



# Arizona Newsletter



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## ARCA WILLIAMS HAMFEST/ARRL STATE CONVENTION

I hoped you all enjoyed the Williams Hamfest as much as my family and I did. I met many friends and a lot of new hams this year. I was really impressed by the number of young hams. One young ham who had not received his callsign until after Williams was Brad Schlottman KE7VAB son of Keith Schlottman KR7RK (treasurer for 10-10 international). Congratulations Brad. Brad and Keith were helping prospective 10-10 members get their required ten 10 meter contacts on the IC-7700 that was on display by ICOM. Pat Marcy W7PZ from ICOM also brought out their D-STAR Booth, thank you Pat. Our thanks to Ward Silver N0AX from ARRL who was out meeting everyone and signing his books. That was a real treat. RF Stuff was nice enough to bring out a whole collection of his books and other ARRL publications to sell. All of the door prize winners can be found at [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org). At the BBQ a couple awards were handed out; Rick Aldom W7STS is the 2008 ARCA Ham of the Year and Jim Fagan KE7IDC is the 2008 ARCA Young Ham of the Year. Congratulations to both of you.

## 2007 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award

During the July 2008 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors selected Jim Fagan, KE7IDC, of Tucson, Arizona, as the recipient of the 2007 Hiram Percy Maxim Award. The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award is given annually to a licensed radio amateur under the age of 21 whose accomplishments and contributions to both the community of Amateur Radio and the local community is of the most exemplary nature. Jim will receive this award during the Southwestern Division Convention in September. Jim received this award for his work with Amateur Radio and Scouting. Congratulations Jim.

## SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

The Southwestern Division Convention is next month September 12-14 at the Mesa Convention Center. Check out the website at to view all the events (ARRL Forum, awards, DX Breakfast, raffle, RV Parking, speakers, swapmeet, VE, testing, vendors and the W1AW/7 station).

We should be having the speaker list on the web this week, and what a list it is. We have managed to get some very good speakers for the 2008 Southwestern Division Convention and you won't want to miss this one. If you are into EMCOM, look for Mark Sloan, Lou Trammell, and the EMCOM forum. There will be presentations from the DX crusaders, APRS and other digital programs. The Satellite guys will be speaking and Mark Spencer from the ARRL will be discussing the ARRL's train the trainer program.

For those out of town, the clock is ticking, August 12th is the cutoff dates for the special room rates for the Marriott. Act quickly to secure a great room deal of \$99/night.

The vendors are starting to come out of the woodwork. Look for the familiar faces they will be there. We have been burning up the phones to bring as many vendors as possible to the convention, and now that the cost of fuel is coming down, they want to be at our convention.

I have a request, if you are going to come, go on to the website and register. The more pre-registrations the quicker the line will be!!

73's & Looking forward to seeing you there! [www.azhamcom.org](http://www.azhamcom.org) Rick Aldom W7STS. [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.com)

## Special Event

August 14-17, 2008 Navajo Code Talkers Event. Special Event station N7C will be operating on the air at Navajo Veterans Memorial Park Window Rock, AZ. 8:00 am to 6:00 pm DST local time and UTC 1400Z to 0000Z, 7.265 and 14.265 MHz. For more info look up N7C on QRZ.COM or e-mail N7HG Herb.

## SILENT KEYS

Jim Berkheimer KC7HLM became a SK on July 23. He was a member of the West Valley ARC.

Lenore Jensen, W6NAZ (SK) was one of ham radio's most historically significant women. She co-founded YLRL in 1939. During the Vietnam War she made 68,000 phone patches for servicemen as a MARS operator. She tirelessly promoted ham radio. Her friend and former clubmate, Cliff Cheng, AC6C, nominated her for the CQ Hall of Fame, which she was inducted into at Dayton a few months ago. Cliff is setting up a memorial page for her, [www.KI6CM.bappy.com](http://www.KI6CM.bappy.com). Please email Cliff at [WW6CC@arrl.net](mailto:WW6CC@arrl.net) if you have any remembrances of Lenore, or if you have a jpeg scan of Lenore's colorful QSLs or pictures.

Robert Kamler Jr KD7SBY from Sun City became a SK on August 4.

## NEW HAMS

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

Richard Myers AD7UR, Roland Sockerson AD7UU, Laetitia Baudoin AD7VG, Kenneth Conatser AD7VK, Michael Smith KE7UJA, Paul Connolly KE7UJZ, Sherwin White KE7UKI, Jason Owens KE7UKY, David Medearis KE7UKZ, George C Runger KE7ULA, David Child KE7ULB, Ronald Barton KE7ULC, Michael Mccambridge KE7ULD, Josh Butler KE7ULT, Jeffrey Neufeld KE7ULU, Ryan Clarke KE7ULX, Bert Regeer KE7ULZ, Marlin Havener KE7UMA, Keith Kendall KE7UMC, Charles Ruerup KE7UOV, Mildred Newman KE7URP, Whitney Porter KE7URQ, Stephen Porter KE7URR, Stephen Harper KE7URS, Richard Baker KE7URT, John Allen KE7URU, Lawrence Mickelson KE7URV, Sarah Tempest KE7URW, Rob Lomeli KE7URX, Kevin Coffman KE7URY, Tracy Eckelberry KE7URZ, Larry Gardanier KE7USB, Alfred Pimentel KE7USC, Charles Nelson KE7UTH, Brian Mills Smith KE7UTI

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

September 6, 2008 Fall Fest, Mohave Professional Amateur Radio Group will be having its 1st Annual Hamfest in Kingman Arizona 7am-Kingman Centennial Park, across from the Mohave County Library VHF talk in: 146.9400 - 151.4 UHF talk in: 446.3000 - 123.0. <http://www.mparg.org/>

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 contact Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.com).

October 18 2008 Old Pueblo Hamfest Kino Sports Park Tucson AZ

October 19, 2008 Tucson Ham Radio Picnic at Reid Park at 12 noon [www.tucsonhampicnic.com](http://www.tucsonhampicnic.com)

December 2008 Superstition Hamfest, Mesa AZ

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.