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April, 2015 EARS Events

Saturday, April 11, 2015

EARS 2015 Annual Auction

Auctioneer: Bob Brehm

Thursday, April 23, 2015 (6:00pm)

EARS Board Meeting

Field Day Meeting

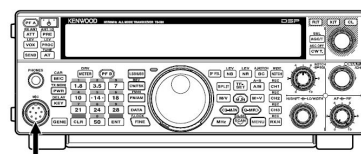
Saturday, April 18, 2015 (8:30am)

EARS Monthly Breakfast

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 (6:30am)

San Diego DX Monthly Club Meeting

EARS 2015 Annual Auction



When:

Saturday, April 11th

Where:

*First United
Methodist Church
of Escondido - Social Hall*

Times:

8:00 a.m. - Doors Open for Sellers

8:30 a.m. - Doors Open for Buyers

9:00 a.m. - Auction Starts



First United Methodist Church

341 S Kalmia Street
Escondido, CA 92025

Note that the Social Hall is a separate structure on 4th Avenue next to the church.

See Map on Page 2



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From the Club President

April is the **EARS** Auction month. Remember that there is no club meeting this month, but our annual auction is on Saturday, April 11th at the First United Methodist Church in Escondido. Do some spring cleaning and bring your old radios so that you can sell them to make room for new radios.

The auction will be held in the Social Hall of the church which is located near the intersection of East 4th Avenue and Kalmia. There is plenty of parking across the street in the church parking lot.

Doors open at 8 AM with sellers checking in their items.

Buyers can inspect everything before we begin the auction at 9AM.

As I have mentioned before, SANDARC is a countywide organization comprised of the local ham clubs in which our EARS club is a member. SANDARC has elections coming up at the end of April. Our club's two delegates, Zac Petersen KJ6MLT and myself, will be voting as directed by our club. Feel free to pass any preference for the following candidates to either Zac or myself.

CHAIRMAN:

Steve Early, AD6VI

Joe Acevedo, N6SIX (*incumbent*)

VICE CHAIRMAN:

Michael Maston, N6OPH

Bill Metzger, W6RGS (*incumbent*)

SECRETARY:

John Trites, NO5X (*incumbent/unopposed*)

TREASURER:

Bruce Rosenblatt, K6JU (*incumbent/unopposed*)



Courtesy of: Google Maps

The next club opportunity drawing will be for a Yaesu FT1D System Fusion Dual Band VHF/UHF HT in the silver case. It has the C4FM digital mode and APRS beaconing in a small hand held footprint.



Our 440 MHz repeater is back on the air after two different repair trips to Yaesu. We are running the unit at the mid power setting of 20 watts.

A couple of weekends ago, I had the opportunity to do radio support of the Old Goat 50 Mile foot race. The race is a 50 mile run in the Santiago Peak area above Lake Elsinore. My location was 5 miles up a trail and deep in a canyon. For communications, it was necessary to put up an elevated 2 meter quarter wave antenna. I had worked this location on a previous race and knew that an HT with a rubber antenna could not work net control.



It was much fun checking off each runner as they passed my location and then reporting the numbers to net control. The runners amaze me that they can run 50 miles in a day on a rough mountain trail system. The winning time was under 8 hours! Below is a picture of me in front of my Bud-dipole and antenna.

Happy operating and 3's,

Mike Hightower KF6SJ

The Palm Springs Hamfest

Article and Photos provided by: Matt Tucker

The Palm Springs Hamfest was held on Saturday March 14th 2015 at the Palm Springs Pavilion. The main part of the event is inside, but the swap meet is outside. The **Desert RATS** did a great job putting on the hamfest. A section of the inside area.

Attendance was good with the greatest attendance in the morning. It became easier to get around as lunch time approached. The Palm Springs Pavilion is less than two hours away and is a great opportunity to talk to vendors in person and get hands on with equipment you might want to purchase. I saw many **EARS** members there.



The swap meet was not large, but there was plenty of equipment to look at. Items range from 2m radios to 70+ pound boat anchors.

Roger K6EQ was trying to keep cool while selling boat anchors at the swap meet.

Lots of local and some distant vendors come to show their products. HRO, Lido (car mounting accessories), and Elecraft were there along with local vendors Impulse Electronics,

Nifty Ham Accessories (both Escondido), and Palomar Engineers (Fallbrook).



Marvin W6MJM and Konrad N6UKO work the Impulse booth with Steve KI6SBQ checking out the power boxes.



There were seminars throughout the day ranging from working Amateur Satellites with a HT to broadband hamnet to Gordon West's keynote talk. Ham radio ambassador Gordon (Gordo) West WB6NOA.



SAT. MARCH 14, 2015 • 9 AM to 4:30 PM

AUCTION RULES

AUCTIONEER

1. The auctioneer will handle all communications with the bidder and has sole responsibility for the transaction.
2. The word of the auctioneer is the final decision.

SELLERS

1. Sellers will pay \$2.00 for the first selling tag and \$1.00 for each additional selling tag. Each selling tag may be used to sell a single item or multiple items in a lot.
2. Your proceeds will be mailed to you. Please provide a SASE.
3. Sellers who are donating items to the EARS Club do not pay the selling tag fee for the donated items.
4. Selling tags are limited to five per person unless preauthorized by the auction chair.
5. All items to be sold will be registered with the "Sellers Registration Clerk".
6. Items will be listed with description, owners call or name and a minimum bid, if requested.
7. If there are several items to be sold as a lot, a LOT TAG will be put on the additional items with the number of the original item. The original tag will be marked with the word LOT.
8. Sellers will not be able to remove their un-sold items until after the buyers have paid for and removed their items. All sellers will be required to remove all un-sold items.

DONATIONS

1. All items that are donated to the club will be marked with a tag marked DONATION.
2. The call or name of the donor should be placed on the card for the clubs information.

Reminder: The donor is responsible for the removal of the item if they are not sold. This includes items donated to the club, but not sold.

BIDDERS

1. All bidders are required to register and obtain a bidder number.
2. Bidders will be responsible for paying for the item that their number is attached to before removing item from the selling area.
3. Write your purchases on the back of your "BIDDER NUMBER" card.

CASHIER

1. The Cashier will collect money for the items sold, and give the buyer a **RECEIPT** if requested.
2. The item number will be listed on the receipt.
3. Cash, checks, Credit card, or PayPal will be accepted.
4. Items sold will be paid for before they leave the room.

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.

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.



EARS would like to welcome new Life Members.

Dr. Mike Bradbury, N2DDS ~ Rhonda Bradbury, KK6KTN
Tom Lettington, N6TFL ~ Kay Lettington, K8QLT

EARS Membership Application

EARS Membership Application

☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Life

*Last Name

*First Name

*Street Address

*City *State *Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

*Email

License Expires

EARS Family Members

License Class

First Licensed

Current Call Sign / Former Call Signs

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 on 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.



EARS Monthly Breakfast

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

J and M's Family Restaurant

1215 East Valley Parkway, CA 92027

(760) 745-3710

www.jandmsrestaurant.com