



Arizona Newsletter



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AMATEUR RADIO; STRUCTURES; ACCOMMODATION ARIZONA HB2514

HB 2514 Passed in the house (COW) on May 6th. It is on to the Arizona senate now.

Do you have a picture of a cell tower, power poles, street lights, microwave tower or fire station antenna that is in your HOA. Please email it to me along with the address, city and name of the HOA.

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.arri.org/news/stories/2009/04/30/10792/?nc=1>

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

I have been working on finishing up my Boy Scout hiking merit badge. We were on a 20 mile hike down in Gardner Canyon and we came across parts of the Fish Canyon wildfire. It was just smoldering, but then we got to see a tree burst into flames and some grass caught fire. The scoutmaster tried to call 911 but the cell phone did not work. I contacted my dad K7DF who monitoring the radio nearby in the truck. He contacted Stan VE7VKQ on the Mt. Lemmon 146.88 repeater. Stan called 911 and got the fire crews out to take care of the flare up. Thanks Stan for your help. We were able to hike out past where the flare-up occurred.

On another note, my sister, Beth KE7ZPI joined the D-Star ranks with a new IC-91AD. It's not the pink radio she wanted but she likes it. She can be found on the 88 machine or the RST D-Star gateway.

I was able to attend quite a few hamfests lately (RST, Arizona ARC and the Cochise ARA). I hope to see everyone at the Prescott, Showlow and Williams Hamfest as well.

David Clark - KD7NZK was the recent recipient of the Central Arizona DX Association annual Scholarship for 2009. This Scholarship is administered through the ARRL Foundation on an annual basis.

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HAM WEDDING

Dianna Campbell K7ORD and Rick Aldom W7STS were married on April 11th. Presiding was long time friend and ham Mike Pulley, WB4ZKA! The weather was generous and gave them a 10 minute rain free window for the ceremony. Congratulations Dianna and Rick.



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

I am seeing a lot of folks who have signed up on the ARES database, but have failed to complete the process. Let me describe the process, step 1, you fill out a brief online application with your call sign, email address, and phone number and password for the account. Then an email is sent to the email address you provided with a link which activates your account. This prevents 'bots from creating bogus accounts. After clicking the link (or cutting and pasting the link in your browser), you need to log on and fill out the Registration, Equipment, and Training pages. Please indicate your license class and your county on the registration page. Hit the save button in the middle of the page and continue to the equipment page, and tell us your capabilities, hitting save when done. Then fill out the Training page and then hit save again. This is the minimum information you should fill out. If you work an exercise, or emergency operation or a public service event, you can log your hours on the system which will make it easier for your District Emergency Coordinator's reporting or even me which I write letters for antenna rights ammunition. You will also have access to the ARES State Communications Plan.

The Arizona ARES Database has more than 520 operators who have complete the above process, but there are more who haven't, and that means it will be difficult to use you should an emergency occur. Thanks for supporting ARES with your time, energy and equipment! Rick Aldom W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator natecf@gmail.com

ARIZONA QSO PARTY

Announcing the 2009 Arizona QSO Party, sponsored by the ARRL Arizona Section and Catalina Radio Club, from Oct 10 1600Z to Oct 11 0400Z and Oct 11 1400Z to Oct 11 2359Z. Phone, CW and Digital modes on 80/40/20/15/10/6/2 meters. Single-Op, Multi-Op, and Mobile categories. Work stations once per band and mode. Mobiles may be worked once per band and mode in each county. County Line operations count as 2 QSOs. Exchange RST and location (AZ County, State, Province, or DXCC Prefix). Suggested Frequencies (kHz): CW: 3548, 7048, 14048, 21048, 28048. SSB: 3848, 7248, 14248, 21048, 28448. FM Simplex: 146.48MHz. One point per Phone QSO, two points for CW and Digital QSOs. Multipliers for non-AZ entries are the 15 AZ counties. Multipliers for AZ entries are States, Provinces, and DXCC Countries. Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers. Mail logs no later than Oct 31 to Catalina Radio Club, C/O Gary Keck, PO Box 18135, Tucson, AZ 85731 or via email to logs@azqsoparty.org For full rules, along with log and summary sheets, Cabrillo electronic file format, and Award information, see <http://www.azqsoparty.org>

NEW HAMS

The following 61 Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Elijah Brown AD7ZJ, John Bednarik AD7ZK, Samantha Culver AD7ZN, Randall Rogers AD7ZU, Michael Kowalski KF7BMT, Jeremy Wendte KF7BMU, Alvin Johnson KF7BPJ, Jamie Nylander KF7BQF, James Orloff KF7BQJ, Teresa Orloff KF7BQK, Zelma Kane KF7BQL, Gary Taylor KF7BQM, Douglas Kovach KF7BRP, James Johnson KF7BRQ, Christopher Mcpherson KF7BRR, Steven Shipley KF7BRS, Aaron Dick KF7BRT, Joseph Davidson KF7BRU, Michael Blair KF7BRW, Sue Monroe KF7BSA, Steven Monroe KF7BSB, Jeremy Knorr KF7BSP, Scott King KF7BSS, Kelly Baumgartner KF7BST, Eliyaho Senior KF7BUT, Suzy Elfritz KF7BUX, John Elfritz KF7BUY, Carlos Aguirre KF7BUZ, Patrick Hull KF7BVF, Allan Pratt KF7BVG, Logan Kipp KF7BVH, Austin Kipp KF7BVI, Adam Lauritson KF7BVJ, Patti Erdmann KF7BVK, Christopher Lucier KF7BVL, James Venable KF7BVM, Daniel Kipp KF7BVN, Jon Rabinovitz KF7BWX, George Demack KF7BWY, Cynthia Sambrano KF7BWZ, Michael Wood KF7BXA, John Valentine KF7BXT, Kevin Gooding KF7BXU, Aryn Lalwani KF7BZY, Andrew Cornwall KF7CCC, Gayle Miller KF7CDG, William Kuhns KF7CDH, Mark Edwards KF7CDI, James Mackey KF7CDJ, Kenneth Buchanan KF7CDK, Ivan Guess KF7CDL, Joseph Godfrey KF7CDM, Vivien Mayer KF7CEH, Brian Hayes KF7CEI, Timothy Mcguire KF7CEJ, Jonathon Harvey KF7CEK, Brian Oneil KF7CEL, Tyler Chapman KF7CEM, Sonny Jones KF7CET, Dana Crabb KF7CEU, Tommy Norris KF7CEV.

SILENT KEYS

Brian Chesire AD7WX (Ex WA5PPO) passed away in Tucson on April 8th. Brian had just turned 62. He had proudly served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years. He then went to work for Hughes Aircraft Company which later became Raytheon. He has been a member of the Hughes/Raytheon Catalina Radio Club for over 25 years and had just joined the Radio Society of Tucson and was getting involved with D-Star. He was buried with full military honors in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Brian was a life member of the ARRL.

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/>
March Check-ins 504, Visitors 23, Traffic 137, Originations 74, Sessions 30, Active Stations 28
ATEN Net Manager is Tomy KF7GC kf7gc@arrl.net

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2009

The 2009 Southwestern Division Convention will be held on August 15-16 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/>

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS/PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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
<http://www.W7YRC.org>

June 6, 2009 White Mountain Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low, AZ
<http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>

July 17-19, 2009 ARCA/Williams Hamfest Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona Williams Rodeo Grounds, Airport & Rodeo Rds, Williams, AZ.

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October 10-11, 2009 Arizona QSO Party <http://www.azqsoparty.org>

October 17, 2009 OPRC Hamfest Tucson Arizona

December 2009 Superstition ARC Hamfest