

ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

October 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, October 14 Solar Energy & Emergency Preparedness (SLEEP)

Presented by Bob Todd, KJ6RET.

The presentation will include a practical explanation of how to use solar energy for off-grid mobile and portable applications, and the use of modeling software to design critical emergency systems.

It promises to be a very interesting presentation, we hope to see you all there!

Thursday, November 11 To Be Announced

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 14	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Oct 16	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Oct 21	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Oct 30	VE Testing, 9 a.m.
Nov 11	EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Nov 18	EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Nov 20	Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
Nov 27	VE Testing, 9 a.m.



The Convention is history, but the EARS contingent was huge. Did you attend? Most of the club did. The next Convention in San Diego will be in 2014.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Robert, KI6SBL

I truly enjoy the comradery the position of EARS President provides. As President, most EARS members know who I am and come right up to me to discuss something important to themselves. I get to know a little bit about a lot of different people. There is not one member of EARS that I would speak poorly of.

EARS is an amazing Club for people who enjoy an outstanding hobby. May your God Bless each and every one of you.

I am honored at how you all came together to hold a fun and sincere farewell for two of our own as they face the unknown future. While we will miss Steve and Gina Venner, I am thrilled to know when they do leave they will, and do, know they are loved and appreciated.

It is under the knowledge we can all make a difference I ask each of you to consider dropping a cash donation in the bucket Vivian made for Major David's trip to Haiti. The funds will go strictly to providing text books for his training of the Missionary Workers dealing with the stress of the situation. Please give what you can. The bucket will only be there for the October meeting.

73,

Robert J. Kitson, KI6SBL

MEMBERSHIP

by Steve, W6TAN, and Viv, W6NWF

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

Matt Wilbur, NM6W (ne AF6ZA)

WELCOME ABOARD SIR!

EARS Membership:

Life : 49
Regular: 77
Total paid: 126

EXTRA CLASS THEORY COURSE

This class is midway through, but may yet be of help if you're looking to upgrade to Extra:

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

HELP A BOY SCOUT

from Steve, AD6VI

Tim Higgins, KJ6BWX, is heading up a Radio Merit Badge program in conjunction with the JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) Station at Camp Balboa, BSA, in Balboa Park, this Saturday, October 16th. Tim is looking for Amateur Radio operators to assist with the Get On The Air portion of the program, as well as additional Radio Merit Badge Counselors.

Tim may be contacted at kj6bwx@arrl.net

At the same time, Steve Lamprides, K6SCL, is looking to folks to contact via the JOTA Station.

Steve can be reached at k6scl@arrl.net for more information.

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.

SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER

--information provided by John N6EP

1. Doug K6DAF reported that the September meeting was well attended and enjoyed, with 37 members present. October's meeting will be about SLEEP (SoLar Energy & Emergency Preparedness) – to be presented by Bob Todd, KJ6RET.

2. Robert KI6SBL stated that there is \$900 in the checking account, and about \$2,200 in savings and \$900 in the CD.

3. Doug K6DAF will e-mail the membership asking for donations for manuals for an emotional wellness class Major David will be teaching to missionaries in Haiti.

4. Jeff AE6GM reported that nothing has changed at the 220 repeater. Vivian W6NWF reported that Echolink is working OK. Marvin W6MJM reported he is getting the 2m antenna ready to donate.

4. Harry W6YOO reported that ARES will be discussing go kits.

5. Ron N6XT will be organizing our participation doing vendor services at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention.

6. Steve W6TAN reported on website updates. The website now has an exam request form.

7. We still need to find the cost of a new winch for the tower trailer.

8. EARS member Roger Gagos K6EQ and Rob KI6SBL will be giving an interview for Community Spotlight Radio regarding EARS and the ARRL Convention.

9. Steve W6TAN reported on the planning meeting for the California QSO Party operation at Dixon Lake.

10. It was reported that EARS participation in the Grape Day Parade went well.

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.