

Cliff's Monthly SM Report
May 2004

It's over and we won. The Arizona Pima County supervisors Voted (4-1) to not make any changes and leave the exiting ordinance alone, just what we wanted them to do. Thanks to everyone who helped, either with donations, presentation, getting the word out, etc. I cannot give you the names of all the people who helped in this project because there is not enough room and I am not sure I have everyone's name. I hope we don't have to go through with this again for at least 10 years. All that is left to do is complete the payment process of the lawyer. This should be done by the end of May 2004. I have sent to the QST editor a complete article on what happened from start to finish. Also, Mike Zonnefeld, W0LTL, will be given the paperwork showing all the people who provided monetary donations. If you have any questions on who gave, where spent, etc, He is the person that can answer these questions.

Now for the other news about Arizona:

Kachina ARC will have its annual Hamfest on 4-5 June 2004 in Show Low. This is a great time to get away from the heat of the valley. This is a Friday afternoon and all day Saturday event. They did a great job last year and I am looking forward to a great Hamfest this year.

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 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. 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 an RV park located next door to the ground that has full hook-ups. We will also have VE exams on the property so those who want to upgrade will not be required to leave the grounds. P.S. The state convention for 2005 has 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. I just attended the convention meeting and everything is finally coming into play. Bob Davies, K7BHM, and his committee are doing a good job on the preparation. The Central Arizona DX Club only puts on first class events. There are over 30 confirmed presentations on almost every subject of amateur radio plus many top companies are showing up to try and get you to buy new products. This event will have everything indoors (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. There has been trouble with the hotel on room reservations but this has been resolved. If you have any problems, please call me and I will make sure the problem is corrected immediately. 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. The convention web site is www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004.

The Kingman Hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This is an annual event that is starting to grow. 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.

Pinal county has a new DEC, Luis Martinez, KD7GMK. La Paz County DEC is Robert Kunzmann, KD7ZVJ. Coconio County DEC is Paul Lawler, KG7PM. These people will be looking for help to set up an efficient EC program. If you would like to help in these areas, please call me.

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. I did not do a good job of presenting this information to the Yuma club, but I have improved my presentation and am willing to do other clubs and let people know what is happening on this subject.

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 amateur radio or work. 73's from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org or kd6xh@comcast.net.