

# ALL EARS

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

## October's meeting details

October's meeting will see our very own Fred McDavitt, W6PBR will be giving a presentation on Emergency Services.

Fred is going to attempt what no man has successfully done before; explain the roles of the myriad of Emergency Communications organizations (i.e. CERT, RACES, ARES, MARA, SATERN, CNL, REACT, etc. etc. etc.).

## EARS Event Calendar

- Oct 13 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct 15 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Oct 20 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 29 VE testing
- Nov 10 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 17 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 19 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 26 VE testing
- Dec 10 Monthly Meeting, 7:30 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 October's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Hi all,

Sorry that this month's ALL EARS is a little light on content compared to previous editions, it was mainly due to a general lack of input.

From my perspective, I was planning a few fun articles (as I've been mentioning for the past few months), but unfortunately Gina's father passed away just over a week ago, so now things have gotten even more hectic than before.

Hopefully, things will be back to 'normal' next month.

73,  
Steve, W6TAN.

## Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



There were three new members joining EARS this month:

Kay Lettington, K8QLT  
Dale Keehan, KJ6QDG  
Bob Heygood Jr, N6SWZ

## Welcome aboard!

The current EARS membership status as of 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2011 is:

- Life: 51
- Paid: 66
- Total: 117

## President's Corner

By John Musselman, N6EP



Hi All,

I hope you didn't show up for our meeting last month. The power outage happened inconveniently on the night of the meeting, and the meeting

was cancelled.

So if you didn't show up, don't worry. You didn't miss anything. And if you did show up, well, you'll have to let me know how the meeting everybody else missed went....

Speaking of the power outage, what did you do when it happened? If the first thing you did (after checking the switches and then the fuses, and then looking to see if the neighbors had power) was to grab your handheld and listen to the repeater, then you earn five points. The EARS repeater has backup power due to being located at the city's radio site at Hubbard Hill. So it is one of the few repeaters in San Diego County that stays on the air. I know this because everyone told me so a few days later. My radio was still unpacked after my recent move and was discharged...

Last month I celebrated my 45th anniversary as a ham. When I was first licensed at age 14 there were lots and lots of hams my age upward and not that many younger than me. Now, 45 years later, that's still mostly true...

I worked CQP from Ron's, N6XT, this year. Yes, power and a bigger antenna make a difference. Also, since it was a multi-operator entry, I didn't have to try to keep going so many hours in a row like last year. On the other hand, I had to find my way around a radio I didn't know well in a shack I was unfamiliar with. The bands were good, though, so I didn't even try to change bands or turn the antenna and it worked out. It's fun being the DX for a change...

That's it for now and see you at the meeting Thursday, if the power doesn't fail.

John  
N6EP

## Program Director's Report

By John Belstner, W9EN



### October 13 Presentation:

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before; explain the roles of the myriad of Emergency Communications organizations (i.e. CERT, RACES, ARES, MARA, SATERN, CNL, REACT, etc. etc. etc.).

### November 10 Presentation:

Cecil - WD6FZA will be speaking to us regarding the analog and digital voice linked repeater system called PAPA.

### December 10 Presentation:

The EARS Christmas party.

## Opportunity Drawing Update

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Tickets for the next opportunity drawing should have been on sale during September's club meeting.

Unfortunately, due to the unexpected power-outage, and hence cancellation of the meeting, they will now be on sale during October's meeting.

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>

## September's Program Review

By Ina Blackout, NOLIT

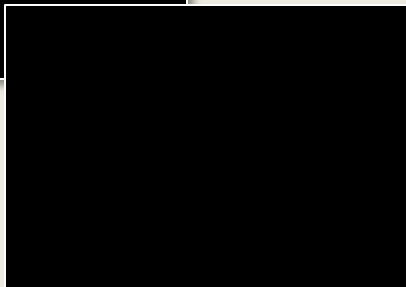
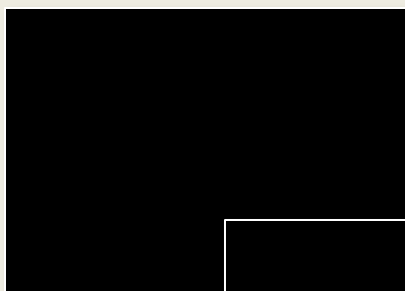


As most of you are aware, September's meeting was disrupted due to a power-outage.

However, some EARS members decided that a little lack of Volts

& Amps shouldn't stop them from attending and enjoying the monthly meeting as usual.

Here are a couple of photos for those of you who did not attend – just to see what you missed:



## August's board meeting minutes

By Teri Bloom, W6TRB



As the approved board meeting minutes are now available on the EARS website, it has been suggested that they no longer need to be published in ALL EARS as well.

Should anyone prefer to have them reinstated, please feel free to contact the newsletter editor – Steve Venner, W6TAN:

[w6tan@earsclub.org](mailto:w6tan@earsclub.org)

## Proposed club officers for 2012

By Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



Hi Everyone,

The Nominating Committee will be submitting the following slate for 2012's EARS Officers and Board Members at next week's October EARS regular

meeting:

President: Robert J. Kitson

Vice President: Vivian Wentworth-Kitson

Secretary: Vince Sheetz

Treasurer: Teri Bloom

Emergency  
Services  
Coordinator: Fred McDavitt

Immediate Past  
President: John Musselman

Members At  
Large: Jeff Murdock  
Marvin Munster  
Jo Ashley  
John McNelly  
Michael Hightower

The 2011 EARS Nominating Committee consisted of John Belstner (W9EN), Vivian Wentworth-Kitson (W6NWF), and myself.

73,  
Rob Kitson, KI6SBL

## General Information

### EARS Club Officers for 2011:



#### President

John Musselman, N6EP  
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#### Vice President

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#### Secretary and Treasurer

Teri Bloom, W6TRB  
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#### Emergency Services Coordinator

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*+ Property Manager*

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#### Historian

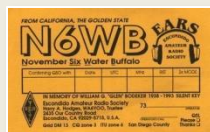
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**Note: The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.**

## 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](http://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](http://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](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  
(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](http://www.sdqares.net) or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, (619) 461-2818, or via e-mail at [ad6vi@arrl.org](mailto:ad6vi@arrl.org).

### SECTION NEWS

The latest happenings around San Diego are available at [www.arrl.org/sections/SDG.htm](http://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](mailto: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](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).



## 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.