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Swap and Shop

Join us on 7.255 every Wednesday
from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon for the
Swap and Shop, hosted by Kelly
N3FQG

Build Your Own Coax Wall Plate

by Mike Stone, N1VE (ECARS number 1500)

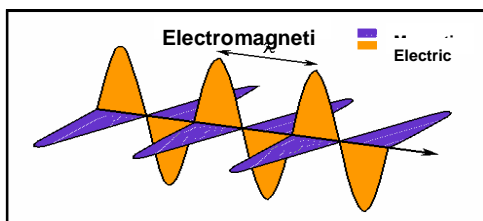
We live in both Kentucky and Florida, spending approximately six months in each location. I am reluctant to leave my antennas outside and connected to the house while we are away. I also want to be able to easily disconnect the coax cables from the house during thunderstorms. Therefore I need a way to easily disconnect the coax from the houses, yet I didn't want a gaping, unsightly hole left in the buildings. Our home in Florida has uninsulated stucco covered plywood walls below the living area where the coax cables enter the house. Routing the coax through the wall in Florida was an easy job. However, our home in Kentucky has brick veneer extending from below the grade up to the roof, so I needed to run the coax through the brick wall, though the wall sheathing, and though the rim joist, and then into the basement.

I used a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch masonry bit and a hammer drill to bore two holes (one for each coax cable) though the bricks. Once through the bricks I drilled a hole through the wood and into the basement. Then I made aluminum wall plates with small Lexan roofs to shed water.

Years ago I purchased a 5/8 -24 tap, the size thread used on PL-259, SO-239, chassis connectors, and barrel connectors. I drilled two 9/16-inch diameter holes in a piece of 3/16-inch thick aluminum plate, the exact distance apart as the holes in the brick. Then I tapped threads in the holes. Two, two inch long barrel connectors were screwed into the threaded holes and coax was connected to each end of the connectors. The fit was so tight that I didn't need to screw the aluminum plate to secure it to the side of the house.

I used a ninety-degree connector to drop the coax toward the ground beside the house, but found a slight increase in SWR with the connector, so I removed it.

When we leave for Florida I will take down the antennas, disconnect the coax cables, and store the antennas inside until we return in the spring. I go through the same routine in Florida. This reduces weathering on the antennas and feed lines and gives me much peace of mind during severe weather.



ECARS Annual Meeting

Come one! Come all! Every ECARS member is invited to attend the annual meeting. The more the merrier! Have you ever wondered what the guy you are talking to on the other end looks like? Well here is your chance. The annual meeting is going to be in Ocean City, MD this year on April 24th & 25th.

The first day as people arrive we have a social gathering with drinks and snacks. Each night we gather together and have dinner at recommended restaurants.

Saturday is the meeting which includes reports from all the committees. Old and New business is attended to. This is a good time, to have any question that you may have answered. We have some door prizes and usually a guest program presenter. During the meeting the spouses usually find a place to shop or sight-see.

Saturday night, we gather again, to feast at another selected nearby restaurant. Some people will choose to go it alone and that's okay too. While you drive home on Sunday after breakfast, you have time to reflect on new gain experiences with ECARS.

You can help us plan. If you are interested in attending Email W3GVD Joe for more information at jblithe@comcast.net

Thanks Bob K2IB, Director

ECARS Net Manager's Report



Joseph S. Reppert, WY3T

ECARS Secretary / Treasurer's Report



Charlie Stampf, W4FI

As usual, everyone is doing a fine job covering their assigned time slots. I would like to thank those of you who help out by covering vacant time slots at short notice.

One of these days the band might get back to some reasonable facsimile of what it should be. But in the meantime even though conditions are marginal we are still getting the job done. It is fairly easy to run a net and have a decent number of stations check in when the band is good.

It is under poor conditions when the expertise of the Net Control Station comes to the forefront and he gets the contact completed with accurate information.

Also a thank you to participating stations who help out with relays at times. I would like to recognize the many stations that listen to the Net on a daily basis and never pick up the mic. I know if need be we can count on any of you to assist if necessary. There are all kinds of things to deal with during the net, including poor band conditions, tuner uppers, intentional interference, and some of the less considerate stations that like to operate closer to the operating frequency of the Net than they should. There is a thing called common courtesy" that some operators have forgotten about.

As you know we are accepting nominations for Officials for the 2009 term until November 25th, when they will close. So, if you have someone in mind for a position, secure their permission and send their information to the nominating committee.

If there is anyone who is interested in doing any Net Control work please contact me at [610-756-6028](tel:610-756-6028) or email me jsreppert@verizon.net

I hope to hear all of you on the air on ECARS, remember the Net is what you make it.

Keep up the Tradition

Account Balances Report

As of 10/31/2008

(Includes unrealized gains)
10/31/2008

Account Balance

ASSETS Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	3,419.53
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	3,419.53
Investments	
CD	6,261.24
TOTAL Investments	6,261.24
TOTAL ASSETS	9,680.77
LABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	9,680.77

Banking Summary

7/1/2008 through 10/31/2008

11/25/2008

Category Description 10/31/2008

INCOME	
DECAL	3.00
DONATION	25.00
Dues - New	210.00
Dues - Renewal	350.00
Dues PayPal	100.00
ECARS Pin	4.10
PATCHES	5.00
TOTAL INCOME	697.10
EXPENSES	
Corporation Fees	539.00
Office Supplies	75.43

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www.ecars7255.com

Holiday Greetings
From ECARS



To All Hams
Around The World

Official ECARS Jacket

If you would like to purchase an ECARS jacket / windbreaker, they are available from one of the nation's premier public safety supply companies, Galls, Inc. To purchase an official ECARS jacket, fill out the order form below and send it along with the required payment to ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674. Pricing varies depending on jacket size and logo options selected.

Official ECARS embroidered patch is on the front and back of the jacket.

Note: The deadline for ordering jackets this year is October 31. Now is a great time to order ECARS jackets for the holidays. Effective 2007, jacket orders will be taken by ECARS twice a year, in January and July. The deadlines for submitting orders to ECARS will be January 31 and July 31.



ECARS Jacket Order Form

Name: Call:

Name and mailing address:

Men's sizes, circle one

M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
38—40	42—44	46—48	50—52	54—56
(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$23.99)	(\$27.99)

Women's sizes, circle one

M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
8—10	12—14	16—18	20—22	24—26
(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$23.99)	(\$27.99)

Color, circle one

Navy Red Black Royal

Circle all desired

Large ECARS Logo-Back (\$24.99) ECARS Logo Front Left (\$9.99)

Front right Name/Call (\$5.99), 15 characters., 2 lines

Name or Call only: (\$3.99)

Shipping: \$10.00 Set up fee: \$5.00

Total order: \$

Jackets will be dropped shipped by the manufacturer directly to you. Any overpayments in shipping will be applied to the set-up fee. Order issues should be addressed directly with the Galls, Inc.

Make checks payable to:

ECARS
PO Box 5923
Hudson, FL 34674



ECARS custom ceramic 10 ounce coffee mug

ECARS Mug

ECARS members can order custom ceramic coffee mugs for \$19.50 including the cost of priority mail. In addition to the ECARS logo you can include your call sign and ECARS number below the logo on both sides of the mug. Or below the ECARS logo on one side you can specify your call sign and on the other side below the ECARS logo you can specify your ECARS number. Choose the orientation of the mug (left or right hand) depending on which logo combination you would like facing you.

You can order the mugs by:

- email; rick@thesignman.com
- using the secure shopping cart; <https://cahaba.net/~thesignm/secure/> (beside "Color Items" click on "Select", then click on "Color Coffee Mug", then type the specifics in the "Enter Details Below" text block)
- by phone; 225-757-1545
- by fax; 225-208-1545

ECARS Pins

ECARS pins are available from club secretary/treasurer Charlie Stampf, N2CJ. These are beautiful one-inch diameter gold pins with the red, white, and blue ECARS insignia in a very durable glossy finish. The price for one pin is \$3.50 plus \$.60 postage. To order a pin, send your check made out to ECARS for \$4.10 per pin to ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674-5923



The East Coast Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (E.C.A.R.S.)

Membership Application / Renewal

____ New Application ____ Renewal. If renewal enter your ECARS Number ____ Call Sign ____
Year First Licensed ____ Year you first joined ECARS _____, ARRL Member ____ Yes, ____ No
Name _____
Street _____
City / Town _____, State/Province _____
Zip/Postal Code _____ - _____
Home Phone (____) _____ - _____ Work Phone (____) _____ - _____
E-mail address. (do not use an alias, e.g. @arrl.net) _____
May ECARS publish your email address? ____ Yes ____ No

ECARS Dues: ____ 1 year \$10.00, ____ 2 years \$20.00, ____ 3 years \$30.00

Voluntary donation for a better ECARS ____ \$1, ____ \$5, ____ \$10, ____ other

I, the undersigned, hereby request a new a continued membership in the East Coast Amateur Radio Service, Inc.

I agree to abide by ECARS Bylaws, a copy which is available on the ECARS website, www.ecars7255.com.

I understand that my application for ECARS membership is subject to approval by the ECARS Board of Directors, in its sole discretion.

Signature _____ Date _____

Instructions: Complete this form and mail it with a check or money order in United States funds to: **E.C.A.R.S., PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674-5923.**

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ECARS decals are available for \$1.50 each, and pins for \$3.50 each plus \$.60 postage per pin. Send your payment to: ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674-5923.

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