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It is summer time. Most of our community service activities die down and we normally use this time for "On the air training". The state has various NETS, HF, VHF, and UHF that are used for this type of training activity. These special times help us improve our skills in message traffic flow, directed net operations, and how to be an NCS. If you are not participating in one of the state training NETS, give me a call and I will direct you to one in your local area. Here in Pima County we have a Saturday VHF Net (147.30 +) and a Sunday morning HF NET (3995 khz at 0845 hrs). There is also a state Emergency Operations HF NET every Sunday morning at 0730 hrs around 3992 khz. Remember that fall will bring about our community support activities and we should be prepared.

The Kachina ARC Hamfest on 4-5 June 2004 in Show Low was a success. This was their second year and the attendance was well over from what it was last year. It was only 85 degrees and the smell of pine trees was great. They are already planning for 2005 so mark the 1st weekend of June down.

The Arizona State Hamfest, normally located at Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff, is now going to be at the Williams, Arizona Rodeo Grounds, and the date will be the first weekend in July the 2nd through the 4th. The city of Williams is located 33 miles west of Flagstaff on Highway 40. The city of Williams has offered ARCA the use of their Rodeo Grounds at a lower cost and is willing to give other incentives to the people who attend the Hamfest. ARCA is still looking for people to go on a Monday train ride to the Grand Canyon. Also they have set up a "STAR PARTY" for Sunday night. The observatory in Flagstaff is going to bring out several telescopes for us to us and they will also do a presentation. This is a little different from the normal activity but it will be fun (Jupiter has 4 moons that are visible). If you need room reservations and do not know where to go, call me at home because I have a complete listing of all hotel and RV sites in Williams. RV parking will be allowed on the Hamfest grounds (dry camping). There is a RV park located next door to the ground that has full hook-ups. Rick Paquette, W7RAP, will be giving VE exams at the elementary school about ¼ miles away from the fairgrounds. **P.S.** The state convention for 2005 has already been locked in for 8-10 July 2005, not the first weekend (4th of July).

The next order of business is the 2004 ARRL Southwestern Convention that will take place at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort located near Chandler on 27-29 August 2004. Many people kept asking

for the SW convention to be in Arizona so they don't have to travel very far. Well, it is here. There is no more excuses for you not to attend. All the traveling you need to do is drive/fly/walk to Chandler (Phoenix area). Bob Davies, K7BHM, and his committee are doing a great job on the preparation. Ned Stearns, AA7A, has put together over 30 confirmed talk sessions on almost every subject of amateur radio. Dan Miller, K3UFG, from ARRL HQ will hold a Level 1 Emergency Communication Course on Friday afternoon (27 August) for 35 people. If you want to attend, you need to sign up early. Many top companies are showing up to try and get you to buy new products. This event will have everything in-doors (except Saturday morning swap meet) so you need not go outside for anything except the boat ride to the casino for other entertainment or go swimming in the large pool. All presentations and vendor areas will be in air-conditioned comfort. The hotel still has many rooms available for \$91.00 a night and this rate is good for the week prior to the event and the week after the event. Where else can you get resort treatment for standard motel prices. Make your plans ahead of time to be at this event. Talk-in will be handled by the Arizona Repeater Association (Friday 1500-1800 hrs, and Saturday 0900-1700 hrs) and Explorer Post 599 is handling room security. Check the web site for VHF and UHF frequencies. Many clubs from the Southwest Division will have small booths to provide information on their activities and membership. If you need additional information or help in signing up for this fabulous event, please call me or go to the convention web site, **"www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004"**.

The Kingman Hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This is an annual event that is continuing to get larger each year. I look forward to this event because I can take a weekend off away from home (a small vacation). More about this event as it gets closer.

The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest around the mid-February time frame. More details coming later.

I have been going around to the various clubs and providing information on the new proposed license structure that the ARRL board of directors sent to the FCC. Call me if your club would like a presentation on this or other ARRL subjects. Another quick note, I will not be running for another term as your SM. My present term ends on 01 April 2005. After 12 years as SM I plan to move on to other activities within amateur radio.

My home telephone number is 520-744-9095, and I do have an answering machine to let me know who called when I am away. If I happen to miss your call, please leave me a name and telephone number and I will return the call as soon as possible. I do try and respond to all telephone calls and e-mails as required but I do miss a few so if that has happened please have patience and call/resent again. If you want a copy e-mail you, then just drop me a note and I can add you

to my e-mail list. Several people who requested an e-mail copy of this article have had their e-mail address changed and I do not have the new address. Please provide new address so the article will arrive at the correct location. Just a quick note, I have made plans to take a non-amateur radio vacation (7-day cruise to Alaska) during the later part of June (19th through 28th). My wife has informed me that she needs a rest. I am not sure if is a rest from my amateur radio activity or work. 73's from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org or kd6xh@comcast.net.