

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It's coming up on a year now that I have been the Section Emergency Coordinator, and it's been an interesting learning experience. We now have DEC's in most all our counties. Navajo, Greenlee, La Paz, Santa Cruz, Coconino, and Apache all have new DEC's. That's a good thing, it's gives a single point contact in most cases for the Emergency Managers who need Amateur Radio resources. It's also a starting point for groups to build out ARES teams, conduct drills, and practice procedures.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to serve the Red Cross and the Katrina Evacuee's that came to Arizona. Operation Good Neighbor allowed us to support the Red Cross, as well as gave us a chance to see some of the issues in manning an operation which runs more than just a day. Meetings are in progress to learn and correct the problems we encountered in supporting of Operation Good Neighbor.

I would like to take a moment and thank those who have helped me, mentored me, and supported me. Without your commitment, it would have been a long year, and not nearly as productive as it's been. Tom Fagan, Brian Daly, Tommy Beckett, Bill Hosking, and Jim Pierce.

Hope everyone has warm and Happy Holiday Season Rick Aldom - W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) natecf@gmail.com

BPL

PLC Network Solutions will be installing BPL within three 40 story luxury buildings located at Copper Square, in downtown Phoenix. The buildings include the Residences at Copper Point and the Lofts at Copper Point. The one representative I talked to said that the sales person did not mention any previous BPL interference problems. The representative was convinced that if interference occurred it would be minimal compared to the tremendous benefit of having access to the network from any outlet in the building. For more information you can check out the news brief at:

http://www.marketwire.com/mw/release_html_b1?release_id=101989

CLUBS

Is your club membership down? Several clubs have stopped having meetings because no one attends. Several other clubs cannot find officers. I can remember when we had fewer clubs and more members. We actually had enough members showing up at club meetings to attract some fantastic speakers. Talking of speakers, we do have a panel of fantastic speakers that can speak at your club. If you have any ideas on increasing club membership contact Mary Ahls W4NZJ, Arizona section Club Coordinator w4nzt@arll.net.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Lorenzo Santillan KE7FAS, Yolanda Frasier KE7FGI, Joe Esposito KE7FAV, Hunter Heaton KE7FEE, John Fellers KE7FEA, Robert Martens KE7FEI, John Foote KE7FDZ, William Bernard KE7FED, Richard Black KE7FEC, Aaron Smith KE7FEB, Edward Culbertson KE7FEG, Bhaskar Meka KE7FGH, John Lang KE7FFZ, Michael Vasiliades KE7FEH, Robert Harbour KE7FEF, Robert Rigdon KE7FGG, Robert Marshall KE7FAU,
Robert Hanson KE7FAT, David Durfee KE7FDA, Sean Henry KE7FDK, Raul Dominguez KE7FDO, Hyrum Johnson KE7FDP, Sean Fawcett KE7FBO.

HAMFESTS

The Mesa Hamfest will be on December 3rd at Mesa Community College (Dobson Rd just north US 60), sponsored by Superstition Amateur Radio Club. Start 6 am, ARCA Meeting 11AM. I'll be there with all my ARRL material. See you there.

Westfest will be on January 14th at the Glendale Community College (59th & Olive Avenues), sponsored by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club.

<http://www.w7tbc.org> Talk-In: 146.700 - (PL 162.2); 446.150 - (PL 100)

Contact: Steve Grouse, W1ADW w1adw@cox.net. Start 6 am.

WEBSITES

We have two websites for Arizona. The first is the one maintained by the ARRL at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ> I am limited by what I can put on that website, so we have another website located at <http://www.qsl.net/arrlaz/>. This website is maintained by Luis Martinez KD7GMK kd7gmk@arrl.net. I want to thank Luis for doing such a great job with the website. So make sure you check out both websites for all of the latest info.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics.

I look forward to hearing everyone on their new radios this Holiday Season.

73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH
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