

ALL EARS

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The official bulletin of the Escondido Amateur Radio Society – N6WB June 2013

June's meeting details



The next meeting is a tour of the 'new' Escondido police building, and will be given by our very own Dr. Henry Richter, W6VZA.

See Matt's VP article for more details...

EARS Event Calendar - 2013

- Jun 13 Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jun 15 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Jun 20 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jun 29 [VE Testing](#)
- Jul 11 Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jul 18 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jul 20 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Jul 27 [VE Testing](#)
- Aug 11 EARS Picnic, 11:00 a.m.
- Aug 15 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 17 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Aug 31 [VE Testing](#)

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Welcome to June's ALL EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Hello everyone, and welcome to June's ALL EARS!

There was very little in the way of ALL EARS articles this month... I guess everyone is preparing for field-day!

In the mean time, I hope you all have a great time at the tour of the Escondido Police building.

73,
Steve, W6TAN.

Current EARS Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



This past month, there were no new members joining...

Therefore, the current EARS membership as of the 13th of June, 2013 is:

- Life: 55
- Paid: 66
- Total: 121

Note that the above membership figures represent the EARS members who are either life members, or who have paid to the end of 2013 or beyond.

Verbal from the VP

By Matt Tucker, N6EAJ



Thank you to Dr. Henry Richter (W6VZA) for presenting at our meeting in May.

It was a fascinating presentation about the Explorer 1 satellite and ham radios roll in tracking it.



Field trip!

EARS meeting Thursday June 13th.

Dr. Henry will be at the helm again this month giving us a tour of the communications area/equipment of the Escondido Police Department (EPD) building.

Dr. Henry consulted with the EPD for their communications setup in the new (2010) building.

Please note that although the tour will start at the usual meeting time of 7:30PM you will need to be at EPD before then (don't go to the Salvation Army).

If you arrive at 7:30PM or later, you may not be able to get in as there won't be anyone available to open the security doors.

Please plan to meet at EPD around 7PM and be sure to be there before 7:30PM. EPD is located at 1163 North Centre City Parkway Escondido, CA 92026 (just a few hundred yards south of the Salvation Army building).

Thanks to Roger Hicks (KB6DQO) and John McNelly (AF6UA) who suggested a tour of EPD and got the ball rolling.



If you know someone that comes to the EARS meetings that won't get this info through the usual methods (Facebook, EARS mailing list, EARS webpage, and the EARS Yahoo groups), please let them know so they don't show up at the Salvation Army.

Hope to see you there.

Matt
N6EAJ

Field-Day Frivolity

By John McNelly, AF6UA



Field Day is coming up soon!

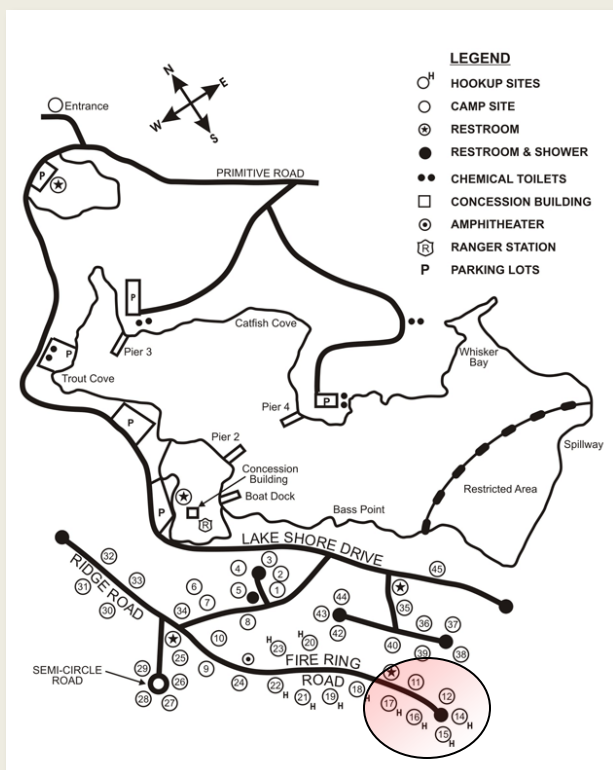
Field Day is now less than **TWO WEEKS** away!

If you haven't signed up for an operator or logger slot, better do so now.... contact your band captain of interest:

- SSB: Dirk Reschly, N6SUN
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760-747-5303
- VHF/UHF: Fred McDavitt, W6PBR
mcdavitt_fred@cox.net
760-737-6837
- GOTA: Zac Petersen, KJ6MLT
kj6mlt@earsclub.org
858-888-6090

Field Day officially starts at 11 AM on Saturday June 22nd and ends at 11 AM on Sunday June 23rd.

We'll be at Dixon Lake, in a little different spot than usual, but one we've operated from before (for a California QSO party), at campsites 11-17:



Contact john@mcnelly.org if you'd like to overnight camp.

If you've never done logging or HF operating before, show up at 9 AM on Saturday for training, or show up a little early before your slot, and get on the job training.

We'll need a lot of help to do the setup on Friday afternoon, starting about 1:00 or 2:00 PM, and tear-down on Sunday, starting at 11:00 AM.

Friday helpers get free dinner - **but only if you help!**

Potluck is on Saturday night at 6 PM, contact me to coordinate dishes to bring, or for any other Field Day questions you have (john@mcnelly.org 858-449-3326).

Upcoming Event

ARRL Field Day

June 22-23, 2013

Amateur Radio's most popular on-air operating event!

▶ [More info and Official 2013 Field Day Gear](#)



Interesting Stuff

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



A couple of weeks ago, Gina & I were doing the weekly shop at the local supermarket, and one of the items on our list of things to buy was some boxes of Kleenex tissues.

While trolling the isles for the best bargains, we came across various boxes of tissues with all sorts of fun designs on them.

One in particular caught my eye... It had a whole bunch of US license plates on it!



We decided to buy this one - along with a few others.

Anyway, it wasn't until I was looking at the box in the shopping trolley, that I noticed that it wasn't just US License plates that were on the box - but that they were of amateur radio call-signs!



So, the first thing I did when we got home was to check to see what call-signs they were, and this is what we had on the box:

W2UHG on a NJ plate,
W2UHQ on a WA plate,
W4YAI on both CA & NC plates,
G7RRL on a UT plate,
T7LPA on a RI plate
W1FPS on a CT plate, and finally
W6HOF on an FL plate.

The next obvious step was to check their validity on QRZ.com to see if any of them were genuine.

W2UHG, W2UHQ, W4YAI, G7RRL or T7LPA did not appear, but W1FPS did and belongs to WILLIAM E FLOOD who lives in VT.

W6HOF also appeared, and despite being on a Florida plate, it actually belongs to Robert M. Richter in California!

Now there's a thing... Another Richter!

I immediately wondered if this could be any relation to our own Dr Henry Richter, but after an e-mail or two - this turned out not to be the case.

That would have been very interesting coincidence indeed...

Anyway, I also checked with hamcall.net - to see if any of the other call-signs were genuine (as not everyone is registered with QRZ.com).

The only other call-sign which appeared (which wasn't on QRZ.com) was G7RRL, and that belongs to Mr. M J Whitaker, who lives in Somerset, England.

So that was a fun little exercise, and it's amazing to see this sort of thing turn up where you least expect it.

The next step for me is to try and contact the amateur radio operators who were 'valid', and see what they have to say.

Unfortunately, none of them had an e-mail address registered, so I might have to resort to regular mail, and see what happens.

The other thing that I will do is to contact Kleenex - to see where they got the box design from.

Watch this space...

EARS Elmer List

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Here is the current list of those kind soles who have volunteered their Elmer services:

1. Harry Hodges, W6YOO

- *Award programs such as WAC, WAS, DXCC, VUCC, IOTA, etc. to include card checking.*

2. Dick Kalkofen, K6KAL

- *Software development and hardware interfacing.*
- *Radio to PC communications.*
- *Logging Software: WinTest, Writelog, DX4Win, N1MM, Ham Radio Deluxe and many others.*
- *Digital mode software, link FLdigi, MMTTY for PSK, RTTY, WISPR, JT65 etc.*
- *Kit building (WinKeyer USB, FA-SM CW/Voice Keyer, Idiom Press Voice Keyer.*
- *Antenna setup and tuning.*

3. Matt Tucker, N6EAJ

- *General electronics (analog), power supplies, audio, batteries.*
- *PSK31 and similar digital modes.*
- *Operating and setting up the computer/radio interfaces.*
- *Basic antennas (VHF for home or car), HF dipoles and multi-band doublets / antenna tuners.*

4. Mike Hightower, KF6SJ

- *HF and in particular, digital modes of PSK31 and JT65.*

5. John Musselman, N6EP

- *HF, electronics, contesting, "other"...*

6. Marvin Munster, W6MJM

- *Emergency Power Sources, Batteries, Solar, etc.*
- *DC Cables and Hook-Up*
- *Coax Cables and Connector Assembly*
- *DC Power Distribution*

6. Ron Pollack, K2RP

- *Antique and tube equipment (boat anchors)*

General Information

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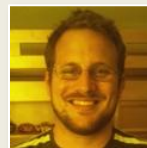
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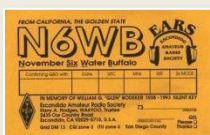


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General Information cont'd

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!".

SECTION NEWS

The latest happenings around San Diego are available at the official website of the ARRL San Diego Section:

<http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/san-diego>

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, so get yours today by contacting: Robert 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.net

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.

General Information cont'd

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

MONTHLY BREAKFAST

EARS members meet socially the third Saturday of each month at 08:30, at:

Due to the fire at Spires, until further notice, EARS breakfast will be at the old venue:

Westside Cafe,
9th and Redwood.

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.

Emergency Services

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.sdgares.net or contact Steve Early, Section Manager, (619) 461-2818, or via e-mail at ad6vi@arrl.org.

EMERGENCY SERVICE NETS

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) San Diego

Sunday, 08:30 146.730 (-) 107.2

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Escondido

Tuesday, 19:00 146.880 (-) 107.2

Followed by 146.445 SIMPLEX, as directed

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) North County and Back Country

Wednesday, 19:00 147.030 (+) 103.5

Followed by 146.445 SIMPLEX, as directed (on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) San Diego County

Monday, 7:30 PM 147.195 (+) 114.8

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.