

# ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

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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, November 11 Desecheo Island

The K5D DXpedition video, entitled, "Desecheo---so rare, so near, yet so far" is full of exciting footage of the helicopter trips, the island from the air, camp set up and takedown, pileups you won't believe, an inside look into the logistics of a big DXpedition, interviews with key team members and of course, humor.

### Saturday, December 11 Escondido Christmas Parade and EARS Annual Christmas Party

No Club meeting this month. Contact Konrad N6UKO to volunteer with EARS at the Escondido Christmas Parade. Afterwards, we will have our annual Christmas Party, once again at the home of John W9EN and Lynne Belstner. Details in next month's All EARS.

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## EVENT CALENDAR

<b>Nov 11</b>	<b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</b>
Nov 18	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov 20	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Nov 27	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>Escondido Christmas Parade</b>
<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>EARS Annual Christmas Party</b>
Dec 16	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Dec 18	EARS Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Dec 25	Merry Christmas, no VE Testing



Where is Desecheo Island? Come to the meeting to find out.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL

Where do I begin? What an amazing year. It technically started at last year's Christmas Party. I still clearly remember Steve Venner W6TAN ceremoniously passing the reigns over as he handed me the EARS gavel. That night I had no idea what I was getting myself into. As your EARS president I was prepared to helm the monthly regular and board meetings. While I was continually late, I was ready to write the monthly All EARS articles. But I did not expect to end the year with a new found respect for EARS, its members, and the HAM radio universe overall.

### EARS

Formed in the 1970's the Escondido Amateur Radio Society was established to help all amateur radio enthusiasts enjoy their pastime as a group. Over the decades, it evolved into the club it is today. While I am very proud of my efforts to help EARS earn it's 501(c)(3), I want to again publicly thank Dirk Reschly N6SUN and his family for their skills and determination in getting the paperwork filed and ultimately approved. Now EARS can accept donations and allow the donor an opportunity to earn tax breaks from their donation. This will allow EARS to potentially last for more decades into the future.

### EARS Members

If I wrote one sentence for each EARS member that has shown me and my wife respect and a willingness to help the All EARS issue would be hundreds of pages long. Before I was President I had witnessed EARS members gather at Major David's house and a few hours later he had a working antenna and radio up and running. When I was President, I heard about many such activities where EARS members got together to help each other. We are a vibrant club with a great familial feel.

I thank all the members who helped Vivian put up her antennas and who worked with myself and Doug K6DAF to organize our meetings these past 11 months. I hope you all enjoyed our presentations as much as Doug and I had organizing them. I hope John N6EP will continue with the EARS Auction and Scary Ham Stories.

One major example of how EARS members come together is our annual Field Day. I had the pleasure of being your Chairperson this past year. I was amazed and grateful at how smoothly it came together. EARS Field Day fails without each of you and your support. Thank you.

### The HAM Radio Universe

I had always known the HAM Radio Universe was vast, but until Vivian W6NWF started trying to get all states and 100 countries, I had no idea how huge it truly is. Any given day at any time, a HAM can surf the bands and find a fellow HAM to talk to. I am thrilled everytime Vivian tells she made a new contact. That being said, the HAM Universe is as local as it is vast. Locally EARS is a member of SANDARC. This year SANDARC had it's Convention in San Diego.

The Convention can be called a success, but in my opinion SANDARC made many mistakes. Surprised to see these mistakes I researched SANDARC itself only to find it's website was dated and wholly inaccurate. This gave me a desire to attend a SANDARC meeting. I attended the October SANDARC meeting and I am compelled to say that I was not impressed. SANDARC can and should be a great council to help all the Amateur Radio clubs in San Diego county, but now it is a shell of it's once great organization.

I try not to complain without having a suggestion to correct the problem. I hereby ask John N6EP and the 2011 EARS board to allow me to be an EARS SANDARC Delegate for 2011. While I cannot promise to change it over night, I can pledge to be a standard bearer for SANDARC to follow proper procedures.

### Thank You

I sincerely thank all EARS members for helping me have a great year as your president. I could not have done it without your support. I cannot thank everyone for everything each of you did; however, I must single out three of my strongest advocates. First, I want to thank Steve Venner for sharing his wisdom and experiences. I would have fallen flat on my face on many occasions had he not been there. Secondly, I would like to thank Doug Ferris for his work on the Auction, Picnic, and preparing all our presentations.

Last, but extremely far from least, I want to thank my number one supporter, my inspiration, and my love of my life, Vivian. She kept me going when I was tired or angry. Her love of the radio is contagious and I am grateful for all she does.

Thank you all for a great year.

Rob

## OPERATING DAY IN SAN MARCOS

-- by Dennis Baca KD6TUJ

OPERATING DAY  
Sunday, November 14, 2010  
DOUBLE PEAK PARK  
900 Double Peak Drive  
San Marcos  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

HOSTED BY PALOMAR AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
[www.palomararc.org](http://www.palomararc.org)  
contact Ron K2RP (760) 436-8109

Come operate on the ham bands at the park above it all. Sweeping 360° views. Picnic area and basic facilities. 70cm, 2m, 6m, 10m, 15m, 20m

## THAT'S WHY THEY CALL THEM DUES

-- by John, N6EP

Yes, it's that time of year again. All of our hallowed traditions - pumpkin pie, gift-giving, family and friends and of course, the EARS thong.

Oh yes, and it's time to renew your membership in your favorite Club devoted to your favorite hobby.

It's either that or be shunned in the New Year as a scurrilous deadbeat. Don't let such a horrible fate befall you. Renew now! Just fork over to any Club officer, mail it in or bring it to the meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

by Viv, W6NWF

EARS Membership:

Life : 49  
Regular: 78  
Total paid: 127

### 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.

## PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST 2011

-- from Peter VE7REZ/W6

The Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Palm Springs (Desert RATS) and Palm Springs DX Club are inviting you and your group's members to attend "Palm Springs Hamfest 2011"... January 29, 2011.

We would like your help in making this year's event surpass the 600 attendee mark to beat last years event! The mild desert weather is perfect at that time of year. Make it a club outing!

Our Swap Meet was a big draw last year as well, with over 40 vendors selling their wares. There is room for more so bring your stuff (no fee charged to sellers means better prices for you!) We have a consignment table with experienced Hams selling for you if you want us to sell your gear for a small fee. We almost sold out last year.

Lest I forget, we have a gourmet food service at a bargain price. Raffles every hour. Our event is all about great deals in these tough times.

This year we'll have ICOM, Yaesu, HRO, DX Store, Byonics, RF Stuff, AMSAT, ARRL, Alpine Antennas and more...the list is getting longer - check our website for up to date announcements at

<http://desertrats.am>

We will also be participating in Winter Field Day and having a Special Events Station that day. Come join us for a fun Day with some great buying opportunities! It is worth the drive! Meet Gordon West, Clint Bradford, "the Satellite Guy", Leo Meyers and all the ARRL guys from our Division. I look forward to seeing you at our 2nd annual ARRL Sanctioned Palm Springs Hamfest January 29, 2011

73 ....Peter VE7REZ/W6, 760-318-0186, Twitter name: hamradio

President — Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Palm Springs "The Desert RATS"

PS: JAMFEST volunteers needed... if you play an instrument come and play for us solo or jam with others from mid afternoon to Happy Hour! We may stream it on U-TUBE/USTREAM call me at 760-318-0186 and let me know if you will join the fun and maybe get discovered hi hi!

## SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR OCTOBER

### --information provided by John N6EP

1. Rob KI6SBL reported that the October meeting was well attended and enjoyed, as was the going-away party for the Venners. The November meeting will be a review of the year, voting for the new officers and a video.

2. It was reported that the California QSO Party operation at Dixon Lake was cancelled.

3. Konrad N6UKO reported \$1,126.57 in the checking account, \$932.56 in savings and \$2,211.61 in the CD.

4. Although not a Club function, it was reported that EARS members donated \$67 to the Salvation Army mission to Haiti.

5. Jeff AE6GM reported that a repeater is being tested on 220, co-channel to the EARS 220 repeater. He would appreciate any member reports of reception of the other repeater.

6. Jeff also reported that plans to move our antenna were postponed due to rain. A new amplifier for the 220 repeater was discussed.

7. Harry W6YOO reported on the 2010 Great Shakeout earthquake preparedness drill.

8. There was a discussion regarding whether EARS should continue as a member of SANDARC. It was decided to remain in the organization.

9. Steve W6TAN reported on website updates.

10. The Annual Christmas Party will be on December 11 at the home of John W9EN and Lynne Belstner in Valley Center. The format will be the same as in past years.

11. Teri W6TRB and John W9EN discussed the January program which will be a kit-building demonstration.

## 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).