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### ARCA WILLIAMS SUMMER HAMFEST

July 20-22 will be the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) Summer Hamfest at the Bob Dean Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Road, Williams. Talk-In: 146.78(-) (PL 91.5) Free admission! Swapmeet July 20-21, train ride to the Grand Canyon on July 22.

Enjoy the cool inviting atmosphere of Route 66 in Williams, Arizona. If you have never been there, you're in for a treat. This is much more than a swapmeet. There will be meetings, seminars, activities, VE tests, commercial vendors, huge swap, bar-b-que dinner, DX Card checking, ARCA meeting and the ARCA Banquet Saturday night. Don't forget to sign up for the train ride to the Grand Canyon! How many hamfests offer that? See attached flyer. I'll see you there. For more info visit <http://www.arca-az.org> and click on "July Hamfest"

### WILLIAMS HAMFEST DX CARD CHECKING

DX Card checking will be performed by Jim N6KZ, Reinhard W7/DL1UF and Ron W6ZQ at the Williams Hamfest. Bring your QSL cards/application packages to the ARRL booth. To speed up the application process, please also bring the required SASE, addressed to the ARRL to mail your approved application to the League. Jim N6KZ encourages all DXCC award applicants to use the faster, cheaper DXCC Online application tool (which has you load in your QSOs prior to your field checking session). Jim N6KZ

### ARRL ARIZONA FACEBOOK PAGE

Thanks to Jim Fagan KE7IDC and Elizabeth Fagan KE7ZPI, the ARRL Arizona section has a Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/ArrlArizona> Be sure to visit and "like" the page. It is the number one rated ARRL section page right now. Check out all the photos from the last few years that have been posted. We are looking for some more historical Arizona photos. Let me know what you have or post them if you have them electronically. The rest of the sections are trying to get caught up with us. This area is an area for you to put your Arizona ham related photos, messages, hamfest events, club meetings, ham radio related ideas, etc.

### Field Day

Sounds like everyone had a good field day. Thanks for all of those messages. Remember to post your field day photos on our new Facebook page.

### ARIZONA NETS

- **Arizona Traffic And Emergency Net (ATEN)**, meets in the Winter from October 15 to April 15 at 5:30 PM and in the Summer from April 15 to October 15 at 7:00PM on 3986 kHz Daily. [www.atenaz.net](http://www.atenaz.net) Tomy Ivan KF7GC net manager, Arizona Section Traffic manager [kf7gc@arrl.net](mailto: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(+) repeaters. 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/>
- **Saguaro National Traffic System (NTS) Net** (<http://www.saguaronts.net/>), meets daily at 6:30 p.m. MST (0130Z) on the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio (<http://www.eaars.org/>) Society (E.A.A.R.S.) repeaters. The



net is open to all ham operators that are interested in the NTS regardless of license level. Traffic is “not” required to check into the net but I certainly encourage any type of radiogram message traffic. If you don’t know how to send, receive, or deliver traffic, we’ll train you right on the net. We also have a training net on Monday evenings if you would like to participate during that net. The repeaters are; 146.86 and (440.700 Hub) Heliograph Peak; 147.28 Guthrie Peak - Greenlee County; 145.21 Jacks Peak, New Mexico. Between Lordsburg & Silver City; 145.41 Pinal Peak Near Globe, AZ; 147.16 Mt Lemmon Near Tucson; 146.70 Greens Peak Near Springerville – Showlow; 145.27 South Mtn. Near Alpine, AZ; 147.08 Mule Mtn. Near Bisbee in Cochise County. All E.A.A.R.S. network repeaters operate with PL tone 141.3. For more information about this net, contact Greg Peters (kc5zgg@aarl.net), Net Manager.

- There are many more nets in Arizona, contact Tomy Ivan KF7GC for the full list.

## ARIZONA QSO PARTY

The 2012 Arizona Centennial QSO Party will be held Oct 13-14, 2012. [www.azqsoparty.org](http://www.azqsoparty.org)

## NEW HAM REPORT

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Paul Swietek AE7VA, Brian Powers KF7VRY, Charles Brokschmidt KF7VRZ, Scott Houston KF7VSA, Jamie Geesling KF7VSP, Michael Geesling KF7VSQ, Lanny Voight KF7VTL, David Hellmann KF7VTS, Lynne Bates KF7VTT, Robert Brokaw KF7VTZ, Don Willits KF7VUG, Michael Barnes KF7VUH, Chris Byram KF7VUI, Randy Grote KF7VUJ, Jose Masiel KF7VUK, Ronald Moran KF7VUL, Talmage Wilkins KF7VUM, Murray Gordon KF7VUU, Jack Feiter KF7VUV, Delon Hebron KF7VUW, Aaron Wallace KF7VVJ, James Gillies KF7VVL, Elijah Zenkov KF7VXD, James Ormsby KF7VYS, William Moseley KF7VYT, Simeon Moseley KF7VYU, David Hulse KF7VYV, James Pruitt KF7VYW, Larry Shannon KF7VYX, Harold Bright KF7VYY, Daniel Lee KF7VYZ, Dana Edwards KF7VZA, Thomas Sawtelle KF7VZB, Lance Mecham KF7VZC, Ethan Mecham KF7VZD, Randy Mahrt KF7VZE, Melissa Mahrt KF7VZF, Marshall Miller KF7VZG, Richard Swartz KF7WAK, Peter Bordow KF7WAL, Joshua Powers KF7WAM, Jose Diaz KF7WCA, Ian Laborde KF7WCD, James Lucas KF7WCE, Dawn Hermanson KF7WCF and Mark Evans KF7WCG.

## SILENT KEYS

- Ken Fredstrom WB7NEX passed away on Saturday June 2, 2012 in Tucson Arizona. Ken was the first ham I met when I moved to Tucson Arizona. He introduced me the hams over at the Old Pueblo Radio Club who were playing around with a new technology called Packet Radio which became the Tucson Amateur Packet Radio club. Ken
- David DeGrado WA6RAO passed away on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Dave was an Electrical Engineer at Raytheon in Tucson. He had a great APRS weather system (AR887).



## HAM RADIO EVENTS

- July 20 - 22, 2012 **ARCA/Williams Hamfest** at Williams AZ. <http://www.arca-az.org/>
- October 6, 2012 **Tucson Hamfest & Fly-In** 7am – 1pm sponsored by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club (OVARC) with assistance from OPRC. Marana Regional Airport, Marana <http://www.w0hf.com/>
- October 7, 2012 **Walk for Hope** Phoenix Zoo <http://www.arca-az.org/>
- October 13-14, 2012 **Arizona Centennial QSO Party** <http://www.azqsoparty.org>
- October 13, 2012 **Cactus Cha-Cha** White Tanks Mtn Park <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- October 27, 2012 **YMCA Half Marathon** South Mtn Park <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- October 27-28, 2012 **Javalina Jundred McDowell Mtn Park** <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- November 3, 2012 **Heart of Arizona Bike Race** Congress, AZ <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- November 3, 2012 **JR ROTC Orienteering** First Water <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- November 10, 2012 Cave Creek Mountain Bike Ridecave Creek and Surrounding Parks. <http://www.mcecg.net/>

- December 2, 2012 Fiesta Bowl Half Marathon <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- December 8, 2012 JR ROTC Orienteering Lake Pleasant <http://www.mcecg.net/>

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- January 15-25, 2013 Quartzfest [www.quartzfest.org](http://www.quartzfest.org)
- February 2, 2012 Jr ROTC Orienteering <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- February 10, 2012 Runner's Den 10k East Phoenix, Paradise Valley Mall <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- February 15-16, 2012 ARRL Arizona State Convention/Yuma Hamfest Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma Arizona <http://www.yumahamfest.org/>
- February 22, 2012 Ragnar Relay Wickenburg to Tempe <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 2, 2013 Jr ROTC Orienteering First Water <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 23, 2013 Mesquite Canyon 50K Trail Run White Tanks Park <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- March 30, 2013 Cave Creek Trail Run Cave Creek <http://www.mcecg.net/>
- April 13, 2013 March of Dimes Walk For Babies Wesley-Bolin Park, Downtown Phoenix <http://www.mcecg.net/>

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

Attached:

- ARCA Williams Hamfest Flyer July 20-21, 2012
- Oro Valley ARC Hamfest and Fly-In Flyer October 6, 2012
- Quartzfest Hamfest Flyer January 15-25, 2013
- Yuma Hamfest/Arizona State Convention Flyer Feb 15-16, 2013

Note: If you are receiving the text version of this, the flyers can be found at [www.az-arrrl.org](http://www.az-arrrl.org) or <http://www.arrrl.org/Groups/view/arizona>



AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA

**2012 ARCA/WILLIAMS HAMFEST**



*Presented by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona  
and the City of Williams*

**JULY 20 & 21, 2012**



WILLIAMS RODEO GROUNDS, 800 RODEO ROAD, WILLIAMS, AZ  
GATES OPEN AT 5 P.M. THURSDAY JULY 19 FOR SET-UP.  
HAMFEST OPENS AT DAWN FRIDAY, JULY 20.

**FREE ADMISSION!**

**JULY 22, 2012 - GRAND CANYON TRAIN TRIP**

**MAIN PRIZES**

- Grand Prize - Yaesu FT-857D HF/6M+2M+70CM Mobile
- Second Prize - Yaesu FT2900R 2M 75W Mobile
- Third Prize - ADS-GMI GPS Receiver&Open Tracker USB
- Fourth Prize - BAOFENG UV5R UHF/VHF HT
- Early Bird - BAOFENG UV5R UHF/VHF HT

ALL SPACES - \$15 per Space  
DRY CAMPING - \$15 per Space  
or FREE with Selling Space

**BEFORE JUNE 1, 2012**

**PRIZES**

DOOR PRIZES EVERY HOUR  
RAFFLE TICKETS

\$2.00 Each, 3 for \$5.00 or 60 for \$100.00

After June 1 - \$20 per Space  
Selling and/or Camping  
(all prices are for entire weekend)

MEETINGS, SEMINARS, ACTIVITIES,  
COMMERCIAL VENDORS, HUGE SWAP,  
VE TESTS, BAR-B-QUE DINNER,  
SUNDAY GRAND CANYON TRAIN TRIP



**FOR RESERVATION INFORMATION**

Visit the ARCA Web Site

[www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)

On-Line Reservation Available on Web Site

Or Call - 602-881-ARCA (2722)

Talk-In - 146.78 - (91.5 PL)

**NO FOOD OR BEVERAGE SALES WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION & HEALTH PERMITS**

**NO GUNS, DRUGS or ALCOHOL PERMITTED on GROUNDS**

# TUCSON HAMFEST



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# QUARTZFEST\*

## 2013

**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".

**When?** January 15th thru 25th of 2013 (make sure you add these *important* dates to your 2013 calendar)

**Where?** 10 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, you'll be able to take your Exams at Quartzfest®



Our Annual Amateur Radio "get together" 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...and is absolutely FREE!! 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 group of Amateur Radio Operators started out in 1997 as just a few HAM RV'ers getting together, camping in their RV's in the middle of the desert..no power, no restrooms, no running water. Now, Solar Panels and Generators are in use everywhere. 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 Hamfest but beginning in 2013, will last an entire 10 days and is packed full of scheduled Seminars and Activities. Talks range in topics from Genealogy and Crafts for Non-HAM's to Solar Power and Battery Information, Technical information for the seasoned HAM, and introductory information for the new HAM. Also included in our 10 day campout are VE Testing, Antenna Shoot Out, Antenna and Solar Walkabouts (touring other HAM's RV Antenna and Solar 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!

We Camp on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land which is FREE, but you can only camp there for 14 days at a time.

For more information, visit our website: [www.quartzfest.org](http://www.quartzfest.org)

or

email our Quartzfest® Organizer

Steve Weed - K04QT

[organizer@quartzfest.org](mailto:organizer@quartzfest.org)

# ***2013 Arizona State Convention***

***9<sup>th</sup> Annual***

## ***Yuma Hamfest***

***Yuma, Arizona***

***Feb. 15 & 16, 2013***

Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona



***www.yumahamfest.org***

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

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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**Vendors & Exhibitors**  
**Consignment Sales**  
**License Testing**  
**Hourly Door Prizes**  
**On-site RV Camping**  
**Famous Buzzard BBQ**  
**ARRL Speaker**  
**\$5.00 Admission**

**Tailgating (Swap Meet)**  
**Full Seminar Schedule**  
**DXCC Card Checking**  
**Incredible Grand Prizes**  
**Emergency Preparedness**  
**Admission Prize**  
**Hospitality Area**  
**Antenna Clinic & T-Hunt**

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

Email Contact: [info@yumahamfest.org](mailto:info@yumahamfest.org)



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.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization