

ALL EARS

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August 2011

August's meeting details

On Sunday, August 14th, EARS will once again hold their annual picnic at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido.

The picnic schedule is as follows (all times approximate):



11:00: Picnic starts.
Remember to bring lawn chairs, hats and sunscreen.

11:30: Start cooking.

12:00: Start eating.
This may happen sooner if the meat is ready to serve.

13:00: Start the T-Hunt.

14:00: Picnic ends.
Clean up the EARS picnic area.

Any questions or offers of help – please contact one of the picnic committee members:

Fred-W6PBR
Dirk-N6SUN
Vivian-W6NWF
Marvin-W6MJM

EARS Event Calendar

- August 14 Annual picnic (**Sunday**).
- August 18 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- August 20 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- August 27 VE Testing
- Sept 8 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept 15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 17 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Sept 24 VE Testing
- October 13 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- October 15 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- October 20 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 29 VE testing

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Welcome to August's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Hi all,

I hope you enjoyed last month's edition of AlIEARS.

This month, should have seen the next installment of 'TANs Travels', but due to personal commitments (job hunting, street riots etc.), it will have to once again wait until next month!

There was only one error reported last month, and that was the list of EARS club officers incorrectly showed Konrad, N6UKO as treasurer. As you all should know - It should have been Teri Bloom, W6TRB.

I had inadvertently cut'n'pasted an old officer list from an earlier issue of AlIEARS - Sorry about that!

Finally, John Musselman sent me this little snippet:

http://laist.com/2011/03/28/all_ears_bandit.php

It made me smile, and please be assured – I had nothing to do with it!

President's Corner

By John Musselman, N6EP



It's the dead of summer and the kids are out of school, people are on the move and the outdoors beckons...

It's a perfect time for a picnic!

I hope you are planning to come out to the EARS yearly picnic on the 14th. But just in case you were also invited to your family picnic and have to decide between the two, we present...

The Top Ten Reasons the EARS Picnic is better than Your Family's Picnic:

10. Harry's chili and Aunt Ruth's potato salad are both good, but Harry's a lot more fun to listen to.
9. Your obnoxious cousin Frank never got his ham license and won't be at the EARS picnic.
8. Hunting for the hidden transmitter vs. hunting for the lost toddler.
7. No points off for sitting on your butt the whole time.
6. When you talk ham, your spouse can't keep correcting you since they have no idea what you're talking about.
5. Your mom is sweet, but she still doesn't know what "Two Alpha San Diego" means.
4. What's more important: who got divorced or who got DXCC?
3. If you start babbling on about your hobby, we'll understand.
2. Your family rolls their eyes when you mention your antenna. EARS members roll their eyes when you mention your CC&Rs.

and the top reason why the EARS picnic is better:

1. Family you have to be with. Hams you want to be with!

See you out there.

73,
John N6EP

Program Director's Report

By John Belstner, W9EN



No meeting in August:

Don't forget that Sunday, August 14th is the EARS Picnic at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido.

As in years past, there will be a T-Hunt in the Park so make sure

you pack the right caliber ammunition for hunting T's.

September 8th Presentation:

Our original presenter for September has rescheduled, so we currently have an open slot.

If there is any technical topic of interest to the group, send me an e-mail and I will attempt to arrange a presenter.

About ALL EARS

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allears@earsclub.org

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The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the 1st Thursday of the month.

Opportunity Drawing Update

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



The last opportunity drawing took place at the club meeting on July 14th.

Surprisingly, we sold enough tickets on the night to hold the drawing that evening.

The lucky winners were as follows:

- Michael Hightower, KF6SJ who chose the Wouxon KG-UV3D HT
- John Couture, KG6YYG who won the Eclipse Enterprises 20 Amp digital Multi-meter

Congratulations to both of you!

As for the next drawing - we will again have two prizes on offer:

- The first is a 30 Amp desktop power supply:
<http://www.powerwerx.com/batteries-chargers/powerwerx-30-amp-desktop-switching-power-supply-powerpoles.html>
- The second is a crimping tool:
<http://impulse-electronics.com/view%20tools.aspx?uid=2078&partname=TL-TRICRIMP>

Tickets will be on sale at the EARS picnic, so don't forget to 'take yer dosh'!

Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



There were 2 new members joining EARS this month:

Michael Hightower, KF6SJ & Oliver Ryder, W6DNA

Welcome aboard!

The current EARS membership status as of 7th August 2011 is:

- Life: 51
- Paid: 63
- Total: 114

NOTE: Remember, as we're now past July, the membership fee until the end of the year is now only \$7.50!

EARS Club Officers for 2011

President

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Emergency Services

By Fred McDavitt, W6PBR

Major CERT events for August and the fall months include, but are not limited to:

- August 4th: Team Leaders meeting and written test. John - AF6UA, Kurt - N6MD and Fred - W6PBR attended.
- August 13th: Julian CERT HAM Technician Class and Test.

The class will be conducted from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Julian's Junior High School by Kurt - N6MD and friends.

The testing will be conducted by a team of three Extra and nine General VEs from ARRL and SANDARC VECs. 30 plus participants are expected.

- The next CERT Academy will start on September 10th and conclude on November 12th, 2011. This will be a combined Escondido/San Marcos class and will be held on Saturdays from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the San Marcos Training Facility.

For more details visit: www.escondido.org/fire

To register call 760-839-5411 or send an email to rlicata@escondido.org

- The next CPR RE-certification class will be conducted on September 25th, 2011. Contact rlicata@escondido.org for details.
- On November 12th, 2011, Escondido CERT will conduct a night drill from 7:00 PM to 10: PM at Fire Station #1.

Planned exercises will include Triage and Search and Rescue. Details to follow...

Fred - W6PBR



ARRL Southwestern Division Convention



This year, it will be held on September 9th, 10th & 11th, at:

Torrance Marriott South Bay,
3635 Fashion Way,
Torrance, CA 90503

As in past years, there will be prizes galore, including:

- An Elecraft K3, 100 watt HF-6 Meter Transceiver.
- 8 Days/7 Nights at the 8050 Private Residence Club, Mammoth, CA
- Kenwood TS-590S HF + 6 Meter Transceiver
- A Yaesu VX-8DR 6M/2M/440 APRS Enhanced HT
- A Comet CAA-500 1.8 - 500 MHz SWR / Impedance Analyzer

The pre-registration prize this year is a SteppIR 2-element 20 - 6 Meter Yagi, or \$1200 toward any SteppIR product!

The Keynote speakers include:

Saturday Luncheon - Rod Stafford, W6ROD
IARU-Working for Amateur Radio Worldwide

Saturday Banquet - Dr. Jay Jones, WB6FPM
The relationship between amateur radio, education, technology, and the economy

Sunday Breakfast – Gayle Olsen, K6GO
The YL DXpedition to Curacao (which included our very own 'Rusty' Kalkofen, AF6WF - hiding in the background in the picture below!)



Summary of June's board meeting minutes

By Teri Bloom, W6TRB



[Ed: At July's board meeting, it was decided that only approved board meeting minutes should be published in AllEARS. Therefore, this edition of AllEARS contains the summary of the updated (and approved) meeting minutes of June's board meeting.]

Program Director's Report

Our June presentation was Antenna Design and Optimization by Dr. Frank Parks, NB1Z.

On July 14, EARS will host Allen, AK6AK who will demonstrate D-Star as it applies to Emergency Communications.

August 14 will be the EARS Picnic at Rod McLeod Park in Escondido.

Treasurer's Report

Account balances:

- Checking - 09: \$2,272.34
- Certificate - 12: \$2,224.89
- Savings - 01: \$933.26

Audit:

Dirk, N6SUN agreed to perform an audit as soon as he has time.

Opportunity Drawing:

Items for the next opportunity drawing

- An HT radio (TBD).
- An Eclipse 20 Amp Digital Multi-meter,

The rules for the opportunity drawing have been changed to allow selling of the opportunity tickets at any EARS event.

Technical Committee Report

No action since last month on the EchoLink or Repeater Controller installation.

Marvin, W6MJM will start over on relicensing with SCRRBA and TASMA for the 440 links, and 2 meter repeaters.

Emergency Services Report

June 11th, 2011, North County/Back Country CERT members conducted a large scale disaster response drill.

Escondido CERT members and families held their annual picnic at Kit Carson Park.

SANDARC Report

No official SANDARC report was given, as EARS does not currently have any SANDARC representatives.

Membership Report

Paid: 61 (39 ARRL members)
Life: 51 (30 ARRL members)
Total: 112 (69 ARRL members)

Newsletter Editor's Report

Newsletter articles for July's edition required by Thursday 7th July:

Webmaster Report

Monthly updates:

- June's AllEARS added
- July's program details updated
- Opportunity drawing updated

Planned features for next month:

- Add Emergency Services section to the EARS database
- Continue with EARS event photos

PR Director's Report

There will be an article on Channel 10 Community Service about Field Day.

Field Day Report

Everything is ready to go.

Old Business

John W9EN will create an A-Drive account in the club's name as recommended by John N6EP last month.

New Business

Net Control still needs backup volunteers.

Escondido CERT requested to change their time for using the EARS repeater to 7:00pm.

Teri, W6TRB would like to present a slide show of Dayton Hamvention at the next general meeting.

Robert Kitson, KI6SBL and Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, brought sorted boxes of historical financial and secretarial documents to the meeting.

General Information

CLUB REPEATERS

EARS operates three repeaters in the Escondido area.

- 146.88 MHz, minus offset, PL 107.2
- 224.14 MHz (AE6GM repeater), minus offset, PL 156.7
- 449.24 MHz, minus offset, PL 127.3

The 2m and 70cm repeaters are local in nature and primarily serve the immediate Escondido area.

ECHOLINK

The 2m repeater is tied to the EchoLink system as node 2846.

See the Club website, www.earsclub.org for information on EchoLink.

There is also a listing of local EchoLink 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

These are free services that keep members up-to-date via e-mail.

To subscribe to either one of the reflectors, go to the EARS website and click on the Yahoo or Google Group links at the bottom of the main page.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR CALLSIGN

Please let us know if you change your address, call-sign, telephone, license class, e-mail, etc.

We want to keep our records up to date, so please contact any club officer with the updated information.

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 S. Escondido Blvd,
Escondido,
CA 92027
(760) 743-5551

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
(760) 747-6443

Just let them know you are a member of EARS.

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.

General Information cont'd

SUNDAY EVENING NET

EARS Sunday evening net is every Sunday at 8 p.m. local time. You can get the latest information on club activities there.

Just tune in to the club's 2m 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.

Parking is available in the first lot to the right after the guard shack. The parking fee is \$4.00 and is antenna friendly.

If interested, go to www.sdqares.net or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, (619) 461-2818, or via e-mail at ad6vi@arrl.org.

SECTION NEWS

The latest happenings around San Diego are available at www.arrl.org/sections/SDG.htm, the official website of the ARRL San Diego Section.

EARS PINS

EARS 2010 Board had EARS lapel pins made. They are yellow 1" circles with the EARS Logo in the middle.

They are only \$5.00 each.

Get yours today by contacting Rob Kitson;
KI6SBL@earsclub.org.

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.

Note: 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,
CA 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.

Escondido Amateur Radio Society

Membership Application and Renewal Form

*Call _____

*Last Name _____

*First Name _____

*Street Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

*Email _____

License Expires _____

EARS Family Members _____

License Class _____

First Licensed _____

Old Calls _____

Date of Birth _____

ARRL Member (Y/N) _____ Life Member (Y/N) _____

Amateur Related Interests _____

ARRL, RACES, ARES, SATERN, Red Flag, HF, VHF, UHF, Packet, EchoLink, D-Star, T-Hunt, ATV, Field - Day, Contests, Antenna Design, Equipment Building

Are you willing to run for a club office (Y/N)? _____

Note: Fields marked with a (*) are required.

A Telephone number is requested, but may be unlisted in the roster if you prefer.

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.

Checks please, it is safer than cash and you have a record.

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.