

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

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ARIZONA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PRESERVATION ACT HB 2595

We were unable to "pull a rabbit out of the hat". Thought we may have a chance to attach our bill to another but that did not work out. We need to thank all the Representatives in the House who supported our bill in such a bipartisan manner. They understood and appreciated the value of what Amateur Radio Emergency operators do for their communities and the State of Arizona.

Unfortunately we hit a major roadblock with a Senate committee chairman. But we will return next January to work on getting the job done and passing a bill that will strengthen Amateur Radio in Arizona. This fall we will have our Emergency Communications Preservation Act introduced in both the House and Senate at the same time. This will make it so that we do not get caught in a time crunch and have time to place the bill with committees that are favorable.

Please send out thank you's to all your Representatives and Senators. Let them know that we will be back next January to once again ask for their support. Dan Brown NA7DB

NEW OFFICIAL OBSERVER COORDINATOR

We have a new Official Observer Coordinator in Arizona, Carla Ackley, KD7JGJ. Carla has done an outstanding job as an Official Observer and she will do a fine job as the new OO coordinator. Carla can be reached at kd7jgj@cox.net

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

Dail Terry N6DGT has put up a new repeater for youth under the age of 18 in Tucson. Dail is working on another repeater for youth that will be up on Mt. Lemmon. They will be linked together.

Are you going to summer camp? Are you taking your radio? If so, let me know. There is a group of Scouter Ham's who are trying to get the Scout Camp Calling Protocol (SCCP) going. Information can be found at <http://homepage.mac.com/k2frd/SCCP.htm>. The SCCP involves setting up frequencies and times for ham radio contacts between Scout Camps, not unlike nets but less formally operated similar to JOTA. During Scout summer camps, it is planned that stations be set up to call other camps and get boys and girls around the country talking to each other. Jim Fagan KE7IDC ASM Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Well, we are almost at a milestone on the database. We took the system live in June last year, and we are still seeing a steady stream of new sign ups. Let me take a minute to describe the process. When you go to www.az-arrl.org/secure you are asked to log in or create an account. When you create an account, you give us some modest information about you, name, call sign, phone number & password. You are then sent an email with a link you must click on to validate your account (for those with email links disabled, cut and paste the long url included at the bottom of the message). What this does is verify you are a real person, with an email account before it will allow you to sign in.

At this point, please sign in to the database (your call sign is your login & you picked your own password), and fill out the 3 main tabs, "Registration, Equipment & Training" clicking the save button on each before going to the next. On the registration form, please ensure you choose your license class and county from the drop down menus. The more information you include, the easier it will be for an emergency coordinator to pick you from the crowd. If you have any limitations, such as in my case, I have bad knees, tell us so we can give you an appropriate assignment! The other two tabs let you tell us about the equipment and training you may have, both extremely important!

Our system is just under a year old, and we have about 350 registered operators. My goal for this year is to pass 500 registered operators. I would like to see more activity from the rural counties too. I have only 5 operators each in Yuma and Gila counties and 18 in Cochise which is my most active county for emergency operations. It's not a novelty anymore, it's a real, secure and robust system. Did you know that in the past year operators around the state have logged more than 3300 hours on Public Service Events, 1100+ hours on drills, and 150+ on actual emergencies? Pretty amazing statistics! Keep up the good work.

The wildfire season is knocking at the door. When traveling or camping, be careful and aware of your surroundings. Know more than one way in and OUT of remote areas. Keep your radios charged and go pack ready, you might get the call. Rick Aldom - W7STS SEC Arizona natecf@gmail.com.

2008 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION MESA AZ

The 2008 convention planning is progressing. I am in need of someone to be my Public Relations Chair. If you are interested, please send me a short bio about yourself and I will contact you. Rick Aldom - W7STS 2008 SWD Chair natecf@gmail.com.

NEW HAMS

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

James Cooper AD7KT, Carl Olberg AD7LA, Perry Shirley AD7LZ, Charles Smith AD7MD, Alex Jakubin KE7LHX, Marjorie Fagan KE7LHY, Hector Mendoza KE7LHZ, Lev Vsevolozhskiy KE7LIA, Kenny Largo KE7LIO, Robert Kappler KE7LIY, Roy Eaton KE7LIZ, James Griffin KE7LJA, Mark Nichols KE7LJB, William Eschelbacher KE7LJD, Robert Oliver KE7LKJ, Michael Bollinger KE7LKK, Andrew Deppe KE7LKL, Kenneth Hall KE7LKY, Cynthia Mccauley KE7LOS, Andrew Keefer KE7LOT, Frederic Hill KE7LOV, Lonnie Slawson KE7LOZ, Trevor Slawson KE7LPA, Larry Heywood KE7LPB, Anthony Heywood KE7LPC, Jeffrey Haws KE7LPD, Jeffrey Haws KE7LPE, Connie Starks KE7LPF, Calvin Starks KE7LPH, David Godemann KE7LPI, Jonathan Godemann KE7LPJ, Patty Stapley KE7LPK, Steven Stapley KE7LPL, Jonathan Seiter KE7LPM, Steven Seiter KE7LPN, Ward Andrews KE7LPO, Dean Athmer KE7LPP, Kray Arnold KE7LPQ, Andrew Brown KE7LPR, Jay Brennan KE7LPS, Eugene Brauer KE7LPT, Phillip Gray KE7LPU, Arvil Hughes KE7LPW, Charles Haltigan KE7LPX, Tanner Jhiland KE7LPY, Carl Jacobson KE7LPZ, Philip Joslin KE7LQA, Jeffrey Kvalve KE7LQB, Jay Kristofferson KE7LQC, J Gregory Lake KE7LQD, Dennis Lemon KE7LQE, Anjanette Ludwig KE7LQF, Cynthia Lines KE7LQG, Drew Moffitt KE7LQH, Jack Oplinger KE7LQI, Michael Pantoja KE7LQJ, Duane Peterson KE7LQK, Michael Ritchey KE7LQL, Jan Root KE7LQM, John Reynolds KE7LQN, Eugene Romney KE7LQO, Richard Sawyer KE7LQP, Jay Sims KE7LQQ, Scott Salmon KE7LQR, Matthew Thompson KE7LQS, Stanley Villalobos KE7LQT, Nicholas Van Vleet KE7LQU, Steven Walters KE7LQV, Nathanael Joslin KE7LQW, Loren Wise KE7LQX, Paul Lines KE7LQZ, Lloyd Winward KE7LRF, Eugene Kazup KE7LRI, Samantha Rivenburg KE7LRJ, Sherrilyn Seward KE7LRT, Stephen Tschappler KE7LRU, Rodney Neiman KE7LRV, John Batzel KE7LRW, Michael Hutchison KE7LSI, Harold Hamman KE7LSJ, Glen Reynolds KE7LVP, Walter McCormick KE7LVQ, Lowell O Grady KE7LWC, Joshua Campbell KE7LYY, Stanley Bock KE7LYZ, Jason Leach KE7LZA, Stanley Kublin KE7LZB, Kevin Jacobson KE7LZC, Michael Baker KE7LZD, Eino Heikkila KE7LZE, Mary Mason KE7MBC, Janet Ramirez KE7MBK, George Hupp KE7MCL, Graham Kelvin KE7MCU

HAMFESTS

May 5, 2007 Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest, hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association in Sierra Vista, AZ, <http://www.k7rdg.org>, Talk-In: 146.76 (PL 162.2), Contact: Pat Thies, KD7HAB, 520-378-6829, patkd7hab@aol.com ARCA meeting 11:00 AM

June 2, 2007 The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club is hosting its first annual swap meet June 2nd at Granite Mountain Middle School, Prescott, AZ. The gates open at 6:00 a.m. for vendor set-up and 8:00 a.m. for the swap meet. http://www.w7yrc.org/swap_meet.htm

June 2, 2007 White Mountain Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low, AZ ARCA Meeting - 11:00 AM

Jul 6-8, 2007 Arizona State Convention Amateur Radio Council of Arizona <http://www.arca-az.org/ARCA> Talk-In: 146.78 (PL 91.5) Contact: Doug Collins KE6JUK 760-220-7710 ke6juk@hotmail.com

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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