



Arizona Newsletter



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It has been a busy month. I was able to attend the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club and the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association Hamfest in Prescott, AZ. Jeff Hanna WB7RFY estimated they had about 450 to 500 people show up. This is 150 to 200 more than last year. It was so big they expanded into the multipurpose room and filled all the parking lots. The White Mountain Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club in Show Low also had good attendance. Both hamfests were nice and cool. See you all at the state convention.

ARIZONA HAM RADIO WEEK

On May 28, 2009, Arizona Governor Janice K Brewer signed a Proclamation declaring the week of June 22 through June 28, 2009 Amateur Radio Week. This proclamation honors Amateur Radio Operators for their service to the public and encompasses the annual Field Day exercises to be held on June 27 - 28, 2009. My thanks go out to Rick Aldom W7STS Chairperson of ARCA and the whole ARCA Staff for getting this done.

HOUSTON REPRESENTATIVE INTRODUCES AMATEUR RADIO BILL IN CONGRESS

On Wednesday, April 29, Representative Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX) introduced HR 2160 -- the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009" -- in the US House of Representatives. This bill, if passed, would "promote and encourage the valuable public service, disaster relief, and emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, by undertaking a study of the uses of Amateur Radio for emergency and disaster relief communications, by identifying unnecessary or unreasonable impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such unreasonable restrictions so as to expand the uses of Amateur Radio communications in Homeland Security planning and response." <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/04/30/10792/?nc=1>

The ARRL is requesting you support this bill by going to the following website <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/05/12/10818/> and submitting a letter. Directions and a sample letter can be found on the website.

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

Summer is here and besides catching up on some much needed sleep I was able to attend the Prescott Hamfest with my family. The hamfest was well attended with bargains everywhere. I missed the Show Low hamfest due to Dad being sick this last week. This would have been my fifth year of going to Show Low with Dad. It also marks my third year as a ham radio operator. I had passed my test at Show Low in 2006. I'm off to Boy Scout Summer camp at Camp Lawton again this year where I should be able to finish up all my Eagle required merit badges. I look forward to field day and seeing everyone at the State Convention in Williams AZ. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section manager Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

FIELD DAY

Field day is quickly approaching. This year it will be on June 27 - 28, 2009. Let me know where and when you will be holding your event. I can't get to them all but I do plan to drop by several this year. The ARRL has setup a map showing all locations. Make sure your field day site is listed so that we can find you. <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/locator.php> For 100 bonus points make sure you send me a message per paragraph 7.3.5 of the field day rules. Contact Net Manager Tomy KF7GC kf7gc@arrl.net if you need help with this.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It's almost time for the granddaddy of emcom exercises, the Amateur Radio Relay League's Field Day. Many clubs are planning to hold a field day event. If you can't or haven't been on HF for a while, visit the club of your choice and get some time on HF! Some field day events will be held at local EOC's and others will be held in remote (sometimes cooler) locations!

For those hams in the greater Phoenix area, the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group is going to be conducting their annual class on Emergency and Public Service Communications. This class will teach you how to get the most performance from your handheld including the care and feeding of your batteries, antenna considerations and net etiquette. See the www.mcecg.net for more information. Use the month of June to get Radio Active again! Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com

A STATEWIDE (ARIZONA) CONTEST CLUB IS NOW FORMING!

Arizona Outlaws Contest Club (AOCC) A Radiosport Association of Big Guns, Little Pistols and Cap Guns. Founded by veteran contesters AB7E, K7WP, K8IA, KC7V and N7RQ. The purpose is to provide a full-featured, focused contest club, throughout the state of Arizona, for contesters of any level; further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote radio knowledge, camaraderie, and individual operating efficiency; and to conduct club programs and activities with a focus on contesting. Contesting of all disciplines will be supported including DX, Domestic, VHF/UHF, etc. AOCC will have open membership to all those wanting to contest and will provide opportunities for involvement, training, and recruitment of young hams as well as activities of interest to experienced contesters. No one will be turned away from AOCC, and new and would-be contesters will be encouraged to join. There will be regular meetings, rotated throughout the state. A forum to exchange contest knowledge, along with on-the-air events. Attempts will be made to organize multi-op efforts for prospective members without other access to a good station, or for prospective members who want to learn from more seasoned members. For more information send an email to aocc@cox.net

NEW HAMS

The following 38 Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Olivier Pilloud AE7AL, Salvador Fonseca KF7CIJ, Michael Blackstock KF7CJN, Nicholas Brooks KF7CJO, Rory Warn KF7CKE, Vincent Davis KF7CKF, William Odell KF7CKG, Kevin Rice KF7CKH, Heidi Van Camp KF7CKI, Roger Schierling KF7CKJ, Angel Parra KF7CKK, Richard Watson KF7CNH, Georgette Escobar KF7CNI, Paul Comins KF7CNJ, Stephen Furlong KF7CNK, Marc Ohden KF7CNL, Jamie Woodmansee KF7CNM, Harry Bonfield KF7CNN, Wesley Shepherd KF7CNP, Philip Pierce KF7CNQ, Lin Hearn-donnely KF7CNR, Chad Gerber KF7CNS, Kelly Brady KF7CSX, Brent Carlsen KF7CUH, Lee Schierbaum KF7CUI, Darin Law KF7CUJ, James Salisbury KF7CUK, Brooke Stephens KF7CUL, Barry Winters KF7CUM, Daniel Jackson KF7CUN, Jordan Snell KF7CUO, Starleen Rogers KF7CUP, Michael Rogers KF7CUQ, James Liddell KF7CUR, Patrick Ormerod KF7CUS, Lawrence Bierner KF7CUT, Mark Carlsen KF7CUU, David Locke KF7CUV.

SILENT KEYS

Donald Moore W6DMM, SK passed away on Friday, June 5th from complications of ALS (otherwise known as Lou Gherig's disease). There will be a funeral service for him on Thursday, June 11th at 10am in Prescott, Arizona at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints located at 1101 Sandretto Drive. There will be a viewing from 9-9:50am. His body will be buried on Friday, June 12th in Wildomar, California.

ARIZONA TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY NET (ATEN) REPORT

The net meets on 3986 kHz at 7:00 PM MST 0200Z Daily. For more info: <http://www.atenaz.net/>
May Check-ins 538, Visitors 70, Traffic 173, Originations 100, Sessions 31, Active Stations 27
ATEN Net Manager is Tomy KF7GC kf7gc@arrl.net

ARRL ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION & HAMFEST

July 17-18 2009 The ARRL Arizona State Convention presented by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona and the City of Williams will be held at the Williams Rodeo grounds, 800 East Rodeo Road Williams, AZ. Doors are open for setup on Thursday (July 16) at 5pm. Hamfest is open to the public Friday and Saturday 7am-6pm. Features include meetings, seminars, commercial vendors (ICOM, RF Stuff and many more), huge Swapmeet, VE sessions, (Saturday 9am-noon at Railside RV ranch in the recreation room), ARCA Barbeque (Saturday 6:30pm), on-site dry camping (\$20 per space), Grand Canyon Train trip (Sunday, July 19th), Talk-In: 146.78 (PL 91.5) Contact Lee Ilse, KD7OED Phone: 520-378-1643 kd7oed@arrl.net

<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/convention.asp>

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2009

The 2009 Southwestern Division Convention will be held on August 15, 2009. It is hosted by the Santa Barbara ARC and it will be at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA. Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 131.8) Contact: Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS marvin@west.net <http://www.sbarc.org/>

HAM RADIO EVENTS

- June 20, 2009 **Barn Burner Mtn Bike Ride**, Flagstaff AZ
- June 27 - 28, 2009 **ARRL Field Day**
- July 17-19, 2009 **ARRL Arizona State Convention & Hamfest** presented by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona and the City of Williams, Williams Rodeo Grounds, Airport & Rodeo Rds, Williams, AZ.
- August 15, 2009 **ARRL Southwestern Division Convention** hosted by the Santa Barbara ARC at the Earl Warren Showgrounds Santa Barbara, CA <http://www.sbarc.org/> Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 131.8) Contact: Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS marvin@west.net
- October 10-11, 2009 **Arizona QSO Party** <http://www.azqsoparty.org>
- October 17, 2009 **OPRC Hamfest**, Tucson AZ
- October 24, 2009 **YMCA Half Marathon**, Phoenix South Mountain Park AZ
- October 31, 2009 **Javalina Junderd**, McDowell Mountain Park AZ
- November 7, 2009 **Heart of Arizona Bicycle Ride**, Congress AZ
- November 7, 2009 **MS Walk on the Wild Side**, Phoenix Zoo Desert Botanical Gardens AZ
- November 21, 2009 **El Tour de Tucson**, Tucson AZ
- December 5, 2009 **Superstition ARC Hamfest**, Mesa AZ
- December 13, 2009 **Fiesta Bowl Half Marathon**, Scottsdale AZ

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- February 20, 2010 **Yuma Hamfest** in Yuma AZ
- March 27, 2010 **Desert Fest** hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson, Tucson <http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>
- September 17-19, **2010 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention**, Four Points, By Sheraton Hotel, 8110 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA 92123 Phone: (858) 277-8888, <http://www.sandarc.org/> Talk-In: 145.32 -offset (PL 107); 146.52 simplex Contact: Paul Rios, KC6QLS kc6qls@cox.net