

ARRL ARIZONA SECTION NEWS January 2008

NEW CALLSIGN

After 32 years as WB7NXH, I broke down and applied for a vanity callsign that I really liked. Great news is that I got it. My new callsign is K7DF. Please update your address books to k7df@arrl.org.

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

In the last two weeks we were able to introduce 400 Cub Scouts and their parents to Amateur Radio. Amateur Radio was one of 16 activities at the Winter Day Camp at Double V Scout Camp in Tucson. The theme was space and the boys were able to talk on HF and VHF, solder two wires together, put together two snap circuit projects, practice Morse code, learn phonetics, learn about Earth-Moon-Earth communications and learn why astronauts become amateur radio operators. I would like to thank: Lloyd N7GV, Bill N7CHN, Sharon KA9GPY, Jack AD7NK, Gene W0KAD, Bob AD7FP, Ron Gross AD7FV, Tom W1HRO, Dee Gross AD7NM, Tom W8TK, Dave KE3HF, Brandon KE7ODY and Tom K7DF for their time making this possible. So far 15 scouts were very interested and wanted to know more. One of the scout leaders wrote it up in his blog at <http://www.kr7rk.com/blog.htm> His son thought it was the best activity. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

The Southwestern Division Convention is plugging along. We need your support, if you haven't taken the time to register, please do and show your support for the convention and it's dedicated committee members. Check the website regularly to see what's new: www.azhamcom.org Rick Aldom W7STS

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Arizona ARES database has been slowly picking up members. We are up to 425 statewide who have added their names to the list. Thank you to all who have registered. The database is the easy part of ARES. It's electronic nuts and bolts. What makes ARES special is the people who volunteer. People with a wide variety of skills and knowledge. People who know how to setup and operate a digital HF station. Those who can link repeaters and those who will work when they haven't had any sleep. That's what ARES is about, and my hat is off to all who volunteer. Please go to: www.az-arrl.org/secure to register for Arizona ARES! www.az-arrl.org/secure Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

SILENT KEYS

Ronald G. Reynolds N7WTF passed away Dec. 24, 2007, at his home in Prescott Valley. He was a past president of the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club. In 2001 he was named Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) Ham of the Year. He was very active with ARCA as well as volunteering many hours as the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator of Maricopa County. Ron was also actively involved in public service events (MS 150) and training.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Douglas Viste KE7PZR, Thomas Traynor KE7PTV, Joshua Hoover KE7PQW, Peter Decker KE7PTY, Rhonda Eastin KE7PTW, Jose Medina KE7PQV, Mario Zepeda KE7PZT, Christopher Dreher KE7PZO, Theodore Donahue AD7QS, Patrick Burke KE7PZP, Steve Lepetich KE7PZN, Tiffany Picquet KE7PZQ, Ronald Zimmerman KE7PZS, William Heilman KE7PTU, James Lyman KE7PQY, Neva Lyman KE7PQX, Max Kartchner KE7PUA, Phillip Warner KE7PTZ, Maria Ngomba KE7PXW, Gregory Allen KE7PXX, David Wilson KE7PXZ, Donnie Kearbey KE7PYJ and Kimberly Smith KE7PYL.

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

January 12, 2008 WestFest hosted by the Thunderbird ARC will be held at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Greenway and 59th Ave in Glendale. The first all indoor hamfest for Arizona.

<http://www.w7tbc.org>

January 20-26, 2008 Quartzfest 2008, A gathering of Amateur Radio Operators in RV's near Quartzite Arizona. For more information go to www.quartzfest.org

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

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

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

May 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

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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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