

### ARIZONA PRB-1

Two months ago, House Bill 2721 on Amateur Radio; structures; accommodation passed in the House. Our sponsor Rep McLain has been absolutely fantastic. Turns out that Rep McLain's late husband was a ham. Rep McLain has tried several ways of getting our bill passed in the Senate. As was the case last year, Senator Harper and the Home Owners Association have been our biggest battle. When HB 2721 was blocked by Senator Harper she tried to attach the words to Sen Harper's SB1019. That did not happen. She said "Jack Harper's excuse for not hearing our bill either year was that the folks in his district (mainly just those in Sun City West) would be upset with him. I would encourage all of you to contact hams that live in District 4 and ask them to contact the Senator and let him know that they are upset that he didn't hear it. (A map of that district can be found at [www.azleg.gov](http://www.azleg.gov)) We're all up for re-election this year, and if he sees enough people show up at his campaign events that want this bill, perhaps that will change his mind."

### YOUTH AND SCOUTING

Did you know there is a website for Youth? Check it out at <http://www.arrl.org/news/youth/>

This last week my dad, K7DF, and I showed over 300 Cub Scouts how to do direction finding at Camp Lawton on Mt. Lemmon. The theme of the week was Indiana Jones movies and finding a hidden transmitter fit right in. The first day was fun as the ground was covered in snow. It later turned to mud but it quickly dried out and by the second day it was gone. Many hams helped out including Dave Holman KE3HF, Brandon Holman KE7ODY, John Cox KE7CKL and the wonderful hams from Green Valley ARC; Lloyd Miller N7GV, John Long KA0IKI, Dave Sader AB7VE, Ron Gross AD7FV, Dee Gross AD7NM, Bob Epstein AD7FQ, Linda Epstein AD7FP, Dale Lang AA1SZ, Jane Lang AD7NR, John Long KA0IKI and Jim Powell KE7KCX. Lloyd and the Green Valley folks built several hidden transmitters and antennas. We learned that the radios (<10 mW) were so strong at such a short range that attenuators were very necessary. Dad used the offset frequency method but I liked using an attenuator. John KE7CKL lent us several of his Big Red Bee transmitters [www.bigredbee.com](http://www.bigredbee.com) that he uses to find his high powered rockets. These small transmitters fit into film canisters. The boys thought the film canisters were a lot like the tiny transmitters that were used in the new Indiana Jones movie. The boys really enjoyed learning about Amateur Radio. Thanks to everyone who helped out.

Congratulations to David Clark, KD7NZK. David won one of the 2008 ARRL Foundation Scholarships, namely the Charles N. Fisher Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.

The Boy Scouts of America has a need for 30 to 40 volunteer Amateur Radio Operators in Arizona to assist them with Operation On Target on September 20, 2008. Operation On Target is a Varsity Scouting Event which entails a team of scouts using heliograph mirrors to signal from a mountain peak to other teams on other peaks. For more information on Operation On Target visit [www.ontargetbsa.org](http://www.ontargetbsa.org) about.htm, <http://ontarget.mesavarsity.org> This is an excellent opportunity to introduce Scouts to Amateur Radio and possibly spark an interest to earning a radio merit badge and possibly obtaining an Amateur Radio Operators License. If you are interested, please e-mail Bob Church [rhchurch@cox.net](mailto:rhchurch@cox.net), and Garry Hinton [mikeheaton@cox.net](mailto:mikeheaton@cox.net)

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### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Pima County ARES and RACES have reorganized and are looking for volunteers. Please contact Rich Joyce KD6VLN or Chuck Michael KB7RFI. You can also register on the emergency communications database at [www.az-arrl.org](http://www.az-arrl.org)

### ARCA WILLIAMS HAMFEST/ARRL STATE CONVENTION

July 18-19, 2008 ARCA/Williams Hamfest hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will be at the Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Rd, Williams, AZ, Major vendors including ICOM will be at the Williams hamfest! Fun, Food and of course the Swapmeet. Check it out at [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)

#### SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

On the Convention front, if you haven't sent in your registration or made your hotel reservations, I wouldn't wait too long. The hotel is hosting another event, and their participants will have equal access to the rooms you maybe wanting to stay in. We have more than 30 quality presentations lined up to make this an informative and fun convention. Help us out by registering early. [www.azhamcom.org](http://www.azhamcom.org) Rick Aldom W7STS.

#### SILENT KEYS

Gregg White N7SQJ owner of Starcomm Communications in Tucson and Communications Coordinator of the Northwest Fire District.

Bill Pfleeger N7ADL from Mohave Valley.

Paul McSween KD6TAQ. Paul worked in the Phoenix HRO store.

#### NEW HAMS

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

Richard Courtney AD7TF, Eric Nelson AD7TG, Jose Medina AD7TK, Corey Beggs AD7TL, Elizabeth James KE7SYD, Peter Lippert KE7SZT, Donald Erickson KE7SZU, Daniel Bjorklund KE7SZV, Martha Davis KE7SZW, Willard Mcdougal KE7SZX, Joseph Vinson KE7SZY, Seymour Shapiro KE7TAY, Dale Larson KE7TCJ, Steven Mendez KE7TCK, Louis Polydoros KE7TDP, Bruce Jaeger KE7TDR, Rebecca Schmidt KE7TEK, Nathan Young KE7TEL, Helen Marx KE7TEM, Ralph Marx KE7TEN, Tim Beyer KE7TGN, Richard Spinabella KE7TLP, G Jayson Stangel KE7TLQ, Richard Haas KE7TLR, Stephen Thomas KE7TLS, Reid Bailey KE7TLT, Jon Christensen KE7TLU, Cory Mcdowell KE7TNY, Sally Mcdowell KE7TNZ, Earl Melbourne KE7TOA, Mike Layland KE7TOB, Greg Griffith KE7TOC, David Soletski KE7TOD, William Neill KE7TOE, Kenneth Smith KE7TOF, Allen Blaine KE7TOG, John Desenberg KE7TOH, Bjorn Fjordholm KE7TOI, Tom Mason KE7TOJ, Walter Cheatham KE7TOK, Jason Sanders KE7TOL, Jon Sherman KE7TPD, Adam Wilcox KE7TPE, Eric Somerville KE7TPF, Venkata Sure KE7TPG, David Mcneill KE7TPH, Stephen Odgear KE7TPI, Mary Klock KE7TPJ, Dallon Ray KE7TPK, Mason Knox KE7TPL, Rusdon Ray KE7TPM, Jason Zdilla KE7TPN, Michael Roberts KE7TQC, Dennis Ott KE7TQZ, Bernard Gaskill KE7TRA, Daniel Raburn KE7TRJ, Roger Evenson KE7TRK, John Kiniston KE7TRL, Clark Turner KE7TRP and Jason Young KE7TRQ.

#### HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

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)

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September 6, 2008 Mohave Professional Amateur Radio Group will be having its 1st Annual Hamfest in Kingman Arizona.

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).

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.

73, Tom Fagan K7DF

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