

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

I hope you found the time to make your way to Williams this year. Not as much rain meant there was more time to search for treasure and to socialize with those you haven't seen since last year. These are good things!

The Arizona Emergency Net - Maricopa activated a couple times this month during severe weather in and around Maricopa County. These activations gave the general ham public some practice in net operations, as well as a place to turn to, for up to date emergency information. A liaison station was established to bridge to the SkyWarn net which allowed us to pass any NWS criteria traffic to the SkyWarn Net Manager. I believe it functioned very smoothly, and did a service to not only the general ham population, but tended to reduce the number of non-criteria reports to the NWS.

If you are a "new" ham, and have an interest in the Arizona ARES program, please take a moment and register on our website at www.az-arrrl.org/secure We need everyone who has an interest in using their skills to help others. Also, if you are interested in attending the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group (MCECG) public service training class, you can go to www.mcecg.net and sign up for the class in September. Seating is limited, so please sign up early. Hope to see you there. Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) Arizona natecf@gmail.com.

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

We welcome another young amateur radio operator this month. Brandon Holman just passed his technician test. Brandon KE7ODY is the son of Dave Holman KE3HF and Brenda Holman N3QVK. Brandon is a Boy Scout in Troop 157 in Tucson Arizona. If you hear Brandon on the air make sure you say hi. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrrl.net

2008 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION MESA AZ

The committee for the Southwest Division Convention is making good progress on the event. I have had several people tell me that we are caught up on the time line after having a bit of a slow start. The committee is spread across the state and is making good use of technology to get the work done. Got to love the internet for bringing people together. Our website has some limited information on the convention, but is going through significant development as I write this. Our registration system will be online for this convention and it will be secure through the use of an SSL (like the Arizona ARES site), and will allow you to pay via a credit card! Personally, I think this offers a degree of flexibility that has been long overlooked in the past. <http://www.az-arrrl.org/swdc2008/> September 12-14, 2008 Mesa Convention Center Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair natecf@gmail.com.

ARIZONA OFFICIAL OBSERVERS NEEDED

If you are in Arizona and would like to become an ARRL Official Observer, you are invited.

The Official Observer program has been sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) for more than 50 years to help amateurs help each other. OO appointees have assisted thousands of amateurs to maintain their transmitting equipment and operating procedures in compliance with the regulations. The object of the OO program is to notify amateurs by mail of operating/technical irregularities before they come to the attention of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The OO performs his function by listening rather than transmitting, keeping an ear out for such things as frequency instability, harmonics, hum, key clicks, broad signals, distorted audio, over deviation, out-of-band operation, etc. The OO completes his task once the notification card is sent.

Amateur Auxiliary Information http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/org/am_aux.html

Official Observer Application <http://www.arrrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd187/form.html>

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NEW HAMS

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

James Jaskie AD7OH, John Bradfield AD7OM, Andrew Barber KE7NNL, Shantel Foshie KE7NNM, Robert Karp KE7NNN, Norman Hahn KE7NNO, Arthur Moore KE7NNP, Frank Saputo KE7NNQ, Bradley Collister KE7NNR, Enrique Aleman KE7NNT, Gregory Lacosse KE7NNU, Ted Christensen KE7NNV, Donna Stanger KE7NOI, Virginia Mc Bride KE7NOJ, Gilberto Valenzuela KE7NOM, Charles Painter KE7NOV, Richard Edwards KE7NOX, Larry Kimber KE7NOY, Gerald Innis KE7NOZ, Jesse Fleming KE7NPA, Mark Lesniak KE7NQY, William Hartley KE7NRQ, William Cowell KE7NRW, Tris Floyd KE7NRX, Colton Floyd KE7NRY, John Walker KE7NRZ, Jo Keener KE7NSB, Chris Walsh KE7NTK, Clyde Pretti KE7NTL, Berkeley Krueger KE7NTM, Dylan Martin KE7NWK, Joseph Kayior KE7NZU, Stewart Ritchey KE7NZV, Andrew Gibbons KE7NZW, Fred Mccann KE7NZX, Samuel Bomyea KE7NZY, Bernard Korczyk KE7NZZ, Jeffery Veselovsky KE7OAA, Phillip Martin KE7OAB, Mark Grayczyk KE7OAD, Catherine Christy KE7OAE, Jared Beckwith KE7OAG

HAMFESTS

Hope you went to Williams for the Arizona State Convention. As you could tell, Cliff Hauser KD6XH and I were not there. We were on a business trip and we had to be there on Saturday. I want to thank Mark Kesauer N7KKQ Assistant Section Manager Arizona, Carl Gardenias WU6D Section Manager Orange Section, Kathy Gardenias K6VC Assistant Section Manager Orange Section and Dick Norton N6AA Southwestern Division Director for taking care of the ARRL Booth. Carl and Kathy kept me posted on a daily basis. Pictures will be posted on the website at www.arca-az.org

Congratulations to Cliff KD6XH who was elected as the new ARCA Chair. He is looking at ways to improve The Arizona State Convention. Let Cliff know of any thoughts you have kd6xh@arrl.net

Congratulations to Lloyd Miller, N7GV - ARCA 2007 Ham of the Year. Lloyd who is a member of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club teaches electrical theory and circuit design programs at elementary and intermediate schools in Green Valley. He also teaches amateur radio classes.

There were also lots of prizes given away. Congratulations to the winners. Check out the website for the list of the winners. <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/2007prizes.asp>

September 7-9, 2007 ARRL's Southwestern Division Convention in Torrance, CA. See www.hamcon.org

October 20, 2007 OPRC Hamfest Hosted by the Old Pueblo Radio Club Tucson Electric Park, Kino Sports Park, Tucson, AZ ARCA Meeting 11:00 am

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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