

# ALL EARS

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Official Newsletter of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society - N6WB

September 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, Sept 9 USS Midway

Joe Garza, AB6RM, has been a volunteer at the USS Midway Museum for over 5 years, being the lead for restoration of several radio rooms at the museum and activation of Midway ham radio station N16IW three years ago.

Joe will talk about the great experiences of being a Midway volunteer and about restoring the Midway Museum radio rooms and antenna systems, as well as operating ham station N16IW. He will also cover some of the ongoing volunteer radio work and operations on several ships of the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

This looks to be a great presentation.

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

## EVENT CALENDAR

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| <b>Sept 9</b> | <b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</b> |
| Sept 11       | Grape Day Parade                       |
| Sept 16       | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.             |
| Sept 17-19    | ARRL Southwestern Division Convention  |
| Sept 18       | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.      |
| Sept 25       | VE Testing, 9 a.m.                     |
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| <b>Oct 14</b> | <b>EARS Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.</b> |
| Oct 16        | Ears Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.      |
| Oct 21        | EARS Board Meeting, 7 p.m.             |
| Oct 30        | VE Testing, 9 a.m.                     |



The Impulse Electronics booth at the 2006 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in San Diego. This month brings the Convention back to San Diego. Look for Impact owner and EARS member Marvin W6MJM there again!

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## JOE GARZA, AB6RM

info provided by himself

So that you know a little about our next presenter, here is a brief biography he sent us:

Enlisted in U. S. Navy in 1955, served four years as a Radioman aboard a destroyer in the Pacific Fleet. Received a commission as an Ensign in 1964, served on a major communications relay ship, an amphibious command ship, and several naval communications stations in Europe, South America, and in California. Retired as Operations Officer from Naval Communications Station San Diego in 1981.

Since then have been employed by several corporations as a systems analyst working on command, control, and communications systems of the Navy and Department of Defense.

Originally licensed as a Novice Class operator in 1954, was inactive in ham radio for 25 years, then became re-engaged after retirement from U. S. Navy.

Have been a volunteer on USS Midway Museum for over 5 years, being the lead for restoration of several radio rooms on the Museum and activation of Midway ham radio station NI6IW three years ago. Also a volunteer at the Maritime Museum of San Diego, leading the activation of and trustee of ham radio station NS6OI on board the 3 masted barque Star of India, Submarine Museums USS Dolphin and Soviet Foxtrot Class B-39 Cobra.

Will make presentation about the great experiences of being a Midway volunteer and restoring the Midway Museum radio rooms and antenna systems as well as operating ham station NI6IW. Will also cover some of the ongoing volunteer radio work and operations on several ships of the Maritime Museum of San Diego.

## MEMBERSHIP

by Steve, W6TAN, and Viv, W6NWF

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

Jerry Davis, WA6JER

Jerry has been a member since 2009, but somehow his details were not added to the EARS database

WELCOME ABOARD SIR!

## EARS Club Officers for 2010

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EARS Membership:

Life : 49  
Regular: 76  
Total paid: 125

## UPSIDE DOWN NEWS

from Lionel, VK3NM/VK6DC/M0LKC

The Wireless institute of Australia, being the oldest radio society in the world, formed in 1910, is celebrating its 100 years with a special callsign, VK100WIA, until the end of October. Various radio clubs throughout Australia will operate on a roster basis. A very nice certificate is available for obtaining the required number of points, i.e. 100 for VK stations and for DX stations 50 points are required. 10 points for working any VK100WIA station and 5 points for working any WIA Member. Full details can be found by logging onto [www.wia.org.au](http://www.wia.org.au)

For those who are interested in LF, Drew, VK3XU, is running a beacon on 507 Khz during the weekends around 02:00 to 11:00 UTC using a special experimental callsign of AX2VKW. He has been received over most of VK and ZL. If you hear the beacon, a report can be sent to me, [vk3nm@people.net.au](mailto:vk3nm@people.net.au), and I will pass it on to Drew.

Finally, a group of U's are planning a DXpedition to Deal Island, halfway between VK3 and VK7 in Base strait. The island is on the IOTA list and is populated by 2 lighthouse keepers and 100s of tiger and copperhead snakes. The callsign used may be VK7ID and they are planning to go around March 2011 - More details later this year.

73, Lionel

## WANTED

by Steve, W6TAN

Wanted: A few good men (or women)

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Hi all,

It's that time of the year again when we have to start thinking about EARS club officers for 2011.

We currently have several positions available, so if you're man enough (or woman enough), and want to get an idea as to what goes on behind the scenes - please contact the Nominating Committee Chairman (Steve Venner, W6TAN) for more details.

Email: [w6tan@earsclub.org](mailto:w6tan@earsclub.org)  
Phone: (760) 737-0755

## VENDOR SERVICES HELP NEEDED

from Ron, N6XT

EARS has volunteered to help with vendor services at the ARRL Southwest Division Convention this year, so if there are any EARS members who are able to provide assistance with this valuable service, please contact our SANDARC representative:

Ron Rosson, N6XT.  
E-mail: [ron@n6xt.org](mailto:ron@n6xt.org)  
Phone: (760) 749-1239

The vendor schedule is as follows:

- Friday 17th - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday 18th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 19th - 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Note: Volunteers will not have to pay the convention registration. (Note that if they don't, they will not be eligible for any hourly or grand prize raffle tickets.)

Thanks in advance.  
73, Ron N6XT

## 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...

P	4		A	R	U	B	A		O	R	A	N	J	E	S	T	A	D							
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Now arrange the letters to solve the following clue:

This invaluable piece of amateur radio equipment could possibly be described as being stupid!

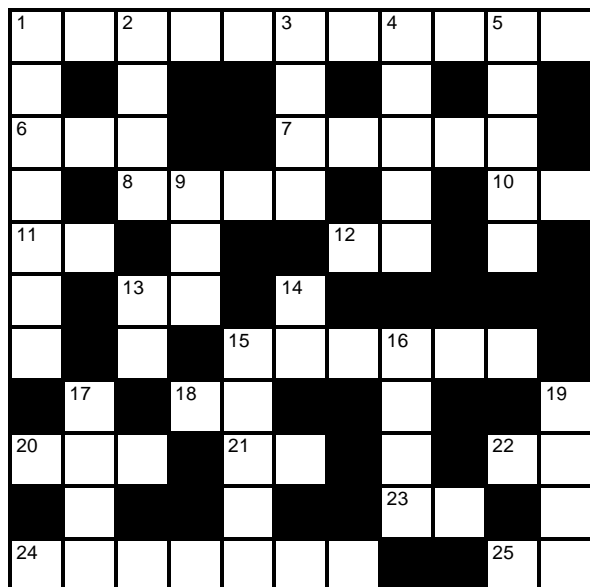
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This month's puzzle is given on the next page, and is a straight-forward geographical crossword puzzle. Let's see how good all you DX hounds are!

Have fun & good luck!

Steve (W6TAN) & Gina (K16UQP).

# ALL EARS puzzle page (cont)



## Across

- 1 A place to sit, relax and enjoy a great mountainous view. (11)
- 6 Former Portuguese territory on India's west coast. (3)
- 7 A West Yorkshire city well known for textiles. (5)
- 8 Possibly the nicest place in France. (4)
- 10 The only US state made up entirely of islands (2)
- 11 Smallest US state (by area). (2)
- 12 Only 4 letters are used in this Southern state's name. (2)
- 13 The 'Show Me' state. (2)
- 15 An island divided (capital Nicosia). (6)
- 18 Christopher's town is this state's capital city. (2)
- 20 A Koan would call this Greek island home. (3)
- 21 Quasimodo went to University in this state. (2)
- 22 Mid-West state (capital Madison) (2)
- 23 This state is the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states. (2)
- 24 A place famous for its falls, dividing the US & Canada. (7)
- 25 What a state we're in. (2)

## Down

- 1 North-African country, formerly under French rule. (7)
- 2 Persia by another name. (4)
- 3 World's longest river (4)
- 4 (& 16 down) Famous landmark in central Australia (5 & 4)
- 5 Four cities around the world. Choose one to have your breakfast cereal. (5)
- 9 (& 19 down) This island was charted as Sulphur Island during Captain Cook's third surveying voyage. (3 & 4)
- 13 This state has the longest freshwater shoreline of any political subdivision in the world. (2)
- 14 Home to a city of the same name. (2)
- 15 A fragile country perhaps? (5)
- 16 See 4 down.
- 17 Vast Mongolian desert. (4)
- 19 See 9 down.

## SUMMARY OF EARS BOARD MEETING FOR AUGUST

### --information provided by John N6EP

1. The September meeting will be a presentation by Joe Garza AB6RM on the USS Midway Museum and amateur station NI6IW.
2. Doug K6DAF reported that the picnic went well. \$111.38 was spent out of a \$130 budget.
3. The opportunity drawing took in \$30 at the picnic. The drawing will probably be at the September meeting. A \$25 gift certificate has been added to the raffle.
4. Jeff AE6GM reported in an email that John W9EN brought a communications monitor to the 220 repeater and the repeater levels were adjusted.
5. Konrad N6UKO reported we have \$1,334.45 in checking.
6. Harry W6YOO reported that ARES attendance is going down.
7. Rob KI6SBL relayed Ron N6XT's SANDARC

- report. EARS has 6 volunteers to help with vendor services at the Convention. More can be used. Volunteers get free admission.
8. Steve W6TAN reported on various improvements to the EARS website. The for sale and wanted ads have been reinstated.
  9. Konrad N6UKO reported that the club's tower trailer was damaged at Field Day. He will check on the cost of a new winch.
  10. Konrad N6UKO will call members for volunteers for the Grape Day Parade Saturday, Sept 11. Rob KI6SBL needs a speaker for a radio program about Grape Day.
  11. Steve W6TAN agreed to head the nominating committee.
  12. The N6WB Field Day score was 1,440 bonus points, 922 CW QSOs (1,844 points) and 1,135 SSB QSOs for 5,958 total points.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 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.

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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](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).