



# Arizona Newsletter



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## YOUTH AND SCOUTING

My sister, Beth, age 12, did take and pass her technician exam on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. She is now KE7ZPI. Congratulations Beth. I guess that means I have to go take and pass my General test to keep ahead of her. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section manager Youth and Scouting [ke7idc@arrl.net](mailto:ke7idc@arrl.net)



## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Tis the season...oooops, that was December... Actually it is the season in much of the state to get out and participate in a public service event. The skills you will use in a public service event are the same ones that you will likely need in a real emergency. Passing formal traffic as well as tactical traffic requires practice, and public service events give you a venue to practice these skills should they be needed for the "real deal".

In March, many agencies around the state are going to participate in a drill named Coyote Crisis. Check with your DEC to determine if your area is going to participate.

Have you checked or updated your Arizona ARES record lately? Go to [www.az-arrl.org/secure](http://www.az-arrl.org/secure) to check or create your Arizona ARES registration. Rick Aldom W7STS. [natecf@gmail.com](mailto:natecf@gmail.com)

## ARIZONA QSO PARTY

Last month I talked about the Arizona QSO party. I want to thank all of you for your comments. There is overwhelming support for this event. Gary Keck KE7DX asks that if you are interested in the AZ QSO party to please contact him at [ke7dx@marketemporium.com](mailto:ke7dx@marketemporium.com).

## ARIZONA COUNTY AWARD

Arizona used to have a worked all Arizona Counties award. Many of you have written asking to bring this back. I may have a club to help sponsor this award. If anyone has details of the old award, please let me know.

## DIGITAL TV CONVERSION

The FCC has asked many groups including the ARRL to assist consumers with the Digital TV Conversion which goes into effect on February 17, 2009. Hams are not being asked to make house calls or sell converter boxes but to be available to answer questions about the process of hooking up converter boxes and antennas. If everyone helps their friends, family and good neighbors get ready for digital TV we will be doing much better. <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/12/10/10499/> or <http://www.dtv.gov/>. I have also been contacted by the Arizona Broadcasters Association. They too would like us to help out. More info can be found on their website at <http://www.azbroadcasters.org/DTV%20Transition.html>. If you have any questions please let me know.

## SILENT KEYS

Ken Uthus KT7E passed away on January 11, 2009 in Sun City Arizona at the age of 88. Ken was retired from the telephone company in Spokane Washington. He and his wife moved to Arizona in 1993 from Nine Mile Falls Washington. Ken was an Elmer for hams & helped on antenna projects and field-day. He was a member of QCWA and a few Spokane clubs.

Gus Toures K7VAU passed away on January 24, 2009. He was born in Warren, Ohio on June 26, 1924. In 1961 he moved with his wife and daughter to Tucson, where he worked for Kitt Peak National Observatory as a tool and die maker for 25 years. He was a ham radio operator for over 60 years and a member of Sabbar Shrine Radops.

## ARIZONA TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY NET (ATEN) REPORT

The net meets on 3986 kHz at 5:30 PM MST 0030Z Daily. For more info: <http://www.atenaz.net/>  
January Check-ins 559, Visitors 51, Traffic 172, Originations 91, Sessions 31, Active Stations 28  
ATEN Net Manager is Tomy KF7GC [kf7gc@arrl.net](mailto:kf7gc@arrl.net)

## NEW HAMS

The following 50 Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Jose Sandoval AD7XW, Diedra Graham AD7XX, Ronald Green KE7YOV, Janet Mcelwain KE7YOW, Lawrence Vierra KE7YOX, Marilyn Green KE7YOY, Matthew Lund KE7YOZ, Robert Godfrey KE7YPA, Marilyn Godfrey KE7YPB, Paul Woolston KE7YPC, Vincent Creviston KE7YPD, Stephen Baker KE7YPE, Lloyd Howden KE7YPF, Alexander Berry KE7YPG, Dennis Richardson KE7YPH, Russell Zufelt KE7YPI, Allen Bingham KE7YPK, Phillip Scott KE7YPL, Paul Fritz KE7YPM, Lincoln Daynes KE7YPN, Scott Bramwell KE7YPO, Vinaya Kumara KE7YPR, Hubert Brewer KE7YSO, Dana Myatt KE7YSP, Regina Swift KE7YTD, Thomas Andrews KE7YTE, Robert Frett KE7YTF, Christopher Mahony KE7YTR, Leslie Hartnett KE7YTS, Steven Anderson KE7YTY, Rachel Wyman KE7YTZ, Tyler Carpenter KE7YUA, Scott Bailey KE7YUC, Justin Layton KE7YUD, Erik Morse KE7YUE, Albert Gardner KE7YYE, Alice Jung KE7ZDR, Tony Axtell KE7ZDS, Scott Mitchell KE7ZDT, William Doremus KE7ZDU, Jon Bag Haw KE7ZDW, Clark White KE7ZDX, Dwight Cantley KE7ZEP, Jody Cook KE7ZER, Christopher Olson KE7ZES, James Schanafelt KE7ZET, Travis Schanafelt KE7ZEU, Chad Woznick KE7ZEV, Leah Jewell KE7ZEW, Gregg Cooper KE7ZEX.

## CLUB NEWS

The Central Arizona DX Association meets the first Thursday of each month at 7p.m. at the PERA Club at 1 West Continental in Tempe. DX-er's who run five watts to kilowatts are among the 125 plus membership. Whether you use a stealth antenna, wires, verticals, or towers and beams, you will find the help you need to do well on the bands and in DX contests. If you are interested in DX-ing, and want more information, visit the club web site at [www.CADXA.ORG](http://www.CADXA.ORG). There is even an e-mail drop for newcomers to ask questions. N7AZ is the local DX cluster node in the Phoenix metro area where you will see real time DX spotting information. Running CC Cluster software, this DX spotting network is on 24/7. Telnet to [n7az.net](http://n7az.net) Port : 23 to connect. The CADXA also helps put on the International DX Convention in Visalia, CA, every April. Meetings always feature a program and refreshments. Visitors are welcome.

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS/PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

February 2, 2009 West Valley Amateur Radio Club Ham Equipment Auction <http://westvalleyarc.org/>  
Talk-In: 147.300 +600 (PL 162.2) Contact: Ken Solheim, WN7DRX [hamauction2009@gmail.com](mailto:hamauction2009@gmail.com)

February 14-15, 2009 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo Mountain bike endurance event, Oracle

February 15, 2009 Lost Dutchman Marathon, Apache Junction

February 20-21, 2009 Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show. Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, AZ [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org)

February 27-28, 2009 Ragnar Del Sol, Nw to SE Valley

March 14, 2009 SpringFest Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club. Scottsdale Community College. 6 am-noon Talk-In 147.18 Contact Ed Nickerson, WU7S [enickerson427@aol.com](mailto:enickerson427@aol.com) Note: No overnight parking!

March 14, 2009 ADA Tour de Cure, North Phoenix

March 22, 2009 DC Ranch for Life, North Scottsdale

March 27-28, 2009 MS Bike Ride 2 Day Event, Florence

April 4, 2009 Radio Society of Tucson, Kino Sports Park Tucson AZ contact [Randy@kf0x.com](mailto:Randy@kf0x.com)

April 11, 2009 AARC Hamfest Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club DeVry University, Dunlap Rd, Phoenix, AZ <http://w7io.org> Talk-In: 147.060 (no tone) Contact Gary Hamman, K7GH [k7gh@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net)

April 25, 2009 Highline Trail Run, Payson Area

May 2, 2009 CARA Hamfest Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association Club site on Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ <http://www.k7rdg.org/>

May 2-3, 2009 7th Call Area QSO Party aka 7QP <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s>  
May 30, 2009 Yavapai Amateur Radio Club and the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association Prescott, AZ  
June 6, 2009 White Mountain Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low, AZ  
July 17-19, 2009 ARCA/Williams Hamfest Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona Williams  
Rodeo Grounds, Airport & Rodeo Rds, Williams, 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.