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For all your people who wait until the last minute, **"The last minute is here"**. If you have not made arrangements to attend the ARRL 2004 Southwest Convention starting August 27th here in the Phoenix area, now is the time. The hotel, Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort, still has rooms available at \$89.00 each night (compared to the regular prize of \$300.00 per night) and there are still banquet tickets available for both Friday night Barbecue, the Saturday night banquet, and the Sunday morning DX breakfast. "What are you waiting for? **A personnel invitation? Here it is.** I have been asked many times when will Arizona will host the convention; This is the year. Bring the entire family, all will find plenty of activity to keep them busy.

Dan Miller, K3UFG, will be doing a Friday afternoon "Emergency Communications Workshop" starting at 1300 hrs. The first 50 people to register will receive a free copy of the Level 1 Course book. Pre-registration is required. Sent Dan an e-mail at k3ufg@arrl.org immediately to guarantee you class position.

Gordon West, WB6NOA, and Bob Heil, K9EID, are also doing a Friday night program on "Pass the HAM".

Saturday morning at 0600 hrs for you early birds will be a free swapmeet in the parking lot of the Sheraton. "NO Charge for seller's or buyer's.

Saturday starting at 0900 hrs will be the technical programs (over 45) on every aspect of amateur radio from antenna design, to building techniques, to BPL. The ARRL forum will be at 1600 hrs so you can compliment, complain, or just talk to the ARRL officials on almost any subject. The latest amateur radio wares will be displayed and sold in the main vendor area. Ten-Tec, Yaesu, ICOM, Kenwood, etc will be there to show all the newest equipment.

Saturday night is the main banquet with Dave Bell, W6AQ, as the Master of Ceremonies and the program by Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV. The banquet prize drawing will follow. After this will come the Wouff Hong presented by our own Tuck Miller, NZ6T, the SW division Vice Director.

The Sunday morning DX breakfast will feature Jim Henderson, KF7E, who will share his adventures on the recent Rodriques Island Dxpediton, 3B9C. Master of Ceremonies will be Mike Fulcher, KC7V.

As you can tell from my brief outline of what will be offered at this convention, there will be a lot of activity at this event. As I stated before, the Central DX Club always does a "First Class" job. Yes, August is one of our hottest months of the year, but the temperature inside will be "A COOL" 78 degrees. Except for the swapmeet, all activities will be inside. There is nothing to lose and a lot to gain by coming to this event. The ARRL will also be doing all aspects of QSL card checking. And if you get bored looking at all the new equipment and you are tired of the talks, you can take a boat ride (yes, over actual water) to the casino for additional entertainment. What other event in Arizona has this must to do at one place for a small price?

The main website is www.hamradio2004.com. Cut of date for mail registration is August 21st. But I KNOW you will not wait until then to sign up for this event.

The Kingman Hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This event will start at 0600 hrs (o-dark 30 for us military people) and will end about 1400 hrs. This is an annual event that is continuing to get larger each year. Talk-in will be on the 146.76-, Pl 131.8, repeater. More about this event on the next newsletter. My present speaking schedule calls for me to be at the Lake Havasu ARC on the 16th of September just a few days prior to this hamfest.

The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest on the 19th of February at the Yuma Arizona fair grounds. Scheduled time is 0600-1500. I will provide more details as the time gets closer.

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