

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

July 2005

It's July already. You know what that means. Yes, it is time for our State Convention, more about that later in the newsletter.

AWARDS

Thanks to the Raytheon Catalina Radio Club, Tucson now has a Worked All States award Checker. Bill Aurand W7MQ has volunteered to be a WAS award checker. Contact Bill if you need WAS cards checked.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It was a busy month for emergency communications; we had fires, field day and a plane crash.

The Cave Creek fire has burned over 199,000 acres and is now the second largest fire in state history. Many hams are involved with emergency communications while they work to put out this fire. The fire is currently headed toward the APS High Voltage Power lines and I-17.

We welcome Peter Firos N7PF as the new DEC for Santa Cruz County.

We still need DEC's in Apache, Graham, and La Paz counties. If you would like to help out contact Rick Aldom W7STS SEC. Please keep Rick and your DEC's informed about what is happening in your areas. For more information see the website on who your local DEC is.

CLUBS

Did you know we have over 59 clubs in Arizona? Make sure to check one out in your area. For a complete list of club in Arizona, check out the listing on the ARRL website or you can contact me.

To all the clubs that sent me newsletters last month, Thank you. Keep sending me those newsletters so I can know what your club is doing.

HAMFESTS

The White Mountain Hamfest was on June 4th. It was well attended as was the VE testing.

Ten-Ten International held their convention in Mesa AZ on July 8-12. About 150 people from all over the country including Canada, UK, Germany and Ireland participated. There were many presentations given on Saturday including: How to Build a 10-meter J-Pole Antenna by our own Assistant Section Manager Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ, Dan Brown NA7DB's Tsunami Amateur Radio Trip, BPL by your section Manager, and our

very own Southwestern Division Vice-Director Ned Stearns AA7A gave a talk on HF Propagation in the Solar Minimum.

Ten-Ten President Chuck Imsande, W6YLJ, suffered a stroke on July 10th during the Ten-Ten convention. Although he missed the convention, Chuck is doing much better and is in Rehab. He has been moved from the Hospital in Mesa to one closer to his home in Sun City. We hope Chuck gets better real soon.

ARRL ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION will be July 8-10 at the Rodeo Grounds in Williams AZ. Gates open at 2pm Thursday July 7th for setup. Hamsfest opens at Dawn Friday July 8 with the Hall opening at noon. FREE ADMISSION! We are honored to have Norm Fusaro, W3IZ from ARRL headquarters attending our state convention.

Norm is the ARRL Affiliated Club/Mentor Program Manager. and will be giving several presentations. There will be activities for all, commercial vendors and manufacturers, a huge swapmeet, VE tests, BBQ dinner and more. Did I mention PRIZES? Yes they have the prizes, check out the details at <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

Meetings seminars and presentations at Williams:

AMSAT, ARCA, ARRL, EMCOMM, APRS, Ham Exam Prep, MARS, Public information, QRP and the Repeater Owners meeting.

Come out and meet your ARRL officials. Joining us will be our Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton, N6AA and his Vice Director Ned Stearns, AA7A. I will be there as well as most of the Arizona ARRL leadership. Look for the ARRL booth in the Hall.

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.

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