

## ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

November 2006

### CLUB NEWS

On October 13-15, The Green Valley Amateur Radio Club joined the Catalina Council Spanish Trails District Boy Scout Camporee to demonstrate Ham Radio and to give the Scouts the chance to build their own alternating LED flasher kit. Lloyd N7GV led a group of club members including Omar KW7OS, Rudy N3EBG, Ron VE6RGP, Joe NX2L, Randy KM7T, Bob AD7FQ, Linda AD7FP, AD7KC Carolyn, Frank KE7GUF and his Xyl, Jim KE7AUN, Dick W7KAM and Don Davies & Gene W0KAD to the "Double V Boy Scout Ranch" West of Tucson where my Boy Scout son Jimmy KE7IDC and I met the group and outlined the plan for the weekend. For those of you who do not know, Boy Scouts is my other full time volunteer job as an Assistant District Commissioner. Gene W0KAD & Joe NX2L sat down at the radio and worked stations from around the world. A highlight was a nice long contact with Roger VK2RO in Tocumwal, Australia. Roger was one of many stations that were willing to take the time required to talk to some of the Scouts directly. In all there were 113 contacts made on the radio. Several stations talked directly with the Scouts asking each Scout about such things as what levels and badges the Scout has achieved. Well over 100 Scouts talked on the radio. For most, it was there first time to see or hear Ham Radio. One memorable event was at the end of the contact with Larry KA0PLW. With the mike held open, all 8 to 10 Scouts from one pack, in unison, said "Good bye & thank you Larry" after each had talked to him individually. While the Radio Station was working, the main attraction of flasher kit building was going on and on in the other tent under the watchful eyes of the original members that had helped set up. They were joined by several others members. There were 119 kits built by the Scouts with an average time of 20 minutes to build one kit. You can see how many hours went into the project. That Saturday night the camp looked like a fire fly convention. Randy Burcham KD7KEQ who had designed the printed circuit boards was introducing the boys to his hawk and giving talks on falconry. The IEEE Tucson Section donated the money for the parts and Randy KD7KEQ was able to get the printed circuit boards donated. See the pictures at <http://gvarc.us/>

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It's getting to be the season, and probably a good time to do an inventory of the "go-kits". I would bet most of us have some form of a go kit, but it's important to do a periodic inventory and pitch anything that's getting worn, or is broken. I point this out only because it's also getting to be the time to put on paper the things that "Santa" should be putting in your stocking and what better present than something "ham"! On the serious side, if you keep drugs in your go-kit, it's time to consider pulling them out and replacing them with "fresh" stock. Drugs generally don't like the heat, so if you are like me and keep your kit in your vehicle, it's time to trash the drugs and start fresh. Another thing that should be considered, if you keep a first aid kit in your vehicle, take the time to replace the gloves, they will likely be "baked" and may split when you need them most. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.com)

### SILENT KEYS

Rolland V. "Doc" Watson, K7YTL, Dennis Berry K7RG and Len Morgan K5BGG. Len ended his long struggle with cancer this week. Len grew up in Louisiana, and proudly served his county as a fighter pilot during a long and distinguished Air Force career. His

worldwide service included overseas assignments in Germany, Iran, and in Thailand where he flew more than 100 combat missions over Vietnam in the F-105 Thunderchief (AKA the “Thud”) before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. During his Air Force career, Len was also active in the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) program, and even served for a time as the director of Air Force MARS for Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas (12th Air Force Headquarters). Len was a long time member of CARA.

#### NEW HAMS

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

Jeffrey Mendez KE7IXJ, Robert Floyd KE7IZO, Lewis Burch KE7IZS, Gregory Swerdan KE7JBI, Hanksville Noyes KE7IXT, Joe Cooperrider KE7JBJ, Curtis Horton Jr KE7JBL, Judy Jensen KE7IXI, Andrew Mutch AD7JU, Harshad Mehta KE7IZT, Chance Eaton KE7JBK, David Collins AD7JT, John Schaub KE7IXR, Carolyn Ower KE7IXN, Bruce Belman KE7IXW, Mark Longfield KE7IXX, Clifford Vaughan Sr KE7IXV, Mike Floyd KE7IXU, William Burkett KE7IXS and Sandra Thibodeau KE7IXY

#### HAMFESTS

Tucson had a great Hamfest on October 21, 2006. What a turnout. At least five vendors showed up including one from New Mexico.

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](mailto: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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