

ALL EARS

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The official bulletin of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society – N6WB December 2011

December's meeting details

December's meeting is our Christmas party.



As in recent years, it will be held at the home of John & Lynn Belstner.

Further details can be found elsewhere in this issue, and on the EARS website:

www.earsclub.org

We hope to see you all there!

EARS Event Calendar - 2011

- Dec 10 EARS Christmas Party, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 15 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 17 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Dec 31 VE Testing

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Welcome to December's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



First of all, please let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas, and I hope that Santa brings all that you desire!

Nothing much from me this month, but next year I have many articles planned: Tan's Travels Hamsterhike (UK); resurrection of the puzzle page, and a few other surprises.

Don't forget, if you have an article you'd like to share – just email me some text / photos and I'll incorporate it into the next edition.

73,
Steve, W6TAN.

The Dues are due!!!

Yes, it's that time of year again... Time that is 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.

So don't let such a horrible fate befall you - Renew now!

All you have to do is fork over your \$15 to our treasurer Teri Bloom (W6TRB). Alternatively mail it in, or bring it to the next club meeting.

Also, consider paying for more than one year at a time... It saves our treasurer some work! And remember - life membership is only \$150 (\$38 for family members).

President's Corner

By John Musselman, N6EP



Hi All,

This month marks the end of 2011 and the end of my year as your President.

But there's no time for nostalgia, December is also one of our busiest months as a Club. And it all takes place on December 10. That's the date of both the Escondido Christmas Parade and also the annual EARS Christmas Party.

If you haven't been contacted yet by Bruce, KI6YFH, he would love to get your help with the Parade. Bruce has taken over for Konrad, N6UKO, and we certainly owe Konrad a debt of gratitude for all the effort he has put into the Parade effort over the years. Let's all help Bruce live up to the standard set by Konrad.

This year, as in the past, we will be helping the Jaycees, who run the Parade, by providing communications along the full route. Most of you have done it before and know the drill. If you're new to this, believe me it's one of the most fun times you will have as a ham.

In addition to helping run the Parade, EARS will have an entry in the Parade again this year. If you'd like to participate, please contact me as I am organizing our entry. Perhaps you have a vehicle which looks "hammy" (big antennas, off-road, and/or otherwise unusual?). Or you could just walk or ride along. EARS will be near the end of the Parade and you can join us as we pass by your assigned position. Also, if you'd like to help plan or decorate our entry, let me know.

Then, if that isn't enough hamming for you in one day, the EARS annual Christmas Party will take place that afternoon. Details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Let me just thank the Belstners, John, W9EN, and Lynn, for once again allowing us to invade their home in Valley Center. We'll have all the usual food and fun as well as the gift exchange and door prizes. It's a great way to finish out the EARS year in the company of the greatest folks in Escondido.

Also, this year, as in the past, we are supporting the Salvation Army.

We are fortunate in Escondido to have a great friend in Major David Ebel. Please bring non-perishable food items or new unwrapped toys to the Christmas Party for donation to the Salvation Army. Major David could also use frozen turkeys; you can bring those directly to the Salvation Army kitchen.

The word is that this year there is a greater need than in years past and any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Please show your support.

See you on the 10th.

73,
John, N6EP

Program Director's Report

By John Belstner, W9EN



December 10 Presentation:

The EARS Christmas party – Not a presentation as such, just tons of fun!

Don't forget to wear your Santa Hat to the EARS Christmas Party on Saturday December 10th beginning at 4:30 PM.

This year's party will again be at the QTH of John W9EN. Select BELSTNER from the entry display to open the gate.

ARS W9EN
27364 Saint Andrews Lane
Valley Center,
CA. 92082-6644

We will be having our traditional White Elephant gift exchange and there are rumors that old ham radio videos featuring our current President N6EP will be shown. You remember when talkies first came out?

I look forward to catching up with everyone at the party.

John, W9EN

Yuma Hamfest

By Roger D. Hunt, K7MEX

Hello EARS members,

We are asking other amateur radio clubs to assist us in getting the word out about the 2012 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, to be held in conjunction with the Yuma Hamfest.

This event is less than three months away, being held Friday and Saturday, February 17-18, 2012 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds in Yuma, Arizona.



We hope you will assist us by getting the word out to your club membership and other hams in your community by announcements at club meetings, newsletters, radio nets or simply word of mouth.

Now in our eighth year and one of the largest hamfests in the ARRL's Southwestern Division, the Yuma Hamfest is one of the few multi-day convention-style hamfests held in Arizona.

We feature commercial exhibitors and vendors, tailgating, on-site RV camping, free parking, seminars held in parallel tracks in two separate buildings, amateur license testing, DXCC card checking, antenna clinic and transmitter hunt, our famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner, grand prizes worth \$10,000, great hourly door prizes, a hospitality area, the "Country Store" consignment sales area, and much more.

Unlike many division-level conventions, admission will be only \$5, tailgating spots are \$20 for the weekend, and we offer a food concession manned by a professional chef.

Our now-famous "Buzzard BBQ" dinner is only \$10 and has sold out for the last two years.



We are giving away an iPad 2 as a registration prize to someone just for attending.

You should mark the third weekend of February on your calendar and plan on attending the Yuma Hamfest and 2012 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention!

Please check our website at www.yumahamfest.org for more information.

If you prefer, you can contact us directly at info@yumahamfest.org or by phone at 928-305-1034.

We are also taking proposals for seminars at this time, and welcome volunteers to assist us in putting on the Convention. Please contact us in either case.

Roger D. Hunt
K7MEX
Director, Yuma Hamfest

Opportunity Drawing Update

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Tickets for the next opportunity drawing will be on sale at the EARS general meetings and other EARS events (i.e. the EARS Christmas party).

We currently 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 for Powerpole 15, 30 and 45 Amp contact sizes + a selection of Powerpole connector ends.

<http://impulse-electronics.com/view%20tools.aspx?uid=2078&partname=TL-TRICRIMP>

January's Program details

By Teri Bloom, W6TRB



At the upcoming meeting in January 2012, Joe Eisenberg, KONEB, will present the movie "DIY With Amateur Radio" which was partially filmed at our previous January's kit

building event.

Producers Dave Bell, W6AQ and Bill Pasternak WA6ITF filmed and then filtered through 60 hours of events all over the US, and I'm pleased to say that the kit building event which EARS hosted has made it in the movie!

After the movie, Joe will be showing a slide show set to music from Dayton's Hamvention from the early years back to the 70s through to last year.

Anyone who has been to Dayton knows you have to return again and again!

Joe is now a life member of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, presented to him for his work with photographing Hamventions since 1975.

Net Control Report

By Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



In 2012, I will be stepping down as Net Control Director once I take over as EARS President.

The post will not be vacant long thanks to Tom Lettington, N6TFL. He will be taking over

the post at midnight, December 31, 2011.

He is currently a monthly Net Controller and will do a great job at maintaining the Net Control schedule.

I would like to thank John Magnone, Harry Hodges, Fred McDavitt, and Tom Lettington for being the 2011 Net Controllers.

You made my role as Director the easiest position I have ever held in EARS.

See you on the Net,
Robert J. Kitson, KI6SBL

EARS Website update

By Steve Venner, W6TAN

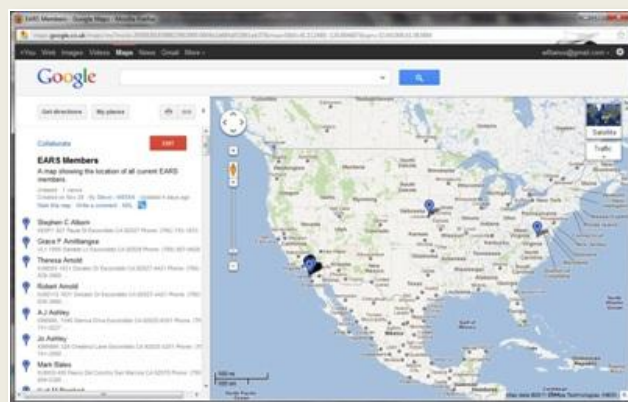


Some of you have recently tried to access the EARS membership map function.

Unfortunately, because of issues with the website I used to generate the Geo-code data

for Google maps, it hasn't been up-to-date for about 6 months.

I'm pleased to say that this function is now working again, and all of the current EARS members have been added to the list.



Go on... Give it a try... You know you want to!

Current EARS Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



There were no new members joining EARS this month.

Any new members joining now will automatically be entered as joining for 2012 and beyond.

The current EARS membership as of 10th of November 2011 is:

- Life: 51
- Paid: 68
- Total: 119

This is one more than was stated last month due to one member's details not being updated at the beginning of the year – Doh!

2012 Nominating Committee Report

By Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



The November election was unanimous, and so congratulations go to the EARS members who have been elected to serve on the EARS 2012 Board.

At this point the 2012 Vice President post is still vacant, and Robert Kitson, KI6SBL will be handling the VP duties until the post is filled.

Currently, there are 7 months scheduled and there are 6 or 7 presentations available that are not yet scheduled, so whoever takes the VP position should have an easy go of it. Please think about taking on this important role.

Contact Robert (ki6sbl@earsclub.org) if you have any suggestions for presentations or would like to run the April Auction - which is in jeopardy of being cancelled if no one steps up.

EARS Club Officers for 2012:



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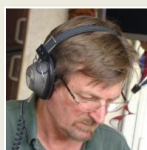
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Respectfully submitted,
2012 Nominating Committee

General Information

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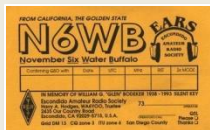
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Note: The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the 1st Thursday of the month.

General Information cont'd

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

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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.