

## ARIZONA PRB-1

Last month House Bill 2721 on Amateur Radio; structures; accommodation passed in the House. It has been in the Senate this month. We continue to work with Rep McLain our sponsor as well as several state senators. We have had a lot of support from various Emergency Communications groups in the state and the ARRL in Newington CT. Rep McLain spoke to the Central DX association this past week on the status of the bill. We have a lot going on right now and I will send out a special announcement sometime next weekend to let you know what happened.

## YOUTH AND SCOUTING

Congratulations to Miguel Enriquez, KD7RPP at Pueblo High School in Tucson Arizona. Miguel was approved as a new instructor for the ARRL Teachers Institute staff this year. Along with Miguel, Nathan McCray, K9CPO was also approved. Miguel and Nathan will each co-teach a Teachers Institute session this summer with lead instructor Mark Spencer WA8SME. In 2009 they will take on lead instruction responsibilities. Tucson has been chosen for one of the institutes sessions on June 25-28, at Pueblo High School. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting [ke7idc@arrl.net](mailto:ke7idc@arrl.net)

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

I can't believe it's been a month since I had to think about something for Tom's newsletter. I guess the month flew by because of all the activity in the state this month. We had 8 events scattered around the central Arizona area, and 7 drills reported for more than 1020 hours and 81 entries in the Arizona ARES database. For me it was a busy month, I worked the "ADA Tour de Cure" and the new and improved "Bike MS 2008 Roundup" in Florence!

On the Bike MS event this past weekend, we had incredible support from the law enforcement community in Pinal County and the community of Florence. The Chief of Police set us up in his conference room with not only direct access to Dispatch, but with an officer liaison who was instrumental in helping to resolve issues as they came in. Chief "Bob" as I came to know him, provided us access to the roof of the police station for antennas, keys to the doors and unbelievable support to the Bike MS event. I would like to personally say "Thank You" to the fine people of Florence and to all who directly or indirectly supported the event with us.

If you haven't signed up for the Arizona ARES database, we need you. If you haven't worked a public service event lately, get out, exercise your gear and most importantly, HAVE FUN!! Please go to: [www.az-arrl.org/secure](http://www.az-arrl.org/secure) to register for Arizona ARES! [www.az-arrl.org/secure](http://www.az-arrl.org/secure) Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

## SKYWARN

Two weather spotter training classes have been setup, One in Peoria on Monday April 21 @ 7PM The second one in Tempe on April 24 at 7 PM. See web site for more details....  
<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/spotter/index.php?wfo=psr> If you want to join the WX7PHX reflector goto <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/wx7phx>

## SILENT KEYS

Richard Heidenreich K0BFB passed away on Monday, March 24. He had been in the US Air Force, taught at UW - Platteville and then worked as an Electrical Engineer for Honeywell in Freeport, IL and El Paso, TX and Brother Industries, Memphis, TN. He served as part of the Emergency Mgmt Communications team in Rowlett, TX. He also was part of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Communication posse here in Arizona as well as a member of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) in Mesa. Richard was also a ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Maricopa County.

## NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!  
Abigail Gugler KE7QVB, Alan Bird KE7RKQ, John Urbanski KE7RZG, John Watt KE7RKT, Edward Simko KE7RKO, Ryan Weller KE7RZI, James Scroggins KE7SBD, Michael Lasley KE7SBE, Rick Osgood KE7SAL, Benjamin Harrison KE7SBF, Jeff Watkins KE7RKP, Kent Littlefield KE7RKR, Richard Knox KE7SAS, Preston Kessinger KE7SAI, Jessica Hernandez KE7SAQ, James Galbraith KE7RHE, Steve Simmons KE7SAN, Jason Moeller KE7RHJ, Romeo Tremblay KE7SAO, Ray Ruiz KE7SBC, Jacob Egan KE7RPV, Seth Gardner KE7SAT, Tara Gardner KE7SAU, James Ramsey KE7RHG, David Moeller KE7RHF, Vincent Kracum KE7RHB, Kevin Kriegel KE7RKU, Dylan Quenneville KE7RHI, Barry Hoffman AD7SJ, Patricia Reese KE7RZJ, Michael Taylor KE7RKS, Mark Engdahl KE7RHA, Matthew Bushy KE7SAM, Bradley Burdic KE7SAJ, Carl Carlson KE7RZK, Claire Damecour KE7RZL, Matthew Beauchemin KE7RZH, Robert Ettenborough KE7SBG, George Fiala KE7ROZ, Oliver Stokes KE7RPZ, Robert Johnson KE7RIA, Robert Maudsley KE7RPW, Joseph Yount KE7RPX, James Deroussel KE7RID, Gordon Washburn KE7RIE, Donald Shiflet KE7RIC, Merrill Jackson KE7RHZ, Zach Hoobler KE7RHY, Jay Hoobler KE7RHX, Jacob Moeller KE7RIF, Adam Wardell KE7RHW, Angel Martinez KE7RPU, Donald Smith KE7RPY, Michael Lindsay AD7RZ, David Martines KE7RPS, Ralph Richards KE7RYT, John Shumaker KE7SBH, William Taylor KE7SBJ, Paul Schumacher AD7SL, John Wurtz KE7SBI.

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

April 12, 2008, AARC Hamfest, hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club, DeVry University, Dunlap, Rd, Phoenix, AZ <http://www.w7io.org>

May 3, 2008, CARA Hamfest, hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association, Club Site, Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ ARCA Meeting - 11:00 AM <http://www.k7rdg.org>

May 31, 2008 Prescott Hamfest Hosted by the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club Granite Mountain Middle School, 1800 Williamson Valley Rd, Prescott, AZ [www.w7yrc.org](http://www.w7yrc.org)

June 7, 2008 Kachina Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School, 500 N Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ Contact: Richard Gurk, KE7EDP [ke7edp@cableone.net](mailto:ke7edp@cableone.net)

July 18-20, 2008 ARCA/Williams Hamfest hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Rd, Williams, AZ [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)

September 6, 2008 Mohave Professional Amateur Radio Group will be having its 1st Annual Hamfest in Kingman Arizona. They are working on finalizing the site location which should be secured by the end of March. They will be providing Free Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Soda and Water to all who attend.

September 12-14, 2008 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Mesa AZ Come check us out at [www.AzHamCom.org](http://www.AzHamCom.org) Mesa Convention Center Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.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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