

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

September 2005

HURRICANE KATRINA

If you wish to volunteer to help with hurricane Katrina emergency communications there is now a volunteer registration & message traffic database at <http://katrina.ab2m.net/> If you need to locate someone visit: <http://www.saturn.org/> and complete the health and welfare information request. More info is on the ARRL site <http://www.arrl.org>

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

As you may have noticed, the monsoon season is here, we have had several areas struck with severe damage from monsoon storms. The new DEC for La Paz was called into action for 3 days after a severe storm knocked down power lines near Bouse. He had only recently formed a team, and he and his team spent hours checking on elderly residents who were essentially trapped at home in the daytime heat. A few had to be transported to electricity for medical reasons. Had David and his team not gone door to door, this story may have had a more tragic ending.

Brian Daly WB7OML has been appointed as the Sky Warn Coordinator for sector 2. Brian and Rick Aldom W7STS have been doing a lot of coordination. They both monitor the weather, and when it appears a net maybe needed, they check in with the forecaster on duty at the NWS in Phoenix. If the forecaster agrees they place a net controller on standby with an expected activation time. This allows them to pre-coordinate a net controller while they have time and little pressure. When the time comes, Rick only has to make one call to fill the need.

Rick still needs DEC's in Apache, and Coconino

counties. If you would like to help out contact Rick Aldom W7STS SEC natecf@gmail.com. Please keep Rick and your DEC's informed about what is happening in your areas.

CLUBS

Mary Ahls W4NZJ, Arizona section Club Coordinator w4nzj@arrl.net has been making sure all the club records are up to date. To help Mary and your club, make sure your club information is up to date on the ARRL website.

If your club has ever been or you think your club is a Special Service Club with the ARRL, please contact Mary. Due to lack of communications on how to renew your club SSC membership, many of our Arizona clubs have dropped off the SSC rooster. You may have thought you renewed your SSC status, but only updated your ARRL web site information. Mary will help get your club back to your SSC proper status.

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

NEW HAMS

Let's welcome these new Arizona hams to our wonderful hobby.

Camon Paski KE7ELS, Jerry Acuncius KE7EJY, Carson Bunker KE7ENT, James Traicoff KE7ENV, Chris Lavoy KE7ENS, Edwin Allred KE7ENU, Cloice Temple Jr KE7ENW, Chester Britt KK7YH, Scott Bonis KE7EJZ, Nathan Prather KE7EKD, Wanda Wheelock KE7EKZ, Edmund Marcinkowski KE7EMQ, Evan Carpenter KE7ELV, John

Paplow KE7ELR, Richard Polukort KE7ELT, Daniel Smith
KE7ELW, Aaron Riehm KE7ENH, Kimberly Patrick KE7ELU,
Jessica Martini KE7ENG

SILENT KEYS

Michael Wilkins KD7TNC became a SK on July 30th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 17, 2005 EMCOMM operators are strongly encouraged to participate in a 15-hour special event using only emergency power. They will be calling other EMCOMM stations who are also operating solely on emergency power. This event is designed to promote emergency preparedness and service to the public. "Emergency power" is defined as any power source that is completely separate from commercial mains. (Solar panels, generators, storage batteries, alternators powered by bicycles, battery packs in HTs, and wind power, etc. Operation may be from home or field. Times: 9 AM Eastern (6 AM Pacific) on Saturday, September 17, 2005, until 12 AM Eastern (9 PM Pacific). All bands and modes included. The exchange is up to the individual operators, but can include the traditional signal report, location, and the type of emergency power being used, etc. W1AW in Newington, CT will be QRV on generator power, and a special QSL card will be available to stations also using emergency power that make two-way contact with W1AW. Please include an SASE with your card request, and indicate the power source that was used.

October 1, 2005 Special event station at the Historical Titan Missile Museum Green Valley AZ, Come out and see them operate with a 40 year old discone antenna from 8am - 4pm. Sponsored by the Green Valley

Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. Operating frequencies 7.250, 14.250 and 21.350 MHz. A Certificate is available. Contact Gene Schouweiler, WØKAD theschou@cox.net for more information.

October 1, 2005 Eyeball QSO for all radio amateurs and their guests in the Tucson Area. Just for fun, we are having the First of many "meet, greet and eat", Eyeball QSO for all the Hams, and their family members in the Tucson Area. All folks interested in Ham radio, licensed or not, active or inactive are invited. The event is social, with no formal program.

It's a chance to get to know each other better.

Bring your spouse, so they can get to know the other spouses. 4:30 PM Tucson Racquet Club. The Club House Restaurant, 4001 N. Country Club Rd. Dinner can be ordered off the regular menu. RSVP: Please contact Mary, W4NZJ, at W4NZJ@arri.net, or 520-990-4724 or Adam, KC7DVF at KC7DVF@arri.net or 520-296-8692 by Sept. 27th.

October 15-16 Jamboree on the Air. JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. If you know of a JOTA station in Arizona let me know and I will add it to my October newsletter. In Tucson it will be at the Tucson Hamfest from 8-11am.

HAMFESTS

The 2005 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention will be September 9-11 at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside CA. The Banquet Speaker will be Ward Silver author of Ham Radio for Dummies. There will be programs on ATV, T-Hunting, Tropo Ducting, APRS, Renewable Energy Sources, Public Service, Emergency Communications, new and current technology in

equipment and operation modes. Did I mention Great Prizes, Exhibitors, even More Great Prizes? For more info go to the website at <http://arrlswdconv.org/>

The Kingman hamfest will be on September 17th, 1971 Jagerson Ave. Sponsored by Hualapai Amateur Radio Club, VE Testing 9am, ARCA Meeting 11:00am. I'll be there with all my ARRL material. See you there. For more information visit <http://www.qsl.net/harc-az/>

Tucson Hamfest by the Old Pueblo Radio Club and the Tucson Repeater Association October 15th. Talk-In: 147.30 (PL 110.9) Kino Sports Park 2500 East Ajo Road Tucson AZ. For more info contact: John Clor, N7SQQ 520-400-6446. JOTA Station will be up and operating from 8-11am. ARCA meeting at 11am.

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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