

## SM Article for March 2004

The results of the first battle with Pima County over the amateur radio antenna ordinance is history. Amateur radio, "1", Gates pass Home owners Association "0". The Pima county Planning and Zoning Board voted to "Recommend" to the county supervisors that the present amateur radio antenna ordinance not be changed".

Thanks to the effort of Mike Zonnefeld, W0LTL, Kenneth Hirschberg, K6HPX, Bill Jorden, K7KI, Eric Gustafson, N7CL, and a host of others we were able to persuade the planning and zoning board members that our service to the county, state, and nation, for public service outweighed the desire for changes due to "suppose loss of property value" and "eye-sore". I also want to thank Terry Hashman, KC5EGC, and the members of the 146.52 NET that went all out to spread the word and help gather over \$4500 for the cost of the lawyer I hired to help us fight this case. Several other people that also supported our position were the communications director from the Pima County Red Cross, the Salvation Army communications support director, and the Pima County Office of Emergency management. The battle is not over. The next step is with the County Board of supervisors. The plan is to visit each one on an individual basis and show them what we do for our community and why the large antenna systems are necessary. This is a necessary step so each supervisor can ask questions and get answers in a non-threatening environment. Our success or failure with the county board of supervisors will depend on these behind-the-scene meetings. The actual meeting will be a formality. We still need you to send letters (e-mails) to your county board member to let them know that any changes are not acceptable.

Don't forget the Hamfest at the Scottsdale Community College on the 13th of March. This is a big event so bring flashlights for those early risers. I plan to be there about 0700 hrs (o-dark thirty) so if you want to get more details about ARRL activity I will gladly give you all the information I can. Art Goddard, W6XD, the Southwestern Director, will also be in attendance.

The Cochise Amateur radio association will hold its Hamfest on 01 May 2004 in Sierra Vista, and Kachina ARC will have its Hamfest on 5-6 June 2004 in Show Low.

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. This means that ARCA will be able to maintain the present cost of selling spaces (maybe lower the cost) and each selling space will be larger in size because there is more room available. ARCA is presently talking with the city officials about discount cost for motel rooms, RV parking spots, and Grand Canyon Railroad tickets. The RV part is located next door to the ground and has full hook-ups and there are several motels close by (Fairfield, Holiday Inn, etc).

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. The Central

Arizona DX Club is putting on this event and they do everything first class. There will be many presentations on almost every subject of amateur radio plus many top companies showing you their 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 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. The convention web site is "[www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004](http://www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004)".

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. So if I 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. My wife has informed me that she needs a rest. 73's from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is [kd6xh@arrl.org](mailto:kd6xh@arrl.org) <<mailto:kd6xh@arrl.org>> or [kd6xh@comcast.net](mailto:kd6xh@comcast.net).