiches, chicken, ribs sausages etc., all very good quality, and excellent value for money. Feel free to come along and say "Hi!", you never know who you'll bump into.



### EARS MEMBERSHIP

by Viv, W6NWF and Steve, W6TAN

EARS Membership as of 30 April 2010:

Life: 48

Regular: 70

Total paid: 118

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

John Landen, KJ6GOV

Robert Todd, KJ6RET

Loren Hunt, AD6ZJ (returning member)

WELCOME ABOARD!

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONT'D)

by Robert, KI6SBL, President

at 10:30am. The "Community Spotlight" is an Internet radio service on [SignOnSanDiego.com](http://SignOnSanDiego.com):

[www.signonsandiego.com/news/sdradio](http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/sdradio)

That is all I have right now. June is a huge month for EARS so I better get started on that article now.

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

# ALL EARS puzzle page

Hi all, and welcome to the first All EARS puzzle page...

This brain-teaser should be fairly easy to solve – All you need to do is answer the cryptic clues to identify the US states or Canadian provinces.

Enter the 2-letters representing the state or province into the boxes provided.

Once you have found all of the states/provinces, take the letters from the shaded boxes, and arrange them to solve the main clue.

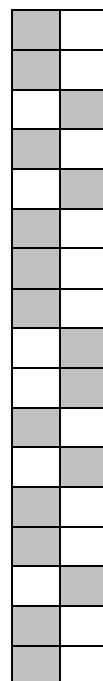
Easy huh?

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

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

## Find the states or provinces:

1. They say happy cows' come from here...
2. Ask AI which state he could be from.
3. It almost sounds as if this state is unwell.
4. You could gamble on doing well in this state.
5. The Earl of Wessex's Island perhaps?
6. A good state in which to say "Hello" - kind of.
7. In this state, you can't tell if the women are married or single.
8. North of the border - 2011 years ago.
9. Not quite North, not quite East... Somewhere in between.
10. Christopher's town is this state's capital.
11. It's not a California city - It's a state!
12. The first state and not quite the smallest.
13. I've got this state on my mind - so the song says.
14. It would appear that there's no more gold in this state.
15. --, myself and I lived in this state perhaps?
16. The sound of the bell is cut short here.
17. You would be almost wise to live here perhaps?



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

Doing well in this challenging amateur activity can put you in a good position within the league.

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## SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR APRIL

### --information provided by John N6EP

1. Konrad N6UKO reported that we made \$89 at the auction. He also reported that our checking account is now \$2,589.30, savings is \$2,192.96 and the CD has \$931.28.

2. Jeff AE6GM reported that the 220 repeater is working, but that he needs to find a communications monitor we can borrow so he can make adjustments. Steve W6TAN reported there is a buzz on Echolink that he is looking into.

3. Viv W6NWF reported we have 116 members, including two new members.

4. Steve W6TAN reported the website has been updated. In addition, he is switching from Java from PHP. Steve will send some bad email addresses to Rob and Viv so they can contact the members for current emails.

5. No response has been received yet to the 1023 application.

6. One person showed up at the radio room for the new new licensee class and the class was very helpful to them. The class will continue.

7. There was a discussion of the raffle. John N6EP will sell the tickets at meetings. On a motion by Steve W6TAN and second by John N6EP, funds were allocated for the next prize(s).

8. John N6EP gave a short overview of the upcoming ARRL Southwest Division Convention to be held in San Diego in September.

## 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](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. 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](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.

**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](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.

**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).