

SM Article for October 2003

The last two (2) months have been busy and very exciting. Kingman held their annual Hamfest at the Mohave Community College on 20 September 2003. This event had excellent ARRL participation with Art Goddard, W6XD, the Southwest Division Director, Tuck Miller, NZ6T, the assistant division director, and myself present. The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) held their meeting and the financial results of Fort Tuthill were presented. ARCA made only approximately \$4000.00 with half going to the clubs that helped with the operation, so the ARCA treasury only increased by approximately \$2000.00. This was not very much profit but at least it was not a loss. ARCA does provide financial help to various clubs during the year for Hamfest and scholarships. The Fort Tuthill Fairground committee increased their cost of the grounds for 2003 to approximately \$9000.00. This cost along with the increase cost for the tables and chairs must be passed to each vendor and tailgate person. The Southwestern Division Convention was held in Long Beach at the Hilton Hotel and the talks were outstanding. Experts gave their ideas on how to build a small HF station to how to properly do DX (for beginners), building a 6-meter station, etc. I was very impressed with the quality of the presentations. **I you missed these events then please plan for the 2004 Southwestern Division convention in Phoenix on 27-29 August 2004. This event is sponsored by the Central Arizona DX Club.** The next big event is the Old Pueblo Radio Club (OPRC) swapmeet on Saturday 18 October 2003 at the Tucson Electric Park (TEP). The ground are on the north side of TEP with talk in on 146.88 (-) (PL 110.9). Hope to see everyone at this event. **ARCA will be at this event and will announce several new changes to the Fort Tuthill Hamfest at this meeting.** Don't forget to start planning for the Superstition Hamfest on 6 December at Mesa Community College. I will be out of town (in XE land) starting 06 October until 17 October and then going to Colorado starting 25 October until 01 November. If you need help please contact Bernie Sasek, W7KQ, at 520-297-5885. Since this article no longer appears in the QST magazine, you can find it on the state website, www.qsl.net/arrlaz, www.hamsrus.com, and www.arrl.org/sections/index/html. If you want a copy e-mail you, then just drop me a note and I can add you to my e-mail list. Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org.