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January's EARS Events

Thursday, January 14, 2016

EARS Monthly Regular Meeting

Saturday, January 16, 2016

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Thursday, January 21, 2016

EARS Board Meeting

From the Club President

It's a new year and it looks like another good one is in store for EARS.

But first, thank you to our outgoing officers.

Mike Hightower, KF6SJ, did a great job at the helm the last two years. He presided over our move to the new meeting location and kept us all more or less in line during that time. Meetings under his leadership have been very FB. I hope I can follow in his footsteps.

Also, thanks to John Belstner, W9EN, for providing a great program schedule during that time. We've had some really interesting programs lately. Nick Uran, KK6TV, is taking over from John and I think he will do an equally nice job. Our January program certainly looks to be fun. See the details elsewhere in this issue.

A big thanks to Rob Kitson, KI6SBL, for handling our extensive portfolio as Treasurer. Bill, K6BLL, is taking over at fundmonger, after a fine stint by Rob. Rob continues as the **All EARS** newsletter editor and I want to say he has done a top notch job on this. Please when you see him do say so, it's hard work.

Matt Tucker, N6EAJ, and John McNelly, AF6UA, continue as our Secretary and Emergency Services Coordinator, respectively. Thanks guys "for your service".

A few more thank-yous for the old year. John, AF6UA, did a bang-up job at the Christmas Parade, both organizing our participation and as net control. John and Lynn Beltsner, thanks so much for the good time you gave us at your house for our Christmas party.

HAM Radio License Plates: All CA hams may use their call sign on their license plate. Use **DMV Form REG17A**. Cost \$21.00 and is a one-time fee.

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Club President *continued*

There are more folks, of course, involved in making EARS such a fun club. But I'm running out of room, so thanks to all our Officers-at-Large, to Vivian Wentworth-Kitson, W6NWF, our Field Day chair, and to all our club members whose support is so appreciated.

As for 2016, well time's up. But I'm sure we are ready for another FB year. See you at the meetings.

John

N6EP



From the Club Vice President

Drew, KB9FKO, will give an introduction to the Summits on the Air program. This program, started in 2002 in the UK, has continued to grow and has become quite popular in the U.S. Participants in the program either activate summits or chase activators. A wel000I run web database keeps scores and statistics. For many, it's either an excuse to go hiking or to play radio or to do both. San Diego county and SoCal is a great place to play SOTA.

A few useful links for those who cannot wait:

*<http://www.sota.org.uk> - SOTA & ARMs

*<http://www.sotawatch.org/> - mapping, alerts, spots, reflector, and more

*<https://groups.yahoo.com/group/nasota/> - NA SOTA list

*<https://groups.google.com/d/forum/socalsota> - SoCal SOTA list

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ZviwmrTSRw> - activation video

After discovering radio as a kid, Drew earned his EE degree and amateur radio license at the University of Illinois. Recently, after learning about the SOTA program, Drew co-founded a mailing list that evolved into the socalsota mailing list. He hopes to increase amateur radio activity level by encouraging others to get involved in all.

Nick Uran, KK6TV



EARS Elmer List

Compiled by Steve Venner, W6TAN

Here is the current list of those kind souls 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. 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.
3. Mike Hightower, KF6SJ
 - HF and in particular, digital modes of PSK31 and JT65.
4. John Musselman, N6EP
 - HF, electronics, contesting, "other"...

VE Testing

A SANDARC Volunteer Examiner team (lead by Harry Hodges, W6YOO) 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

To register contact:

Jo, 760-741-2560 or kb6nmk@amsat.org

The ARRL RTTY Contest

Well I guess I got lucky again. I had a lot of fun doing the ARRL RTTY contest. I never thought I would win but got a nice surprise in the mail the other day.

When I first heard about RTTY I remember saying that "It's definitely not me." Boy was I wrong. It is easy and fun. There are 2 things you need. A good technical guide to walk you through the initial set-up. A good radio will also help. This can all be done with 50 watts of power or less. After you get on the air you just push everyone away and have fun. getting on the radio

Don't be shy!!!! Nobody can see you!!! It is an easy way to enjoy getting on the radio. If you are apprehensive about talking on the radio this is the way to go.

Of course I don't want to step on the CW toes. You need good fingers and a good ear for that.

I am working on getting into the CW. I am sorry to say I am not there yet. Good Luck to all!!!!

My next goal is to working on the state contest.

Rusty
AF6WF

And now, for Something Completely Different.

Time to Play...

Name the Future Call Sign

Send your guess to: AlIEARS@earsclub.org

Send a picture of yourself from many moons ago to:

AlIEARS@earsclub.org

and see if you can stump the members in a future issue.

This month's answer will be in next month's issue.



All EARS 2016 Deadlines

We are changing the deadline for ***All EARS*** from the first the Wednesday of the month to the last Wednesday of the prior month. The following is the ***All EARS*** Deadline Calendar for 2016.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>
February, 2016	Wednesday, January 27
March, 2016	Wednesday, February 24
April, 2016	Wednesday, March 30
May, 2016	Wednesday, April 27
June, 2016	Wednesday, May 25
July, 2016	Wednesday, June 29
August, 2016	Wednesday, July 27
September, 2016	Wednesday, August 31
October, 2016	Wednesday, September 28
November, 2016	Wednesday, October 26
December, 2016	Wednesday, November 30



**Breakfast
before the
2015
Christmas
Parade**

*Photo
Courtesy of:
John McNelly*

December's Future Call Sign

Out of all the guesses, only Matt got the answer correct.

**Roger Gagos
K6EQ**



Your 2016 EARS Officers

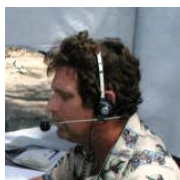
President

John Musselman, N6EP, has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1966. He has lived in the Escondido area since 1983 and over the years has served EARS as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Field Day Chairman. John is a semi-retired electronic engineer and lives in the community of Del Dios with his wife Teresa. His ham radio interests include HF, contesting, and CW rag-chewing.



Vice President

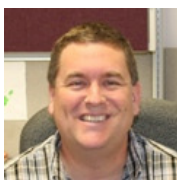
Nick Uran was first licensed in 1986. His call sign, KK6TV was issued as a Advanced Class license. He currently holds a Extra Class license. Nick has served on the EARS board in the past as member at large, Vice President and President. He has served as a delegate to the San Diego Amateur Radio Council and was Exhibitor services chair for the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Escondido. Nick enjoys HF con-



testing, especially in CW and RTTY modes and, chasing DX using JT9 and JT65 with 5 watts or less. Nick has achieved the WAS Triple Play Award and DXCC with 146 confirmed countries. Nick and his wife Josie enjoy traveling. His daughter Jen is KI6HFK.

Secretary

Matt N6EAJ has been a ham since 1981. He occasionally gets on HF with an 80m and up ladder line fed doublet, but mostly rag chews on the EARS repeaters while driving to work. He is employed by Trellisware Technologies as an analog hardware engineer. Matt helps update the EARS Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Escondidoamateurradiosociety/>



Treasurer

Bill K6BLL received his tech license in 2014 at age 78 and has been retired for 12 years. He is active in the Rancho Bernardo Emergency Radio Service and the Seven Oaks Radio Emergency group of seniors. He's active on the Mt. Woodson VHF and Black Mt. UHF repeaters and looks to be more active on the EARS machines.



Emergency Services Coordinator

John AF6UA has been a ham since 2008. John likes to go off-roading, which got him interested in amateur radio. He likes emergency communications (EMCOMM), and he is the Emergency Services Coordinator for EARS, Escondido's Emergency

Emergency Services Coordinator *Continued*

Coordinator (EC) for ARES, and a team leader in Escondido Fire Dept's CERT program. A few times a year, he provides radio support for wilderness ultra-marathons.

John occasionally sends club tweets as @earsclub - <https://twitter.com/earsclub>



Immediate Past President



Mike KF6SJ has been licensed since 1970. He is active on most of the HF bands using digital modes and dabbles in some radio contests. He likes to make homebrew QRP gear, hiking while running APRS tracking, and anything radio related.

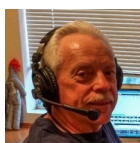
Officers At Large



Jo Ashley, KB6NMK has been a ham since 1986 when she and her son A.J., KB6NML, then 15, attended an EARS class. Jo holds an extra class license and is a VE. She has been Emergency Services Coordinator for EARS and has been a Board member for many years. She used to enjoy T- Hunting when EARS sponsored a monthly hunt. Jo used to do HF communications for off road races in California, Nevada and Mexico, and sometimes 100 and 50 mile running races in our local mountains. Jo is a CERT and RACES member and has been an ARES, Red Flag, SATERN, TORRA and BARA member. Six of Jo's seven family members are hams, KB6NML, N6UZH, KF6CBX, KJ6ZLT, KK6GGE, KK6VBJ.



Dirk Reschly, N6SUN, was licensed in 1988 and holds an extra class license. Dirk works HF on a regular basis using an Off Center Fed dipole. He also enjoys VHF/UHF operations including 2m/70cm SSB contesting and APRS. He once placed fourth in the United States in a VHF contest. As an avid off-road enthusiast, Dirk found an APRS capable transceiver to be an invaluable addition to his Jeep. Dirk has been a past President and Vice-President of EARS and currently serves as a member at large. Dirk is also a member of the Escondido CERT team. Dirk is a CPA with 20 years of experience. Dirk secured the 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for the EARS club. He enjoys cycling and is a multi-instrument musician. His XYL is Theresa, KD6BFJ, and has two harmonics, Megan KI6LFA, and Spencer KJ6STR.



Tom Stanford, K7YMG has been a Ham since 1963. He operates HF and 2M and 430MHz. Tom moved to Escondido in 1977 and from then to 2014 was off the air because of job requirements and HOA issues.

Your 2016 EARS Officers *Continued*

Tom Stanford is a retired RF/Analog design engineer. He designed parts of HF radios and antenna couplers for Loral and 900 MHz and 2.4GHz radios for HM Electronics. Currently Tom operates mostly HF using 100W radio and an off-center dipole on 40 thru 10M. He has WAS and DXCC again. He builds ham related electronics and is currently learning to work with Arduino by building a CW morse decoder. When not on the air or building electronics Tom is hiking, doing VE tests, working at the homeless shelter or reading SF.



Roger Gagos, K6EQ, has been continuously licensed since 1957. He received his Extra Class license in 1970 and continued to be active from various homes in Southern California, Hawaii, Illinois, and maritime mobile on a large U.S.

Coast Guard Cutter all over the Pacific. Between 2005 and 2008 Roger and his wife, Gretchen were full-time RV'ers and traveled through 42 states usually setting up an HF rig once parked. Roger's son Mike, is W6MKE. Before retiring a number of years ago, Roger worked for Motorola, Inc. in systems engineering, test equipment marketing, plus Public Safety and cellular infrastructure sales. He also spent a few years as a manufacturer's representative in the two-way radio industry. These days Roger enjoys restoring and operating vintage ham gear but likes current radios as well! He uses wire dipoles for 80 and 40 meters and a 10 through 20 Meter Yagi on a 40-foot tower. He also operates VHF/UHF FM and C4FM mobile, base, and portable.



Bud Hennessy, AE6BH.

Bio not available for printing at this time. Editor to blame as Bud was given short notice.

All contact information for each officer is available at our website: www.earsclub.org



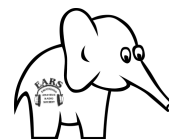
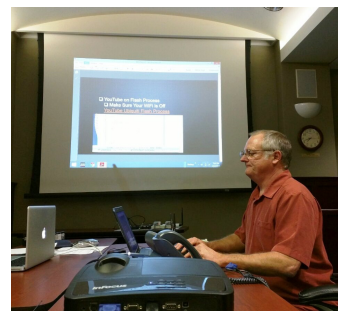
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Actual Size

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 and will be sold at EARS functions. See Rob Kitson.

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!".

2015 Pictorial Review



EARS 2015



EARS Membership Application

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☐ 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

* REQUIRED

ARRL Member (Y/N) Life Member (Y/N)

Amateur Related Interests (circle any interest)
ARRL, RACES, ARES, SATERN, Red Flag, HF, VHF, UHF,
Packet, EchoLink, D-Star, T-Hunt, ATV, Field-Day, Con-
tests, 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 unlist-
ed 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 ad-
dressed stamped envelope with this form.



EARS Monthly Breakfast

EARS members meet socially on the third Satur-
day 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