



Arizona Newsletter



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January 2011 Happy New Year!

(The full color copy of this newsletter with pictures and hamfest flyers can be found at www.az-arrl.org)

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Last month in Maricopa County, hams participated with the Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management, the Veterans Administration Health Care System, Air National Guard, City of Phoenix Fire Department and many other government agencies in the National Medical Disaster System (NDMS) Drill. One thing that this drill brought to mind was mutual aid. We had not only numerous government agencies coming together but on the amateur radio side there were ARES members, ham radio club members, hospital recruited ham resources and even ham radio operators who were employees of hospitals coming together to work as one big team. No one was concerned about who belonged to what group; we were all there to provide an important service. It showed what I feel is one of the true strengths of amateur radio. During that drill, all of those hams coming together helped to reduce the meaning of "amateur" in Amateur Radio to all of the professionals we interfaced with.

Let's all make an effort in 2011 to concentrate on expanding that cooperation and mutual aid spirit among your local ham community. No matter the community you live in, the club you belong to, the band you use most often or the repeater you hang out on we are one big community and when bad things happen, we all come together. Have a Happy 2011. Dennis Bietry – KE7EJF Section Emergency Coordinator – Arizona
ke7ejf@arrl.net.

ARIZONA NETS

- ARIZONA TRAFFIC AND EMERGENCY NET (ATEN) REPORT, Meets daily on 3986 kHz at 7PM in the summer (April 1st) and 5:30 PM in the winter www.atenaz.net
Tomy Ivan KF7GC net manager, Arizona Section Traffic manager kf7gc@arrl.net
- Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa (AEN-MAR) Meets every Monday at 9:00 p.m. local time, for training and exercise in the public service communication arts. The Mt. Ord 146.92(-) or the Shaw Butte 147.24(+) repeater. Both require a 162.2 Hz tone. The repeaters are linked and cover most of Maricopa County and portions of Pinal, Gila, Coconino, and Yavapai Counties in central Arizona.
<http://www.aen-mar.org/>
- The Saguaro 2 Meter Central & SE Arizona Meets Daily at 18:30 EAARS repeater network (www.eaars.org)
www.saguaroNTS.net



AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

Randy Hatfield, AG6RH will be teaching a Technician Course on January 29 continuing on February 12 and 19. The time is from 9 AM to 1 PM each Saturday. There will be a testing session on Feb. 19th after the last class, for those who wish to participate. They now have a location that will handle up to 100 students. We are including a lot of demonstrations including Echolink, T-hunting, APRS, ATV, PSK-31, Satellite operation, etc. They follow these courses with additional training for those who wish to participate. In antenna clinics we mass produce J-poles using "assembly jigs". Contact Randy at ag6rh@arrl.net

ARRL ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION

The Yuma Hamfest has been selected as the new location for the 2011 and the 2012 ARRL State Convention. ARRL HQ staff will be on site at both conventions as will the Southwestern Division Director and Vice-Director. The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) and the ARRL Arizona staff made this decision based upon the Yuma Hamfest's location and its size. The location for the 2013 ARRL State Convention has yet to be decided. We are hoping that someday a hamfest in the Phoenix area can grow to accommodate the convention.

ARRL 2012 SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

The 2012 "Arizona Centennial" Southwestern Division Convention will be held in Yuma Arizona in February 2012. More information will be following.

NEW AMATEUR RADIO DEALER IN TUCSON

Gary Pierce AE7GP, owner of Western Communications is now an authorized dealer for HRO. He is located at 8060 E. 22nd Street #104 phone number 520-298-7434. Gary has a nice ham shack at his office. He will match all prices as listed by HRO, contact Gary for more information. If you want something call him, he can normally get it within a day.

NEW HAM REPORT

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations! David Turner AE7JZ, Mark Ross KF7MZR, George Welch KF7MZW, Gary Goldberg KF7MZX, David Iadevaia KF7MZY, John Mccartney KF7NAX, Michael Wethington KF7NAZ, Paul Hickey KF7NBA, Jeffrey Anderson KF7NBB, Walter Englund KF7NBC, Gerald Martin KF7NBD, Paul Abe KF7NBE, Michael Sarin KF7NBF, Charles Partee KF7NBG, Joseph Stehle KF7NBH, Todd Harrison KF7NBI, Jason Melton KF7NCM, Eliazar Garcia-Iniguez KF7NFO, Kenneth Smith KF7NFT, Jeremiah Junginger KF7NIQ, Paul Trout KF7NIR, Marge Popp KF7NIT, Merry Bevill KF7NIU, Timothy Thompson KF7NIV, Julian Illescas KF7NIW, Curtis Jones KF7NIX, Lawrence Suk KF7NIY, Lon Saline KF7NIZ, Jamie Esperson KF7NJA, Robert Duffin KF7NJB, David Moore KF7NJE, Cynthia Riley KF7NJF, Wyatt Carpenter KF7NJG, Steven Gregory KF7NJH, Susan Gallup KF7NJI, Jessica Johnson KF7NJJ, Mary Degeoso KF7NJK, Lorenzo Frigillana KF7NJM, Moises Platon KF7NJNI, Jerome Aguinaldo KF7NJO, Phillip Bondoc KF7NJP, Benjamin Genove KF7NMQ, Gloria Vergara KF7NJR.

SILENT KEYS

Lee Benson WB9TPD passed away on December 13th. He will be deeply missed. He was a former member of the University of Arizona ARC. He was a great guy who contributed in many ways to amateur radio not just in Tucson but all over the country. Lee was the one that helped install echolink on the UofA ARC repeater.

SKYWARN CLASS

Mesa ARC is sponsoring a Sky Warn class. We are limiting the number of seats to 40 individuals. Individuals interested should contact Orion Thrower, at orion.thrower@gmail.com Date: Thursday April 7th 7pm to 9:30pm Loc: West Mesa <http://mesa-arc.org/content/skywarn-class>

HAM RADIO EVENTS

- January 8, 2011 **Thunderbird Hamfest 2011** hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Thunderbird School of Global Management, Greenway Road and 59th Avenue, Glendale. <http://w7tbc.org>
- January 22, 2011 **Eurand Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Cycle for Life** Casa Grande Area <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- January 29, 2011, **Palm Springs Hamfest 2011** Palms Springs California <http://desertrats.am/>
- February 6, 2011 **Runner's Den Road Classic** Paradise Valley Mall, Scottsdale <http://www.mcecg.net/>

- February 18 - 19, 2011 – **ARRL Arizona State Convention & Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show** - hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd Street, Yuma. www.yumahamfest.org
- February 20, 2011 **Lost Dutchman Marathon** Apache Junction <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- February 25-26, 2011 **Ragnar Relay** Wickenburg to Tempe <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 12, 2011 **SpringFest (New Location)** Pima and 101 - hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club. Watch for updates.
- March 12, 2011 **ADA Tour De Cure** North Phoenix <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 12, 2011 **Mesquite Canyon Trail Ride** White Tanks Mountain Park <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 19, 2011 **Run Around the Runway** Scottsdale Air Park <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 26, 2011 **Ride MS Florence** Florence AZ <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April, 2011 - AARC Hamfest - hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club. Watch for details.
- April 9, 2011 **March of Dimes for Babies** Wesley Bolin Plaze (State Capitol) <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April 16, 2011 **Highline Trail Run** Payson <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April 16, 2011 **Pat's Run** Tempe/ASU <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April 23, 2011 **Cave Creek Trail Run** Cave Creek <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April 29-May1st **The Whiskey Off Road Mountain Bike event** Lloyd Halgunseth Yavapai Amateur Radio Club wa6zzj@cableone.net
- May 7, 2011 **Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest** – hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association will be held at Green Acres, 2756 Moson Road, Sierra Vista.
- June 4, 2011 **White Mountain Hamfest (New Location)** Northland Pioneer College 1001 W. Deuce of Clubs in Showlow Arizona hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club
- July 15 - 17, 2011 –**ARCA/Williams Hamfest** - hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will be held at the Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Rd, Williams. ARCA meeting at 4:00 PM on July 16. Watch for updates.
- October 8-9, 2011 **Arizona QSO Party**. <http://www.azqsoparty.org>
- October 8, 2011 **Cactus Cha-Cha** White Tanks Mtn Park <http://www.azqsoparty.org>
- October 15, 2011 - **Tour de Paradise** <http://www.mcecg.net/> Phoenix/Paradise Valley/Anthem

Have an event coming up? Let me know. Send me the flyer and I will add it to this newsletter.

THUNDERBIRD Amateur Radio Club
and Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will host

Thunderbird Hamfest 2011

Arizona's Only Indoor Hamfest

Saturday, January 8, 2011

at Thunderbird School of Global Management - Activity Center

59th Ave & Country Gables Lane, Glendale, AZ
(One quarter mile S. of W. Greenway Road)
Follow the signs to the Thunderbird Activity Center Parking Lot
And Overflow Parking Lots

Hamfest Hours: 7 AM to 12 Noon
Seller Registration: Begins at 5:30 AM
Sellers may setup their wares following registration.

General Admission: \$2.00 per Person
Sellers: \$5.00 for two tables (approx. 10 ft. x 8 ft.)
Extra table space at additional cost of \$5.00 per table

Door Prizes will be given away on the half hour beginning at 8:00 AM

Contact: Jack Lunsford, KD7RCJ, j.lunsford@cox.net
-or- Roger Buel, W9NCQ, w9ncq@cox.net

Talk-in on 146.700 -600 KHz, 162.2 PL or 446.150 -5 MHz, 100 PL

No Firearms, Alcohol or Drugs Permitted on the campus.

Park in Designated Areas Only

Tailgating is not Permitted

Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase on site.

*VE Testing will be available in **Room 31** of the **Wilson Bldg** that is adjacent to the **Activity Center** starting at 10:00AM to Noon. For upgrades, bring original and a copy of your valid amateur license, a picture ID and \$15.00. Admission to the Hamfest is not required for the examination.*

Flyer and map is available for downloading at www.w7tbc.org/Hamfest_2011.html

QUARTZFEST*

2011

- When?** January 23rd thru 29th of 2011 (make sure you put Quartzfest 2011 on your calendar)
- Where?** 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road
- Who Can Attend?** **ANYONE!** If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, we'll be offering Licensing Exams at 10:30am on January 25th, 2011.
- What?** Quartzfest is an annual HAM Radio RV'ers Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

During the week of Quartzfest, RV's are everywhere across the desert, as far as you can see..every make and model you can imagine! There are hundreds of groups that meet in Quartzsite every year in different parts of the desert who share like interests. Our Annual Amateur Radio event is called "QuartzFest" and is open to ALL to attend. QuartzFest is not a club, no officers, no budget, no dues and is not affiliated with or sanctioned by any organization. QuartzFest's continued success exists because of the many HAM's dedicated to seeing it go on year after year, all of whom are volunteers. Quartzfest started out about 12 years ago and is just a bunch of HAM's getting together, camping in their RV's in the middle of the desert..no power, no restrooms, no running water. Solar Panels and Generators are in use everywhere (if you run your generator, you've got to be courteous to your neighbors). If you want to see how well you're prepared and how long you'll be able to hold out in the event of an emergency or disaster, "Boondocking" in the desert for a week will show you.

Quartzfest is similar to a mini-HamFest with a week full of scheduled activities. Seminars range in topics from Genealogy and Crafts for Non-HAM's to Technical information for the seasoned HAM, and introductory information for the new HAM. Also included in the week's activities are VE Testing, Antenna Shoot Out, Antenna Walkabout (touring other HAM's RV Antenna installations), 4x4 Trip in the Desert, Campfires..some with musical entertainment, Movies using the side of an RV as a screen, Hobo Stew, Shopping, Shopping, Shopping, and lot's more!

Cost? Camping on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land is absolutely **FREE!!** and you can camp there for up to 2 weeks.

For more information, visit www.quartzfest.org

or

email our Quartzfest 2011 Organizers

Steve and Linda Weed

KO4QT KI6JUD

organizer@quartzfest.org

The Desert RATS and the Palm Springs DX Club

Invite you to attend our

An official



Sanctioned Event

HAMFEST - PICNIC - RAFFLE - WINTER FIELD DAY

On Saturday, January 30, 2010

From 9:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PLACE:

the BARN at "the Boskovich's Estate" Gary, KD6QLT & Susie, KD6TVO.

DIRECTIONS:

From the west: Take I-10 East to Palm Drive Exit.
Turn Right onto Gene Autry Trail
(becomes Matthew Dr. as it crosses Hwy. 111/E.
Palm Canyon at Von's Market))
4193 Matthew Dr. is on left

From East: Take I-10 to Palm Drive Exit
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We are encouraging folks to bring their musical instruments and join in an evening of Jamming on the Saturday night...

Bring your ham gear to sell, no fee charged for selling if you bring own table and chairs. Maybe you only have one or 2 items for sale put it on our single items table with a sign and tell us your reserve price... (for a small commission to the club) ...we'll handle the sale. Set-up time 7:00-9:00 AM.

**Visit our
website!**



<http://www.desertrats.am>

Web Promotion and Special Events
Station for Winter FIELD DAY:
Peter Reinzuch, VE7REZ~President of 'the
Desert RATS' Club ve7rez@desertrats.am
VE7REZ Twitter Name: hamradio ~read the
Tweets @ <http://twitter.com/>

VENDORS:

HAM RADIO OUTLET
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ALL THINGS HEATHKIT
HAMS FOR LESS DOT COM
WPSS
WARFA
W5YI
EDS

760-328-9662 sboskovich@dc.rr.com Gary Boskovich KD6QLT Event Coordinator
760-340-4894 ritasteffen@aol.com Bart Susman K6UNR Event Promotions
(contact Bart to make reservations for vendor & flea market space~~book early!)
760-328-9662 sboskovich@dc.rr.com Susie Boskovich KD6QVO Secretary

Nearby Hotel: Holiday Inn, corner Sunrise & E. Palm Canyon, Palm Springs - 2 miles west of Gene Autry Tr.
760-323-1711 Mention Desert RATS or Palm Springs DX club for special \$85.00 room rate.

RSVP: RV Dry Camping reservations: sboskovich@dc.rr.com

Talk-in frequency: 146.940- PL 107.2 Desert RATpeater

2011 Arizona State Convention

7th Annual

Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 18 & 19, 2011

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona



www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information
and a Current Schedule of Activities and Seminars

**Amateur Radio Equipment
Emergency Supplies
Batteries & Power Inverters**

**Disaster Preparedness Information
Solar Power Information
Emergency Bug Out Bags**

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Buzzard BBQ & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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**Consignment Sales
License Testing for Hams
Hourly Door Prizes
Incredible Grand Prizes
\$1 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Seminars
Hospitality Area
On-site RV Camping
Free Parking**

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org

Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO)



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.

