



Arizona Newsletter

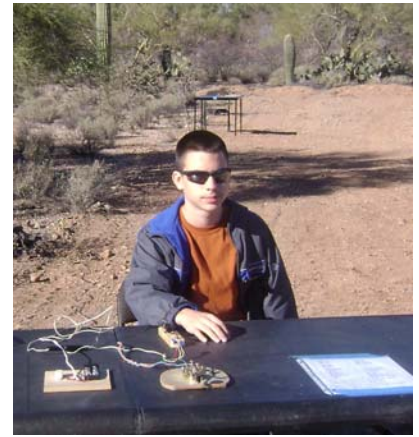


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January 2009 Happy New Year!

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

It's been a busy month with school and scouting. Santa was very nice to me, must have something to do with my good grades (straight A's and honors math). Dad and I helped out at the Cub Scout winter camp again this year. The theme was Gold Mine. We setup a telegraph station and the boys had to send Morse code messages back and forth over 100 feet of wire. We could have done it with radios but we were trying to keep in theme. It's always good to help out and get the scouts interested. My sister, Beth, age 12, has completed her ARRL on-line technician class. Hopefully she will take and pass her test soon. I'll let you know. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section manager Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrrl.net



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The holidays have come and gone, and I hope you and your family made the most of them :) I took a few minutes today to review the Arizona ARES database and these statistics stood out: We have more than 500 registered members on the Arizona ARES database. As you might guess, the majority of them are in Phoenix and Tucson areas. A unique aspect of the Arizona ARES database is the hours reporting tool. With it, operators are able to report their activities. In the last 12 months, over 9300 ARES hours were reported. 5000+ hours were reported for Public Service Events. More than 1800 were reported for Drills and Training and 259 were reported for Emergency Operations. Your ARES staff reported 2000+ hours directly supporting ARES activities. You can review the numbers the next time you log on.

These are envious numbers for any section. What surprises me in these reports is the few operators outside of Maricopa who report hours. I see monthly reports from the DECs of other counties and know that other counties have activities worthy of reporting their participation. Events are generally listed in the county where they occur, if you don't find your event/operation, send me a note, and I will ensure the event(s) are created for you.

The Arizona ARES database is unique. This database gives the individual the ability to see and modify their own record. Data is only as stale as you the operator allow it to be. When the spam hit's the rotating oscillator, having up to date information will allow the DEC to make informed decisions when placing personnel. Rick Aldom W7STS. natecf@gmail.com

ARIZONA QSO PARTY

Gary Keck KE7DX is working out the details for an Arizona QSO party sometime in October. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know.

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.

SILENT KEYS

Chuck Fulcher, KE6SE passed away on December 10th. He was buried with full military (Marine) honors.

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 your 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.

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/>
November Check-ins 529, Visitors 29, Traffic 166, Originations 99, Sessions 31, Active Stations 27
ATEN Net Manager is Tomy KF7GC kf7gc@arrl.net

NEW HAMS

The following 66 Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! Paul Wright AD7XE
Matthew Brown KE7WVW, Wesley Cassiere KE7WVX, Nathaniel Gorman KE7WVY, Dirk Hacker KE7WVZ,
Jason Shultz KE7WWQ, Jessica Avitia KE7WWR, Amy Mccleney KE7WWS, Maurice Mitchell KE7WWT,
Richard Goldschmidt KE7WWU, Gene Miller KE7WWY, Kimberlee Miller KE7WWZ, William Mcquillan
KE7WXA, William Carman KE7WXB, William Van Orden KE7WXD, Joshua Carroll KE7YAD, Robert Fink
KE7YAE, Joseph Ridder KE7YAF, Roger Petersen KE7YAG, Donald Peck KE7YAH, David Hazlett
KE7YDM, Amanda Loveless KE7YDN, Bryan Loveless KE7YDO, Joseph Gunnoe KE7YFX, Drew Durham
KE7YIE, Brett Hackleman KE7YIF, Steven Payne KE7YIG, Patrick Finn KE7YIH, George Perez KE7YII,
Robert Brower KE7YIJ, Kendrick Hickman KE7YIK, Paul Mccombs KE7YIL, Stuart Black KE7YIN, Peter
Engel KE7YIO, Steven Christ KE7YIP, Douglas Macintyre KE7YKV, Jerome Franklin KE7YKW, Dennis
Kynion KE7YKX, Debby Lundell KE7YKY, Sally Pryor KE7YLS, Dirk Witter KE7YLT, Roy Berggren
KE7YLU, Dennis Burks KE7YLV, W Kelso KE7YLV, Zachary Jones KE7YLY.

VOLUNTEERS

We have a lot of people that want a lot of activities but none of those hams are willing to help out. I always found that the best way to get something done is to do something about it. The more volunteers we have the more fun we can have. Make one of your New Year resolutions to volunteer.

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

January 10, 2009 Westfest Thunderbird ARC
<http://www.w7tbc.org> Talk-In: 146.70, PL 162.2
Contact Steve Grouse, W1ADW w1adw@cox.net
Thunderbird School of Global Management 59th
Avenue & Greenway Road Glendale AZ.

January 18, 2009 Quartzfest Amateur Radio
Operators event at Mile Marker 99, Quartzsite, AZ.
Talk-in frequency is 146.55 simplex.

www.quartzfest.org Contact: Cliff KD4ZBP and
Virginia KE4VRW Haycock KD4ZBP@arrl.net.

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

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



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 Note: No overnight parking!

April 4, 2009 Radio Society of Tucson, Kino Sports Park Tucson AZ contact Randy@kf0x.com

April 2009 AARC Hamfest Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club DeVry University, Dunlap Rd,
Phoenix, AZ

May 2, 2009 CARA Hamfest Hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association Club site on Moson Rd,
Sierra Vista, AZ

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.