

ALL EARS

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January's meeting details



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We hope to see you all there!

EARS Event Calendar - 2012

- Jan 12 Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan 19 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan 21 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Jan 28 [VE Testing](#)
- Feb 09 Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 16 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 18 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Feb 25 [VE Testing](#)
- Mar 08 Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Mar 15 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 17 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Mar 31 [VE Testing](#)

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Welcome to January's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Happy New Year everyone!

Again - nothing much from me this month due to Christmas / New Year relaxing & socializing.

Hopefully, things will be back to 'normal' next month (Hahahahaha!)

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

One request though - please don't just send me an idea for an article (however good it might be), or even just a photo... **I need your finished article!**

73,
Steve, W6TAN.

The Dues are still due!!!

Yes, there's still time... 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 Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



Let me be honest with you from the very beginning, I really wanted to be EARS' Treasurer for 2012.

EARS already had a qualified Treasurer in place so I resigned

myself to the idea that maybe I should take a year off the EARS Board. But a weird thing started to happen as I worked on the Nominating Committee for the 2012 line of officers. No one wanted to be EARS President. Then no one wanted to be EARS Vice President either. Believe me, I called every EARS member I know and no one had the time or desire for either post. It was disappointing to say the least.

What should we do? With no President or Vice President EARS certainly could not function. Was EARS about to have to close its proverbial doors? We on the Nominating Committee could not let that happen. We had plenty of new members wanting to be on the board or to help out, but they felt they were too new to EARS to hold a President or VP role. I respected that and started to realize EARS only needs a President to lead and show the newer members what being an EARS board member or officer is all about. I could do that.

So I threw my name in for EARS President. We already had a Treasurer in place and Vince Sheetz, W6CD agreed to be our Secretary. This year it is my goal to get more EARS members involved in the club management aspects of EARS. I am going to try to write an article each month on what certain positions do for EARS.

I want EARS officers and board members to try to eliminate the phrase "everyone knows..." No, not everyone knows how to hold an EARS Auction. Not everyone knows what Field Day is all about. Not everyone knows how the repeater works and why it plays such an important role in EARS. This attitude of "we've done it this way for years" needs either to be explained why or done differently because some members might have a better way of doing something.

I am right now reaching out to any EARS member who has been with the club for over 4 years to send me your favorite aspect of EARS. Tell me what you know how to do. Let EARS learn from you, and then together we can start building a foundation of EARS members who want to participate because it is clear how things are done. Together we can create a club where never again we struggle to find someone to be President or Vice President because we will have many members who know how to fulfill these roles and know how fun it can be in the process.

I have been GOTA Captain, Net Control Director, President, Secretary, Membership Chair, and Field Day Chair for EARS. I enjoyed the learning experiences and fun I had while performing all of these duties. But the one thing I enjoyed most was the camaraderie I had with my fellow EARS members. I hope by the end of my term as EARS President more members will want to experience the joy of helping the club go forward. Together we can do it.

Farewell and Thank you!

Three 2011 board members stepped down to make room for new faces to take the helm. So I wanted to take a moment to single these people out to thank them for their service: John Belstner, W9EN steps down as Vice President. He did an amazing job as VP. Dirk Reschly, N6SUN past President and long time board member. And last but not least, Vivian Kitson, W6NWF who did such a great job as Field Day Chair last year that I have asked to be Field Day Chair again this year. She said "yes" so you will be hearing from her in coming months.

Welcome Aboard!

With the departure of three board members we welcome three new board members. Vince Sheetz as EARS Secretary, and 2 new members at large: Michael Hightower, KF6SJ and John Mc Nelly, AF6UA. These men join our returning board members: Emergency Coordinator, Fred McDavitt, members at large, Jo Ashley, KB6NMK, Marvin Munster, W6MJM, Jeff Murdock, AE6GM, and Immediate Past President, John Musselman, N6EP. Their contact information can be found in this issue of All EARS and on our website: www.earsclub.org.

One last thing...

There has been a man working behind the scenes that, in my opinion, does not get enough recognition.

Because of our website, we have received a request from a HAM in Palo Alto for the EARS pin he read about on our website. Please send Steve Venner, W6TAN (W6TAN@earsclub.org) a thank you email when you have a chance. His efforts in keeping us all informed through an amazing website and as **All EARS** Editor is one of reasons EARS is here today. Thank you Steve, for a job well done.

I have 2 more articles to write before deadline so I better get going. We're going to have a great year full of surprises.

73,
Robert J. Kitson, KI6SBL
2012 EARS President

Program Director's Report

By Robert Kitson, KI6SBL



As you may have heard by now, EARS is lacking a Vice President.

The board will be addressing this problem at the January board meeting. In the mean

time; Teri Bloom, W6TRB has organized the January regular meeting presentation. It is fully described in another article of this issue, but I wanted to thank Teri for setting it up.

If you have an idea for a regular meeting presentation and would like to take the lead on acquiring the speakers, please call me (760) 715-2876) to select an appropriate date. We need to fill 5 months, so do not be shy, we need presentation lead persons.

The EARS Auction is a staple for each April's meeting. HAMS from all over San Diego look forward to it and come to the Salvation Army's gymnasium to spend their money. The Auction is one of our largest annual fundraisers. However, we do not have a Vice President to helm this year's

Auction. We need someone to volunteer to be a new chair position I am creating for 2012 - the EARS Auction Chair. This Chair person will be responsible for promoting, organizing, getting volunteers, and securing an auctioneer. It is an easy thing to do as long as you are organized. I cannot run the Auction. I will have family in town that week and will most likely not even be there.

Please consider being the 2012 Auction Chair. Contact me if you're interested. If this goes well we may have an Auction Chair each year to come. If we cannot find an Auction Chair by the February board meeting we may have to cancel the Auction - I do not want to lose such a great EARS tradition on my watch.

Thank you all for your time and consideration.

73,
Robert J. Kitson, KI6SBL
2012 Acting EARS Vice President

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.

Palm Springs Hamfest

By Peter Hans-Dieter Reinzuch, VE7REZ



Hi all,

This is to inform you that the annual Palm Springs Hamfest organized by the Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society will take place on Saturday,

January 28th 2012.

One main focus of our event is the live Demos that will go on throughout the day.

Presenters like Gordon West, Clint Bradford (AMSAT), the San Bernardino Microwave Society, the Fast Scan TV Group from Los Angeles, D-STAR, and others will be in attendance.

There will be:

- Raffles all day long.
- Great food cooked home style by our volunteers and YL's.
- A swap meet space (free for sellers) - so bring along your stuff.

It's all about having fun and camaraderie like the good old fashioned Hamfests of bygone days!

\$2 is all it is!

It's handicapped friendly with a shuttle service from car to event and back.

For complete details go online: <http://desertrats.am>

Any questions email me at: palsprings.hamfest@gmail.com

73.

Peter W6/VE7REZ

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 "Buzzer 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 "Buzzer 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 Picnic & 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>

Current EARS Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



There were no new members joining EARS this month.

Reminder:

Those members who have still not yet paid their dues for 2012 can still do so without affecting their length of membership.

Remember also, only paid-up members have access to the **Members' Only** section of the EARS website, and only paid-members get their copy of ALL EARS e-mailed to them!

The current EARS membership as of 5th of January 2012 is:

- Life: 51
- Paid: 38
- Total: 89

SATERN Introduction & Seminar

By Harry Hodges, W6YOO



For those of you who are interested in finding all about the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN), there is a free seminar which will take place on Saturday, 28th January.

The location is the Salvation Army San Bernardino Citadel Corps:

746 W 5th Street
San Bernardino,
CA 92410

Although there is no fee, prospective attendees should contact any of the persons shown on the flyer on the following page to make their reservations.

73,
Harry.



Amateur Radio Operators **S.A.T.E.R.N.**

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network
Riverside/San Bernardino Counties section of the Sierra del Mar Division

Sixteenth Annual **Introduction and Seminar**

Saturday, 28 January 2012
(No charge to attend!)

AGENDA

- 8:30 - 9:00 am** *Sign-in / Coffee and Donuts*
- 9:00 - 9:30** **Welcome and Introduction to SATERN**
Trace Willette KI6DPN, SATERN Section Coordinator
Major Stephen Ball, San Bernardino Citadel Corps Officer
- 9:30 - 9:45** Carl Gardenias WU6D, ARRL Orange Section Manager
- 9:45 - 10:45** **"The Resilient Responder"**
Major Ebel, TSA Escondido Corps Officer, EDRS Support Network,
Active EDS Responder to Haiti after the January 2010 earthquake.
- 10:45 - 11:00** *Break - Refreshments*
- 11:00 - noon** **"The Earthquake Lady, Dr. Kate"**
Kate Hutton, K6HTN, Seismologist at Cal-Tech, Pasadena, CA
B.S. Pennsylvania State University, M.S., Ph.D. University of Maryland.
- 12:00 - 1:00** *Lunch (complimentary)*
- 1:00 - 2:00** **"Maritime Communications & Connections to Emergency Comms"**
Bill Scholz, W1HIJ, Auxiliary Unit Coordinator for CAMSPAC,
Past Telecommunications Chief USCGAUX, FCC 2nd Class
Radiotelegraph Operator.

Where: **The Salvation Army San Bernardino Citadel Corps**
746 W. 5th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410

Directions: I-215 take 2nd Street exit. From points north turn Left, from points South turn Right onto 2nd St. Turn Left onto "G" St. Proceed through 3 traffic lights and turn right onto Spruce St. Park in one of the lots on either side of Spruce at the rear of The Salvation Army San Bernardino Citadel Corps. Please carpool if possible. **Talk in Frequency 144.300 Simplex**

RSVP (requested for lunch count) call or e-mail either:

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Visit our web site at www.satarn.net

Escondido Christmas Parade

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



As in years gone by, many EARS members helped out at the annual Escondido Christmas Parade.

Here are a few photos of the EARS entry.

Many thanks to all those people who helped out – especially to Bruce Woods, KI6YFH who took over from Konrad Walenda, N6UKO as EARS parade coordinator.

Photographs gratefully supplied by Teri Bloom, W6TRB, and Matt Tucker, N6EAJ



General Information

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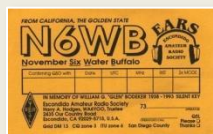


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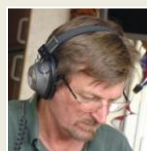


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General Information cont'd

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.

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

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.

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.