

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

June 2006

PRB-1 and CC&R's

With all of the new homes going up it is no wonder why I have had a rash of phone calls and emails on PRB-1 and CC&R's. There are two types of antenna restrictions, local government zoning ordinances and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's). PRB-1 was written to make sure local governments reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio installations. Arizona is doing pretty good with local governments allowing antennas. However, CC&R's are controlled by your home owners association. If you want more info on CC&R's check out the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/local/ccr.html>

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Arizona has a new ARRL website and it can be found at <http://www.az-arrl.org> On this website we have developed a new secure database for Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) operators. This site has 128 bit Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption similar to what the banks have. The secure portion of the site is located at: <https://az-arrl.org/secure> We put this site together so that in the event of an emergency, we would have more of an idea of the capabilities and equipment of each operator. Even if you have filled out the paper registration, we ask that you take a few minutes and complete the online registration process as it allows your DEC's to have a much more complete picture of your capabilities and will be searchable when needing to fill specific requirements. Registration is a simple process where you create your login in, password and enter an email address. The system then sends an email with a validation link that you must respond to in order to continue the registration process. At that point you can enter your name, address, phone numbers, email and latitude / longitude etc. There is a text box that you can tell the Emergency Coordinators information that might be useful such as "can't stand long periods" or "Committed to County SAR team". We would also like you to enter an emergency contact person and phone number(s) in case of emergency. If you are comfortable with doing so, you can enter acute medical conditions you might have such as diabetes etc. (which is completely optional). We ask for your birthday in case of a medical emergency. You will then proceed to forms for the types of equipment and training you have. When you complete your 3 registration forms, an email will be generated and sent to your county District Emergency Coordinator so that your information can be reviewed and the DEC can get to know you. The data we collect is strictly for the use of Arizona ARES management personnel. We do not permit the dissemination of this data outside Arizona ARES. We are looking for you to complete the form as completely as you are comfortable with. Any member will have access to other's email, but ALL the rest of the data is only visible to ARES management (EC's and above). If you have concerns, email Rick Aldom at natecf@gmail.com and I will answer your concerns as completely as possible. Emergency Coordinators will have tools that will allow them to identify operators that meet certain requirements such as having a dual band mobile or live within 50 miles of downtown Flagstaff. Automated tools will allow us to send out activation notices to hams during times of need as well as to select operators who meet the needs of the host agency. We would ask that all Hams interested in participating in ARES emergency activations and drills to go to this website to create an ARES profile. If at some time your profile changes (you know like when you get the XYL's permission to go to Dayton to buy that new rig)

you can then go back to the site and update your profile. If you are a winter visitor or are planning on leaving Arizona, drop your DEC an email and your data will be deleted or inactivated until you return. Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Rick -W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator.

NEW HAMS

The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Leslie Hickey KE7HPE, Robert Hough KE7HHX, Aaron Tobias Jr KE7HHO, James Stern KE7HPF, Charles Dimaggio KE7HPG, Manti Galbraith KE7HMN, Terri Vanherpen KE7HMW, Michael Seltzer KE7HMJ, David Bennett KE7HJM, Mario Recchia KE7HMM, Robert Devenney KE7HOT, Georgeann Koch KE7HJH, Leigh Thrasher KE7HJB, Pedro Gudino KE7HOW, Danny King KE7HOV, Jesse Olvera KE7HMV, Robert Ower KE7HPI, Robert Ower KE7HPJ, Lindsay Ower KE7HPN, Owen Kosmicki KE7HPM, Jeffrey Kosmicki KE7HPK, Joseph Thomason KE7HPL, Jeffrey Hendricks KE7HME, Paul Lyra KE7HMG, Richard Vencill KE7HMF, Arthur Klein KE7HMH, Paul Tilman KE7HMI, James Knie KE7HNE, Shirley Carlill KE7HPD, Gary Carlill KE7HPC, Gary Carlill KE7HPB and Thomas Tatroe KE7HNF.

HAMFESTS

Sierra Vista Hamfest was on May 6 sponsored by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. That was another great Arizona hamfest. One young fellow purchased a raffle ticket and went off to take his technician exam. He passed the test, won the raffle and went back in to take his General exam. Way to go!

White Mountain Hamfest June 3 2006 hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School on Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ. <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com> I'll see you there.

Arizona State Convention July 7-9, 2006 sponsored by ARCA in Williams Arizona. The ARCA staff have listened to all of your suggestions and they have come thru with many improvements for the hamfest. They have fully graveled the RV lots, installed a new canopy over the rodeo grandstand, and added more RV spaces. There is now free wireless internet access, shuttle service and improved parking. For more information go to <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

Hualapai ARC Hamfest September 9, 2006 in Kingman Arizona at Mohave Community College. Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 (PL 131.8) Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS (928) 758-6780

Southwestern Division Convention 22-24 Sep 2006 sponsored by San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC) <http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/> Talk-In: 146.265 PL 107.2) Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS kc6qls@cox.net. The convention will be at the Marriott Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Field Day 2006 will be June 24-25, 2006. For more info check out the ARRL Field day website. <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2006/rules-fd-2006.html> Where are you having your field day?

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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