

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

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EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It's that time of year where we do all of our public service communications. Make sure you keep Rick advised of the number of volunteer hours. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) natecf@gmail.com

INTERFERENCE ISSUES

It has been a busy year for radio frequency interference issues. Larry W7LB has been working with his Technical Specialists and Technical Advisors to help resolve these issues. If you are good at resolving interference issues or with neighbor relations contact Larry Brown W7LB Technical Coordinator (TC) at w7lb@amsat.org.

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA (ARCA)

ARCA is the statewide organization comprised of all of the clubs in Arizona. They organize Springfest and the Williams Hamfest. They also help out ARCA affiliated clubs with grants; administer a scholarship program as well as the Arizona Ham of the Year Award. The Arizona Frequency Coordination Committee also falls under ARCA. So if you want to put up that new repeater, these are the people that you have to coordinate with. Check out ARCA at <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Don't forget to have your club send in your nominations for the ARCA Ham of the Year Award. They are due by May 1, 2006. Rules and forms can be found on the ARCA website. <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/> We are also looking for nominations for the first Young Ham of the Year Award. Hopefully ARCA will help administer that award as well.

ARIZONA AMATEUR LICENSE PLATE

John KC7IM and Ingo WA7KUM are still working with MVD to get our new amateur radio plate released. A picture of the plate can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=AZ>. They will be giving us an update at the Springfest ARCA meeting.

SILENT KEY

The talk-in voice of the 2004 Phoenix Southwestern Division convention, Lee Crisman AB7HW became a silent key on Feb 23, 2006. Lee had moved to a Handi-Ham Camp in San Jose California.

NEW HAMS

The following hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Jacqueline Shortridge KE7GEP, Margaret Shortridge KE7GEO, Roger Brown KE7GAW,

Wayne Lougher AD7HT, Tonny Lewis KE7GEM, Volker Brinkhoff KE7GHT, Steven West KE7GAV, Robert Stewart KE7GEL, Dennis Brawn KE7GAU, Weston Scow KE7GEN, Michael Cox KE7GHX, James Moffett KE7GAN, David Olson KE7GHY, Robert Wright KE7GHZ, Daniel Horvath KE7GGZ, Melanie Olstadt KE7GAM, Charles Rennie AD7HR

QSL CARD CHECKING

Many of you have been asking who does QSL Card checking in Arizona. Our Worked All States (WAS) Award checker is Bill Aurand W7MQ wraurand@cox.net. Contact Ned Stearns AA7A aa7a@arrl.org for DXCC card checking.

HAMFESTS

Yuma Hamfest was Feb 18th. Cliff KD6XH was nice enough to go to Yuma for me. That let me attend my son's Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award ceremony. Thank you Cliff. Cliff reported a much larger hamfest than last year with many new electronic vendors.

Springfest March 11, 2006 sponsored by the Scottsdale ARC will be held at Scottsdale Community College 9000 East Chaparral Road. Talk-In: 147.18 (no tone) Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S enickerson427@aol.com ARCA meeting 11am. See you there.

DeVry Hamfest Apr 8, 2006 sponsored by the Arizona ARC <http://www.qsl.net/w7io> DeVry University 2149 West Dunlap Avenue. Talk-In: 147.06 + (No Tone) Contact: George Cooney, KQ7C georgie@aztecfreenet.org

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, 4 March 2006 (10am to 2pm (1700-2100 UTC)), KA7SKY Sonoran Sky Elementary School open house in Scottsdale AZ. http://www.geocities.com/lu_wd9ewk/ka7sky/ There are two AO-51 passes that fall in or very close to that timeframe: 1650-1704 UTC, and 1830-1840 UTC. AO-51 will have its FM repeater on for these passes (uplink on 145.920 MHz with 67.0 Hz PL, downlink on 435.300 MHz +/- for Doppler), and KA7SKY will be active for those passes handing out contacts from grid DM43. Besides the AO-51 passes, KA7SKY will be somewhere on the HF bands and possibly local VHF/UHF repeaters. If you wish to receive a QSL card for a contact with KA7SKY, please send your QSL card to Patrick WD9EWK <http://www.wd9ewk.net/>

First Annual 7th Area QSO Party, to be held May 6-7, 2006
<http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s>

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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