

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS -- October 2006

CLUB NEWS

The Pueblo Magnet High School in Tucson was scheduled to contact the International Space Station on Wednesday September 27th. Teacher Miguel Enriquez KD7RPP, had worked with the league to setup a contact, unfortunately they did not hear the station. The students are planning on upgrading their satellite capability to increase their chances next time. They were one of four schools across the country that was given this opportunity. The class was flooded with TV crews and newspaper reporters all covering the story.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The ARES Registration website is alive and cooking right along. As of this writing, we have about 275 members in the system. The folks in Orange Section have exceeded 100. Not only have we received many nice comments from the folks in Arizona & Orange, we are starting to see some very nice comments from around the county. Here are just a couple:

From Kansas: As an ARES EC for 8 years and currently SATERN KS State Coordinator this type of database would provide immediate information when needed. With new liability concerns using volunteers and background checks required by The Salvation Army this would provide a great service to me personally in getting members activated immediately. I currently have to manually track this same information. EMCOMM training and NIMS training is also becoming more and more important. Having access to this info is great. Will this be available to all states or just Arizona? June Jeffers - KB0WEQ Gardner, KS

From Nevada: In reading my ARES Bulletin today, I got to the article for your ARES registration database. Being a curious type that I am, I logged in using the 'demo' information. This tool is something that should not have been the last article included in the bulletin, in my opinion. It should have been one of the FIRST. Paul Cavnar - K7IN

If you haven't taken the few minutes to register, now's the TIME!! One other quick note, the American Red Cross is requiring background checks for volunteers who are going to be in their tents & facilities. It's a painless process, and the results are almost immediate (less than an hour in my case). If you provide communications for the Red Cross, having the background check will make volunteering easier. Send me an email if you didn't see Kathi Bonnell's email on AzHamserve or ArizonaHam and I will forward the instructions. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com

2008 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION IN ARIZONA

We are looking for a club to take on the 2008 Southwestern Division Convention. We have a lot of volunteers but no one has stepped up to run the convention. If you are interested or know someone who might be, let me know. Also if any of you have experience at running conventions or large meetings and would like to help also let me know.

SILENT KEYS

Al Balias KD7ECL passed away on September 18th. Al was a member of the Catalina Radio Club in Tucson Arizona.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Michael Addis KE7IUJ, Kara Allred KE7IVI, Vanyel Amenhauser KE7IQV, Danny Beck KE7IVD, Acie Brown KE7IVE, Ronald Douglass Sr KE7IVS, Glen Emmons KE7IUE, Maddalena Fiorillo KE7IUK, Sheri Fox KE7IVN, Craig Garrett KE7IVY, Gary Harris KE7IVR, Jason Houle KE7IVJ, Eldon Kelm KE7IVC, Otis Larson Jr KE7IVP, George Leger KE7IVM, Craig Ludwig KE7IVK, Helen McCormick KE7ITD, David McCormick KE7ITC, Steven Miller KE7IVF, Maynard Nielson KE7IVQ, Katherine Outram KE7IRB, Brian Parent KE7IVG, Phil Pier KE7IVZ, Ashley Poulton KE7IVH, Virginia Richey KE7ITB, Todd Schumacher KE7IVO, Perry Shirley KE7ITK, Stephen Worachek KE7IVL, Michael Zunino AD7JG,

HAMFESTS

Hualapai ARC Hamfest in Kingman had another great hamfest on Sept 9th.

The 2006 TAPR/ARRL Digital Communications Conference (DCC) was on September 15-17 at the Clarion Airport Hotel in Tucson, This was the 25th anniversary of the founding of Tucson Amateur Packet Radio (TAPR). They had many great presentations and several vendors were in attendance.

Southwestern Division Convention was last weekend in San Diego CA. The San Diego County Amateur Radio Council did a great job. Many fine speakers and vendors. It was good to see so many Arizona hams in attendance.

Tucson Hamfest October 21, 2006 sponsored by the Old Pueblo Radio Club, Tucson Repeater Association, & Radio Society of Tucson. Kino Sports Park 2500 East Ajo Road Talk-In: 147.30 (PL 110.9) Contact: John Clor, N7SQQ Email: w7gv@aol.com See you there.

Cochise Amateur Radio Association Swapfest in Sierra Vista on November 4, 2006. The swapfest will be from 7am to 1pm, VE Exams tests at 10am. Contact Lee Ilse KD7OED leeilse@cox.net

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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