



Arizona Newsletter



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2009 WINTER SECTION MANAGER ELECTION RESULTS

From the ARRL Website: "ARRL members in the North Texas Section have elected a new Section Manager. Jay Urish, W5GM, of Flower Mound, received 740 votes; his opponent, incumbent Section Manager Tom Blackwell, N5GAR, of Dallas, received 678 votes. Blackwell has served as Section Manager since 2005. In Arizona, members re-elected incumbent Tom Fagan, K7DF, of Tucson. Fagan, who has been Section Manager since 2005, received 1016 votes; Robert Spencer, KE8DM, of Yuma, received 205 votes. Ballots were counted and verified at ARRL Headquarters on Tuesday, February 24."

AMATEUR RADIO; STRUCTURES; ACCOMMODATION Arizona HB2514

Nancy McLain AZ District 3 submitted House Bill 2514. This bill is the Arizona PRB-1 with wording that would make the HOA's reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio Antenna Support Structures for Emergency Communications. This is essentially the same bill we submitted last year. The bill is scheduled for a hearing with the Military Affair and public Safety committee on March 11th. The Arizona Legislature Website is: <http://www.azleg.gov>. You can search for the bill by entering 2514 in the upper right hand corner. The Community Association Institute (CAI) Legislative Action Committee have called for an email campaign to defeat this bill because of our wording. CAI stated that "Proponents of this legislation will argue that modern amateur radio equipment towers can be constructed to be as small as 4 ft." That may work for a 2 meter antenna but it will not work with HF. We have a team that is working this and I will keep you informed.

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

It's Camporee time again. Many Boy Scouts will be attending camporees this month. Three of the southern Arizona camporees will have amateur radio incorporated into them. Are you helping your local district or council spark the interesting in Amateur Radio? Let me know. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section manager Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

For the last couple weeks I have been working on a non-governmental disaster drill. You might ask what a "non-governmental" disaster drill is. In two words it's the Ragnar Relay. Disaster by appointment! The Ragnar Relay (www.ragnarrelay.com) is a long distance foot relay, this year with the new course was a touch over 200 miles from the start in Prescott to the finish in Mesa. Not only spanning a long distance, it covered just under 36 hours and some rugged terrain.

MCECG, with the help of the Yavapai County ARES/RACES team, provided a communications safety net for this event. Utilizing more than 70 amateur radio operators, 4 mountain top linked repeaters, a stand alone repeater, amateur radio was able to cover the 36 exchange or "hand-off" points and the start finish line.

So, how is this like a disaster drill? Like a disaster, the event ramped up over time. Exchanges were open roughly 11 hours which could be equated to points of distribution or a mass inoculation site or even a care and reception area. Exchanges operated with only the basics, most without electricity, in the remotest of the locations without telephones, in many cases without cell coverage (although many were in the city)

In the end all 200+ teams made the finish line. Amateur Radio had an opportunity to exercise people, hardware, to explore little used linking protocols and to exercise the communications arts. In short, disaster drills often masquerade under the guise of a sporting event!

Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Yavapai County ARES/RACES team and the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group Go to www.az-arrl.org/secure to check or create your Arizona ARES registration. Rick Aldom W7STS. natecf@gmail.com

SILENT KEYS

Philip Madsen KC6NJX passed away after a long illness on the 27th of February. Phil was a former long time member of EAARS and a Volunteer Examiner.

Ingo Radicke WA7KUM, passed away on March 6th. Ingo was the Arizona State Government Liaison and the Gila County District Emergency Coordinator. He was instrumental in getting the Arizona Amateur Radio license plates. He also had led the team for the Arizona PRB-1 bill. Ingo was also a consultant for the Globe-Miami Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation and the Gila County division of ADOT. Ingo was a member of the Saguaro Amateur Remote Base Association which operates the WA7KUM Remote from Pinal Peak.

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/>
February Check-ins 5229, Visitors 63, Traffic 121, Originations 81, Sessions 28, Active Stations 30
ATEN Net Manager is Tomy KF7GC kf7gc@arrl.net

NEW HAMS

The following 37 Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Michael Corder KE7ZFA, Kevin O'connor KE7ZGO, Robert Ludwick KE7ZGS, Jenna Kloosterman KE7ZGT, Larry Housner KE7ZGU, Karen Gawron KE7ZGV, Henry Fagg KE7ZGW, Craig Hobday KE7ZHD, John Gibbs KE7ZHE, Sinan Turel KE7ZHG, Terry Avakian KE7ZKQ, David Ling KE7ZLV, Sean Mciver KE7ZLW, Richard Jee KE7ZNR, Fred Hunter KE7ZNT, Eric Randau KE7ZNU, Eric Klos KE7ZNV, Steven Sedlmayr KE7ZNW, I Frank Barlow KE7ZOS, James Bennett KE7ZPF, Steven Blas KE7ZPG, Bruce Andres KE7ZPH, Elizabeth Fagan KE7ZPI, Gene Ackson KE7ZPJ, Dale Kopietz KE7ZPK, James Jones KE7ZPL, Robert Bragole KE7ZQH, Juan Castro KE7ZRS, Jose Rivera KE7ZRT, Cameron Billeci KE7ZRU, Randall Crockett KE7ZSM, Austin Abney KE7ZSO, Corey Zollinger KE7ZSP, William Mckisson KE7ZSQ, Adam Mccluskey KE7ZSR, Philip Mccluskey KE7ZSS, Samuel Moore KE7ZST

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS/PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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!

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

April 4, 2009 Tucson Ham Radio Picnic Christopher Columbus Park www.tucsonhampicnic.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

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 29-31 HamCon Colorado 2009, the ARRL 2009 Rocky Mountain Division Convention.

www.HamConColorado.org

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.