

ARIZONA PRB-1

Dan Brown NA7DB is working with Representative Nancy McLain on re-introducing the Arizona PRB-1 bill. Recall that last year it got through the House with a 56 to 2 vote in favor of the bill.

Dan says "We discussed some possible changes/additions to the bill. The political decision is to leave the bill exactly the way it passed the House. If we try to make it more complex or involve money, it will create friction in the process.

The strategy for the House is to contact the Representatives and thank them for their support last year. Then let them know that the same bill they voted YES on last year is up again and we will appreciate their support.

In the Senate where our bill was held by the Government Committee Chairman, we have made BIG progress. So please do not attack that Chairman!

We have made progress with the HOA lobbyists and have an agreement with the Arizona Counties Association.

We still will have to contact all 30 Senators and make sure they understand our Bill and ask for their support.

There will be Committee hearings to attend and we need groups of Hams making the rounds of the House and Senate to meet with and educate those folks. Because of the Budget Crisis I think it will be in February when our Bill comes up.

Please let me know if you would like to be involved in the Committee hearings process and personally visiting with our legislators in this effort to get our Amateur Radio Bill passed. I hope everyone will be involved in contacting their Representatives and Senators when we have a Bill number.

A huge thanks to everyone who made the effort last year to help get our bill through the House. I hope in 2008 we will get the job done in the Senate also."

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

We did such a great job with the Winter Cub Scout Camp here in Tucson, we have been asked to work at the Summer Cub Scout Camp at Camp Lawton starting on the Memorial Day weekend. They want us to show off Amateur Radio RF Direction finding. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

The Southwestern Division Convention will have a presentation by the Arizona Director of Emergency Management, Mr. Lou Trammell. Mr. Trammell will discuss communications capabilities both commercial and through RACES and ARES. The Southwestern Division Convention will have some exceptional programs, and I hope you have visited www.azhamserve.org to sign up.

Check the website regularly to see what's new: www.azhamcom.org Rick Aldom W7STS

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The ARRL just announced two new appointments: Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and Assistant District Emergency Coordinator. If you are interested, let me know.

January has been a quiet month until the end when the state has had some pretty impressive rainfall. Up slope areas of Maricopa, Yavapai and Gila counties received significant rainfall amount. It's unusual to see areas of the desert receive more than an inch of rain, but this storm brought more than 4 inches in some locations.

The downside of all this tropical moisture will be the reduction of the snowpack. Snow levels were in the ~8000 range, which meant the snow melted by the rain added to the runoff amounts overflowing several of the smaller reservoirs and lakes. The Salt River Project was forced to release water down the salt. This

will make for an increased chance of wildfires later in the season. Please go to: www.az-arrrl.org/secure to register for Arizona ARES! www.az-arrrl.org/secure Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

SILENT KEYS

Warren Haring KD7WBG in Yuma passed away on January 27th. Warren was very active in ARES unit.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Gregory Stephens KE7QOX, Bruce Wolf KE7QEN, Bruce Nourish KE7QOW, Jefferson Burhman KE7QOS, Andrus Tanner KE7QOQ, Michael Dalton KE7QOR, Tim Richards KE7QEX, Samuel Fuller KE7QEZ, Hussein El Sekafi KE7QOV, Alexei Sheydayi KE7QOT, Craig Whipp KE7QFA, Callum Farrell KE7QKU, Sidney Hickman KE7QKQ, Ned Bleuer KE7QKR, Robert Shaub KE7QKP, Colin Farrell KE7QKV, Brian Pruett KE7QFX, Joel Davis KE7QFW, Bryan Abbott KE7QFV, Bart Haines KE7QFU, Nathan Powell KE7QID, David Slagg KE7QKT, Rachel Ewing KE7QKS, Dustin Lauthclements KE7QIN, Samrat C Miller KE7QIL, Moses Milazzo KE7QIF, Aaron Wilcox KE7QOU, Wendie Jarman KE7QIH, Justin Wright KE7QIJ, Aaron Herring KE7QII, Jonathan Jarman KE7QIG, Michael Daley KE7QIK, William Leeson KE7QIB, Thomas Maloy KE7QIA, Kelsey Mcguffee KE7QFC, Deborah Heilig KE7QIE, Richard Price KE7QIC, John Savino KE7QCA, Stephen Wenger KE7QBY, David Lucas KE7QBZ, Jayne Abraham KE7QFK, Erwin Perelstein KE7QFI, Alice Dunford KE7QFF, Edward Smith KE7QFH, Robert Hernandez KE7QFQ, Marti Blad KE7QFJ, Lina Wallen KE7QFE, Patricia Traber KE7QFG, Thomas Mccowan KE7QOL and James Bowen KE7QBM.

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

January 12, 2008 WestFest hosted by the Thunderbird ARC was held on January 12 at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Greenway and 59th Ave in Glendale. The first all indoor hamfest for Arizona was a total success. A lot of hams really liked the indoor atmosphere, and want more like it. Over 425 hams attended and every single booth was sold out. Way to go!

February 15-17, 2008 Yuma HamExpo at the Yuma County Fairgrounds www.yumahamexpo.com

March 8, 2008 SpringFest hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club, Scottsdale Community College, Chaparral & Hwy 101, Scottsdale, AZ, ARCA Meeting - 11:00 AM

March 8, 2008 Tucson Ham Radio Spring Picnic at Christopher Columbus Park. More info can be found at www.tucsonhampicnic.com

April 2008, AARC Hamfest, hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club, DeVry University, Dunlap, Rd, Phoenix, AZ

May 3, 2008, CARA Hamfest, hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association, Club Site, Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ ARCA Meeting - 11:00 AM

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

September 12-14, 2008 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Mesa AZ Come check us out at www.AzHamCom.org Mesa Convention Center Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair 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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