



Arizona Section Newsletter January 2019



Arizona Section Manager, Rick Paquette W7RAP

Superstition Hamfest-

We began December with one of our favorite get-togethers and a really great Swap meet to boot. Again, the Superstition Hamfest proved to be one of Arizona's best examples of a well-run and enjoyable event. Record crowds and a full slate of activities, along with great food and entertainment, made this year's event one of the very best. We were excited to have Ham Radio celebrities Gordon West (WB6NOA) and Fred Lloyd (AA7BQ, Founder of QRZ.COM) participate. Congratulations to the Superstition club for their hard work and excellent coordination to achieve such success.



ARCA Evolution-

At the December 1st meeting of the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA), we discussed the need to consider the re-structure of support of Amateur Radio clubs here in Arizona. With the recent changes in ARCA's responsibilities and activity, coupled with their experience with coordinating and supporting clubs across Arizona, we have the opportunity to increase the participation of clubs, as well as better coordinate events and promote activities across the state. We are working on ways to urge 100-percent club participation and also to explain the benefits and needs that the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona can provide. We have begun including this discussion at club meetings across the state.

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QRZ Celebration-

2018 marked the 25th year for the successful growth of Fred Lloyd's (AA7BQ) QRZ database and Website activity. Celebrations were held at the Superstition Hamfest and on 5 December at QRZ Headquarters in Scottsdale, where two video webcasts were held. The first was to review the History of QRZ's success and astonishing growth, followed by the award of a great slate of prizes to all of us that participated in Fred's success. The prizes included the latest in hardware and tools, capped-off with a new ICOM 7610 Transceiver, as well as a new Yaesu FT-DX 101D Radio. A list of all the prize winners can be found at: <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/the-qrz-25th-anniversary-trivia-sweepstakes-prizes.116/>.

Later that evening, Bob Heil's weekly "HamNation" Podcast featured Fred and longtime friend Gordon West ("Gordo" WB6NOA) reviewing QRZ's astonishing history and all the effort and creativity that have made the website into one of the world's biggest and best resources for Amateur Radio.



ARRL-AZ Section Manager Election-

The campaign for ARRL Arizona Section Manager is underway. There are two nominees who are running for the office, current SM, Rick Paquette (W7RAP), and the Arizona ARRL Public Information Coordinator, Virgil Silhanek (K7VZ). Ballots will be mailed to all Arizona ARRL members in early January, along with a description of each candidate's qualifications and background data. Ballots must be returned to ARRL before February 15th. The two-year term for the next Section Manager will begin on April 1st .

2018 A Good Year For ARRL-AZ-

2018 was an exciting and productive year here in Arizona, with activities and adventures all across the state. We continue to grow at an accelerated rate, and are seeing positive results of recent campaigns that improve our privileges and add protections to our use of equipment and activities. We have been successful in all of our challenges to reverse Distracted Driving laws, and also achieve recognition for our services to the State, County, Municipal, and Federal Government levels.

Many of our members have received awards and accolades for their devotion to public service, and this helps us justify our role in Emergency Support and Training, as well as being promoters and supporters

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of Civic events. We are demonstrating all across the state that Amateur Radio is so much more than just a “Hobby”.

Next year we will continue to focus on growth among members and clubs, as well as improving communication among ourselves and the Public and the media about who we are, and how we help our community. We plan to re-introduce a statewide “Distracted Driving” initiative, and see it to approval and enactment. Likewise, we will work hard to support a Viable antenna usage law, that recognizes our need as Emergency and Civic support agencies to operate and communicate effectively despite efforts by legislators and HOA action committees to suppress our activities.

We wish every Amateur Operator here in Arizona the VERY BEST for 2019.

Upcoming Events:

Thunderbird Hamfest-

January 12th starts the New Year Hamfest schedule off with the Thunderbird Hamfest, always a great event. Remember this year they have moved their location to 59th and Cactus Ave, and promise to have a full slate of activities. Go to www.arca-az.org/main/calendar.html to get all the details.

Quartzfest Specialty Convention-

The entire week of 20 January will be the latest gathering of over a thousand Hams out in Quartzsite AZ. Log on to the website to see all the Activities, Presentations and events that begin each day at Sunrise, and extend well into each night. Go to <http://quartzfest.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/quartzfest/> and investigate all the action and fun.

ARRL Southwestern Division Convention –

The biggest event for Hams here in Arizona has got to be the Southwestern Division Convention and Hamfest . This year on 15 and 16 February, thousands of Hams will gather to a slate of Presentations, Vendors and a huge Swap meet, in addition to many special events such as the Arizona Near-Space Research Stratospheric Balloon launch, and a Get-On-The Air (GOTA) Special Event station. Lots of activities fill both days and this is a Must Do event. Visit <http://www.yumahamfest.org/> to get all the details.

Section Emergency Coordinator, Dennis Bietry KE7EJF

Happy New Year! I know that some of you received new radios for Christmas as I have heard some of them on the air. I’ve also heard conversations about how hard some of those new radios are to program so you have bought programming cables to program them. But, what happens if you are on a public service event or an emergency operation and you push a button and get your radio in one of those weird modes where it won’t do anything and you have to do a master reset? You won’t always have your computer and programming cable handy to reprogram your radio.

Take time this month and at least once a quarter to manually program a few frequencies in all of your radios. That way those programming skills will be fresh in your mind so you can quickly get back on the air when things go wrong.

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Upcoming Hamfests and Events

Search for ARRL sanctioned hamfests: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

See upcoming hamfest fliers attached at bottom of this newsletter.

- 1/12 – Thunderbird Hamfest - <http://www.w7tbc.org>
- 1/20 to 1/26 – QuartzFest - <http://www.quartzfest.org>
- 2/15 to 2/16 – Yuma Hamfest (Southwest Division Convention) <http://www.yumahamfest.org>

Amateur Radio Classes

Find upcoming classes: <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class>

Amateur Radio Testing

Search for upcoming Amateur Radio exams: http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/search

New Hams and License Upgrades (October 2018)

Please welcome the 43 new hams who recently earned their Amateur Radio license.

KJ7CJT - Tessa Wells - Technician - Phoenix	KJ7BWO - Pam McLaughlin - Technician - Cave Creek
KJ7CLX - Alexander Kristiansen - Technician - Phoenix	KJ7CJB - William Newman - Technician - Goodyear
KJ7BWW - Jeff Stoddard - Technician - Phoenix	KJ7CGA - John Callahan - Technician - Goodyear
KJ7BWN - Dan Francis - Technician - Phoenix	KJ7CJA - John Serrano - Technician - Sun City
KJ7BUU - James Mayes - Technician - Queen Creek	KJ7CJC - Don Lake - Technician - Waddell
KJ7CCM - James Taylor - Technician - Mesa	KJ7CEE - Susan Allen - Technician - Yuma
KJ7CIN - Nicodemus Phaklides - Technician - Mesa	KJ7BWK - Jeffery Smith - Technician - Sun City West
KJ7BUT - John Giddings - Technician - Mesa	KJ7CJD - James Gonnering - General - Surprise
KJ7CLF - Darwin Stull - General - Chandler	KJ7CEB - James Bray - Technician - Buckeye
KJ7BWV - Michael Laney - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CED - Mark Mastriani - General - Vail
KJ7BWT - Mary Macdonald - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CEC - Russell Carrington - General - Tucson
KJ7BKY - Daniel Wagner - General - Scottsdale	KJ7CGB - Wesley Rouse - Technician - Show Low
KJ7BWY - Michael Spaulding - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIJ - Aidan Mackey - Technician - Prescott
KJ7BWQ - Chad Palmer - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIQ - Richard Pack - General - Prescott Valley
KJ7BWP - Benjamin Padgett - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIR - Christopher Reneer - General - Prescott Valley
KJ7BWR - Nico Schmid - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIK - Joshua Mitchell - Technician - Camp Verde
KJ7BWX - Brian Schneider - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIS - Rufus Shumaker - General - Chino Valley
KJ7BWS - William Ferguson - Technician - Scottsdale	KJ7CIL - Brian Mounsey - Technician - Chino Valley
KJ7CGE - Marlon Marasigan - Technician - Chandler	KJ7CIM - Bruce Mounsey - Technician - Chino Valley
KJ7CGF - Maria Barretto-marasigan - Technician - Chandler	KJ7CIO - Joel Price - Technician - Chino Valley
KJ7BQA - Garrett Drysdale - Technician - Gilbert	KJ7CIP - Michael Rodriguez - Technician - Dewey
KJ7BWL - Giovanni Carlvcci - Technician - Gilbert	

Congratulations to the 29 hams who recently upgraded their license.

KB7NPI - William Chambless - General - Phoenix	KJ7AUM - Elizabeth Lambert - General - Tempe
KF7YLH - John Mcconnell - Extra - Phoenix	KI7LGS - Jeffrey Thompson - General - Chandler
KG7SWD - Roger Quinte - Extra - Phoenix	N7TYX - Robert Lutes - Extra - Glendale
KJ7AYO - David Hamner - General - Apache Junction	KF7MNG - Charles Emery - Extra - Cave Creek
KJ7BHO - Jimmy Balentine - General - Coolidge	WB9WLV - Eugene Neigoff - Extra - Surprise
KJ7BFK - Kamala Jackson - General - Queen Creek	KJ7BFA - James Todd - Extra - Surprise
WH7XP - Kim Ullman-orestano - General - Mesa	KI7VWP - Leonard Falcone - General - Surprise
KD7CVB - George Parker - General - Scottsdale	KG7STM - Thomas Army - Extra - Patagonia
KF7OGZ - Gary Bennett - General - Scottsdale	KC0QBN - Edwin Williams - General - Tucson
KF7PVK - Robert Johnson - General - Scottsdale	KE7LHY - Marjorie Fagan - General - Tucson
KF7SPS - Scott Gillins - Extra - Scottsdale	KI7YON - Gerald St Hilaire - Extra - Happy Jack
KF7PVL - Johnny Booth - General - Scottsdale	KE7TYO - Richard Roda - Extra - Sedona
KJ7BSG - John Stevenson - General - Tempe	KJ7APS - Robert Sposili - Extra - Sedona
KI7PPV - Violet Lambert - General - Tempe	KD6ENW - David Stockwell - Extra - Lake Havasu City
KJ7AUL - Henry Lambert - General - Tempe	

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Arizona Test Sessions

Phoenix area:

- 1st Saturday 9:00AM - DeVry/West Valley Club (Walk-ins allowed) Contact David, N7TWT (623)925-0680 Email: N7TWT@ARRL.NET Location: DEVRY UNIVERSITY 2149 W DUNLAP AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85021
- 2nd Wednesday 6:30PM - Central Phoenix VE Team Location: South Mountain Community College (Library) (No walk-ins) Contact: Bill Martin (480) 205-3625 (480) 205-3625 Limited space, you must contact Bill. Email: ai0d@hotmail.com
- 3rd Monday 6:00PM - EAST VALLEY VE TEAM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact Steve, KY7W 480-478-9692. 1104 East Campus Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282-3913. Email: KJ7WK@COX.NET East Mesa VE Team will take walk-in registrants between 6 PM and 6:30 PM. Testing will begin promptly at 6:30 for the Technician examination. You must have Photo ID. \$15.00 Fee (exact change Please.)
- 3rd Tuesday 8:00PM - BOY SCOUT TROOP 127 (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: JOHN H KELLY (602)264-6854 Email: KELLYJ127@AOL.COM Location: ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL, 4715 N CENTRAL AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85012
- 4th Saturday 7:00PM - Arizona Amateur Radio Club (No walk-ins) PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED NOTIFY GARY BY THURS NITE Contact Gary Hamman, K7GH (602) 996-8148 Email: K7GH@ARRL.NET Location: 4747 N. 22nd Street, on the eastside of 22nd Street and just north of Highland Ave. in Phoenix. (No walk-ins)

Tucson Area:

- 1st Thursday - Lighthouse YMCA/ARRL. Contact Matt, AC7IL, veregistration@ac7il.org
- 1st Saturday - Oro Valley/ARRL. Contact David, AK2L, ak2l@arrl.net
- 2nd Monday - RST/ Laurel (No Fee): Contact Diane, AA3OF, dzimmerman2002@gmail.com
- 3rd Saturday - Jacobs Park YMCA/ARRL: Contact Fred, K7OFA, k7ofa@arrl.net

Graham / Greenlee County Area:

- For VE testing on request, please contact Dave, N7AM, and he will arrange it.

Yuma Area:

- 2nd Saturday - By appointment only. Contact Sam Yarbrough W7SLY W7SLY@roadrunner.com or Robert Spencer KE8DM at ke8dm@arrl.org

Arizona Nets

Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net (ATEN) meets in the winter from October 15 to April 15 at 5:30 PM and in the summer from April 15 to October 15 at 7:00PM on 3986 kHz daily. Tommy Ivan KF7GC Net Manager, Arizona Section Traffic Manager kf7gc@arrl.net www.atenaz.net

Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa (AEN-MAR) meets every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, for training and exercise in the public service communication arts on the Mt. Ord 146.92(-), Shaw Butte 147.24(+) or Scottsdale Airpark 146.760(-) repeaters. The repeaters require a 162.2 Hz tone. The repeaters are linked and cover most of Maricopa County and portions of Pinal, Gila, Coconino and Yavapai Counties in central Arizona. <http://www.aen-mar.org>

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Saguaro National Traffic System (NTS) Net (www.saguaronts.net), meets daily at 6:30 pm MST (0130Z) on the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society (E.A.A.R.S.) (<http://www.eaars.org/>) repeaters. The repeaters are; 146.86 and (440.700 Hub) Heliograph Peak 147.28 Guthrie Peak - Greenlee County 145.21 Jacks Peak New Mexico. Between Lordsburg & Silver City 145.41 Pinal Peak Near Globe AZ 147.16 Mt Lemmon Near Tucson 146.70 Greens Peak Near Springerville - Showlow 145.27 South Mtn. Near Alpine, AZ 147.08 Mule Mtn. Near Bisbee in Cochise County 147.06 Lil Florida Mtn. Near Deming, New Mexico 145.47 Caballo Mtn. Near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 145.35 West Peak. West of Heliograph 12 miles All E.A.A.R.S. network repeaters operate with PL tone 141.3. For more information about this net, contact Greg Peters (kc5zgg@arrl.net)

AM 2 meter net Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area, 2 meter AM net, 144.450 MHz, every Tuesday night at 1930 MST. Antenna vertical polarization. The 144.450 MHz is a coordinated AM frequency in Arizona. This is an informal NET, most discussions are technical. All are welcome.

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