

ALL EARS

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

November's meeting details

November's presentation was planned to given by Ron Rosson, N6XT, but he has had to postpone until next year.

November's presentation will now be given by Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, who will be demonstrating some digital modes for us (PSK31, JT65 etc.)



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

EARS Event Calendar - 2013

- Nov 14 EARS AGM, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov 16 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 21 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 30 [VE Testing](#)
- Dec 14 EARS Christmas Party, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec 19 Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 21 Monthly Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- Dec 28 [VE Testing](#)

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Welcome to November's All EARS

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



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

Once again, I'm sorry that this month's edition is a little later than planned...

After the RSGB centennial convention, I have been visiting relatives in Australia (by way of the MotoGP on Philip Island). Things have been pretty hectic since I got back to the UK (both at work and at home), and I was hoping to write the article on the RSGB convention.

I'm waiting for my boss to come back from vacation as he has all of the fun photos, so hopefully, it'll be in December's All EARS.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy Mike's presentation this evening.

73,
Steve, W6TAN.

The Dues are Due!

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



Yes, I know you've heard it all before... But it does seem that we have to remind you that the 2014 dues are now due!

All you have to do is hand over your hard earned dosh to our treasurer – Teri, W6TRB, and she'll make sure that your membership doesn't lapse.

Checks are preferable, but cash is OK. Also consider paying for more than one year at a time – it saves our treasurer some work. Even better, consider paying for a life membership!

The Presidential Prose

By Jeff Murdock, AE6GM



Welcome to November...

Change is in the air! Leaves are changing color, San Diego is getting a new mayor and EARS is getting a new board.

Hopefully everyone can make the meeting this month and welcome (i.e. vote) the new board into office.

Speaking of new, hopefully you have had a change to check out the club's website recently. Steve (W6TAN / G0TAN) has added a calendar to the website. We can now post all our events and nets to a calendar for everyone to see.

Thank you Steve!

I can't thank Steve enough for all the work he does for EARS. Steve makes our website look fantastic, he produces probably the best club newsletter ever, even when my articles are submitted late, and he manages our membership. What is really special is that he does it all while on vacation in the U.K.

Steve, I can't wait for you to come back to the US. You're awesome.

[Ed: Aw – Shucks... Now you've made me blush!]

Normally my articles contain some special preparedness day or week, like "Child Safety Protection Month" (November) or "Marooned Without a Compass Day" (November 6th) or my favorite "[Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day](#)" (November 7th).

But let's not forget one of our most important days this month, Veteran's Day (November 11th). As President of EARS, I would like to thank all of our Veterans and active duty military for their service for this great country. This is a great country because of your sacrifice. Thank you.

Finally I would like to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanks,
Jeff

Verbal from the VP

By Matt Tucker, N6EAJ



Thanks to Jeff Murdock, AE6GM for his October presentation on Personal Locator Beacons.

Not only did we learn about PLBs, but the story of their adventures to get help and take care of a person in medical need was very interesting.



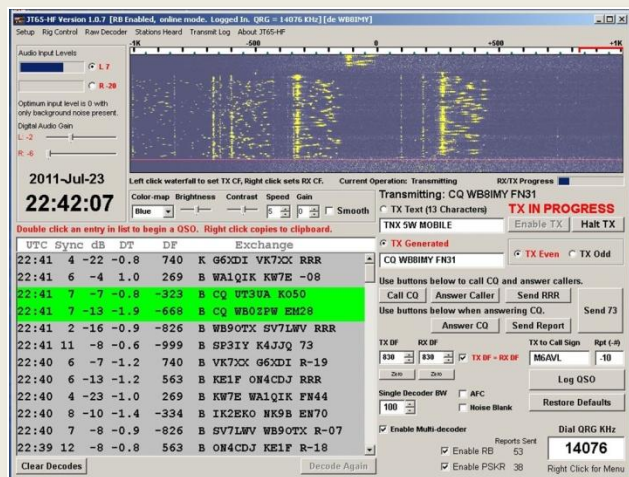
Ron Rosson N6XT contacted me to let me know his travels will keep him from presenting about his DX adventure this month. We will have to have him come present in 2014.

Instead, Mike Hightower KF6SJ will be demonstrating some digital modes for us (PSK31, JT65 etc.)

Mike is quite the digital mode guy and has a WAS (worked all states) using only JT65.

We will use the projector to put the "digital waterfall" up for all to see. We should be able to receive signals using the antenna on top of the Salvation Army or Mike's Buddipole (perhaps transmit also).

If you have been wondering about all the hubbub of digital modes, this will be a great opportunity to see it in action and ask some questions.



We will be electing EARS club officers for 2014 before Mike's presentation (see below).

Matt
N6EJA

Proposed EARS Officers for 2014

Information provided by the 2013 EARS Nominating Committee

The following list represents the proposed slate of EARS officers for 2014:

Elective:

- President - Michael Hightower, KF6SJ
- Vice-President - Matt Tucker, N6EJA
- Treasurer - Teri Bloom, W6TRB
- Secretary - John Musselman, N6EP
- Emergency Services Coordinator - John McNelly, AF6UA
- Officer-at-Large - Jo Ashley, KB6NMK
- Officer-at-Large - Dirk Reschly, N6SUN
- Officer-at-Large - Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF
- Officer-at-Large - Jeff Murdock, AE6GM
- Officer-at-Large - Zac Petersen, KJ6MLT

Non-elective:

- Past President - Jeff Murdock, AE6GM
- Club Historian - Harry Hodges, W6YOO
- Webmaster / Newsletter Editor - Steve Venner, W6TAN

2013 EARS Nominating Committee:

- John Musselman, N6EP
- Jo Ashley, KB6NMK
- Teri Bloom, W6TRB

PARC Operating Day

By Dennis Baca, KD6TUJ



The final approval has been received for Operating Day at Fry's.

The date is November 24, 2013.

We plan on being there by 8:00 AM to run through 5:00 PM. We would like to display to the public Amateur Radio and how it support our community.

We are hoping to have Red Cross, SATERN, CERT, Fallbrook ARC, Escondido ARS, PAPA/D-STAR, MESH and other different aspects to demonstrate and educate the public.

Palomar will be bringing the trailer with HF 10/15/20m.

Maybe we can demo packet/winlink, psk31, EchoLink and more.

Let us know who will be coming for a day of fun with Amateur Radio. Bring flyers for your respective clubs.

Dennis
KD6TUJ
760-672-0223

Opportunity Drawing Update

By Teri Bloom, W6TRB



This Thursday's meeting will be the last chance for the opportunity drawing for the year, so get your tickets for the chance to win a prize.

This drawing is for:

Outdoor scanner and ham discone antenna.

- Omni directional and rugged stainless steel construction
- Wide 25 - 1300 MHz coverage
- Also for transmitting on 50, 144, 220, 440, 900 and 1296 MHz ham bands

Energizer's LED Flashlights Combo Pack - 4 Flashlights in one pack.

- One keychain flashlight,
- Two flashlights using AA batteries
- One flashlight using D batteries

Something each of us could use!

Remember - you must be a member to purchase opportunity tickets!

And talking of which...

Also, a reminder it is time to renew your membership, it is only \$15 for a year. It is an opportunity to participate in one of the greatest clubs ever!

There are monthly presentations of different topics, an annual picnic, Field Day participation, and a chance to volunteer at two parades, an annual holiday party, and a chance to Elmer or be Elmer'd by fellow members of the club on many different subject and more!

Consider renewing your membership for more than one year at a time or even consider becoming a life member

Teri,
W6TRB

QCWA Cruzin'

By Harry Hodges, W6YOO



Harry, W6YOO explains the IOTA award system to a group of QCWA convention members.

The 10 day cruise convention was travelling aboard the Holland America MV Zuiderdam en route to the Bahamas, Aruba, Curacao, Panama, and Costa Rica before returning to Fort Lauderdale, FL.



The convention members were permitted to set up a HF station and operate whenever at sea signing home calls /maritime mobile.

There were 90+ convention participants.

73,
Harry, W6YOO

Current EARS Membership

By Steve Venner, W6TAN



This past month, there were 3 new members joining...

Theodore Jacobson, KK6CSO
Joseph Pitz, KK6GYJ
Stephen Stipp, KK6AHB

Welcome aboard!

Therefore, the current EARS membership as of the 14th of November, 2013 is:

- Life: 55
- Paid: 72
- Total: 127

Emergency Services Report

By John McNelly, AF6UA



Last month we discussed the San Diego Mini-Maker Faire... well, tickets are now on sale!

<http://sandiegominimakerfaire.org/about/buy-tickets>

PARC is going to have a booth there, be sure to stop by and say hi.

There are only two events left this year to get EMCOMM practice, the first is the Chimera 100, coming up the weekend of November 16th:

http://www.oldgoatrunters.com/old_goat_50_home_page_014.htm

The Chimera is an ultra-marathon taking place in the Trabuco region of the Cleveland National Forest (in the hills above Lake Elsinore).

Volunteering at an ultra is a GREAT way to get practice doing volunteer ham work.

If you're interested, contact Mark Utley, the Riverside RACES Southwest Branch Director, at utley.mark@gmail.com.

The other event is the Escondido Christmas Parade (takes place Dec 14th).

Next to Field Day, this is the biggest public service event that EARS does. All you need is a hand-held and maybe a lawn chair. It's an easy gig, and a fun way to spend a Saturday morning.

Please RSVP to me to volunteer: ears@mcnelly.org.

Oh, and one last thing - rumor has it Harry, W6YOO appeared on Ham Nation, episode 121:

<http://twit.tv/hn>

See if you can spot him...

Bell Ringers Wanted

Information provided By Harry Hodges, W6YOO



This is a way we might give something back to the Salvation Army for the use of their facility in Escondido.



If you can help out – that would be great! Contact the following people for more details:

Escondido Corps:

Charlotte Hamilton
charlotte.hamilton@usw.salvationarmy.org
760-745-8616

Maria Hernandez
MariaC.Hernandez@usw.salvationarmy.org
760-745-8616

73,
Harry

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*
7. Ron Pollack, K2RP
 - *Antique and tube equipment (boat anchors)*

General Information

EARS Club Officers for 2013:



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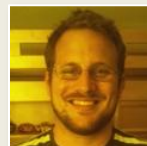
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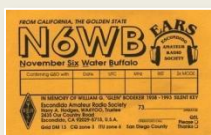


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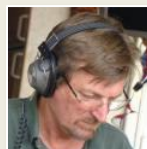
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Note: The deadline to submit material for the bulletin is by the 1st Thursday of the month.

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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:

LDS Church
2255 Felicita Road
Escondido,
CA 92026

For more details, see:

http://www.earsclub.org/ears_ve_sessions.html

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:

316 Mission Avenue,
Between Escondido Blvd and Centre
City Parkway

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,
Schaezel 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.