



Arizona Newsletter



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SECTION MANGER FINAL NOTES

As my term comes to a close on March 31st, I wanted to thank a few people that have supported me as section manager the last eight years and to answer a few questions that I did not in the last newsletter.

First and foremost is my family; my wife Margie KE7LHY, son Jim KE7IDC and daughter Elizabeth KE7ZPI. Without their support none of this could have ever happened. They put up with all of the phone calls, the mail, package delivery, club meetings, hamfests and courtesy calls I went on. I had a ham radio event almost every week somewhere in the state. Sometimes up to five in a week. Thank you.

A section manager is only as good as his staff and my staff has been fantastic. Assistant Section Managers – Jim Fagan KE7IDC, Lee Ilse KD7OED, Jim Hoff N7XXX, Grant Hays WB6OTS, Clifford Hauser KD6XH, Gary Capek K8BN, and Rick Paquette W7RAP. Section Emergency Coordinator Dennis Bietry KE7EJF, Mary Ahls W4NZJ Affiliated Club Coordinator, Jeff Daugherty W0NWA Official Observer Coordinator, Norm Seeley KI7UP Public Information Coordinator, Tommy Ivan KF7GC Section Traffic Manager, Carl Foster KB7AZ Technical Coordinator and Robert Spencer KE8DM State Government Liaison. I would be remiss if I did not thank Rick Aldom W7STS. Rick had been the Section Emergency coordinator who designed our emergency communications database along with Jim Hoff N7XXX. That database is by far the handiest tool ever. Thank you. I hope that future section managers continue the support of that database.

I would also like to thank Gary Hamman K7GH, Jim Swafford W7FF, Bernie Sasek W7KQ (SK) and Clifford Hauser KD6XH. Their insight as former section managers was very helpful.

Headquarters staff was just great, especially Steve Ewald WV1X, Chuck Skolaut K0BOG, Leona Adams W1LGA and Ed Hare W1RFI. I hope to get back there to personally thank each one of you individually.

A few people asked about the Section Manager History and I have included that later in the newsletter. Most section managers stayed in for two or four years. Gary Hamman and Jim Swafford had six years, I had 8 years and Cliff had 12 years. You will see that the section has evolved over time and it will continue to do so.

Please give Robert Spencer KE8DM your support as Section Manager.

73's Tom Fagan K7DF

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

I would like to take this time to thank my Dad for all of his hard work as Section Manager. I have watched as he donated countless hours to the position; getting home from work and responding to phone calls from concerned hams, answering hundreds of emails, and going to Hamfests and club meetings. It's more work than most people probably know. Thank you for all of your work. In 2007, my Dad appointed me to be the assistant section manager for youth and I have held this position ever since. In that time, this state has done more for youth than most other sections. The continued support of JOTA, youth clubs for Ham Radio, Youth Nets, Raytheon Scout Days, Ham Radio demonstrations at Scouting events and other activities are helping this hobby to grow. Involving youth in the hobby is essential for its continuation. As my Dad steps down from his position, I too will be leaving. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with activities such as these and might soon in the future. 73 Jim Fagan KE7IDC, ASM Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

I usually write this article about Emcomm, but this one is different. This is the last Arizona Newsletter that will have Tom Fagan's name at the top as Section Manager. Tom has served the Arizona Section well through the years as ARES District Emergency Coordinator for Pima County, ARES Section Emergency Coordinator and the last 8 years as Section Manager. His term as Section Manager ends at the end of this month. I want to take this opportunity to thank Tom for his service. He has dedicated many hours to support our hobby and promote ARRL. On a personal note, Tom appointed me as Section Emergency Coordinator and has been a great supporter both to me and to the changes that are coming for Arizona ARES. Please take a minute and thank Tom for his service. He will be missed. Dennis Bietry KE7EJF Section Emergency Coordinator ke7ejf@arrl.net

PUBLIC INFORMATION

On March 31st, Tom Fagan ends his tenure as the Arizona Section Manager for the ARRL. Tom has been a familiar face at Ham Events here in Arizona during that time. He also is well known by individual hams as well as clubs in Arizona for his willingness to help. His list of accomplishments is extensive. He has been nominated to the Knight Distinguished Service Award twice for his exceptionally notable contributions here in the section and beyond, his contribution to the health and vitality of the ARRL and its Field Organizations that are in the spirit of the unselfish contributions of Joe T. Knight, W5PDY for whom the award was named. Tom Fagan will be missed. Norm KI7UP Public Information Coordinator

Arizona Section History

In May 1916 there were only two ARRL members in Arizona.

By 1922 there were many members in Arizona and the ARRL now had Division Managers.

In 1922 the position of Assistant Division Manager (ADM) was created as part of the Operating Department of the ARRL. The first ADM was:

H.L. Gooding	6ZZ	Douglas	December 1922 – December 1925
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In 1925 the ADM was part of the Traffic Department of the ARRL. The division was now called the Pacific Division and was managed by M.E. McCreery, 6ANL-6LJ, of Los Angeles. The Pacific Division included Arizona, Nevada, California and Hawaii. The ADM's were:

D.B. Lamb	W6ANO	Mesa	December 1926 – December 1929
Russ Shortman	W6BWS	Phoenix	January 1930 – July 1931

In August 1931 the position of Section Communication Manager was formed under the ARRL Communications Department. This area was called the Pacific Division and included, Hawaii, Nevada, Los Angeles, Santa Clara Valley, San Francisco, Sacramento Valley, Arizona, Philippines and San Diego. The first two SCM's were:

Earnest Mendoza	W6BJF/W6QC	Phoenix	August 1931 – August 1935
C.C. Day	W6LVG	Vail	September 1935 - September 1937

In Nov 1935 the Pacific Division was split and the Southwestern Division was formed and included Los Angeles, Arizona and San Diego was formed. The SCM's were:

Victor C. Clark (SK)*	W6KFC	Phoenix	October 1937 - June 1939
Cameron Allen	W6OIF	Phoenix	July 1939 – October 1939
Marson B Hull	W6KMM	Phoenix	October 1939 – November 1940
John K. Oliver	W6KOL	Nogales	December 1940 – July 1942
Douglas Aitken	W6RWW	Prescott	August 1942 - February 1946

*Vic Clark who became W4KFC went on to be Division Director in Virginia, then ARRL Vice President and ARRL President.

In 1948 Arizona became part of the 7th call area. The Section Communications Managers were:

Gladden C. Elliott	W7MLL	Tucson	March 1946 - May 1950
Jim Kennedy	W7MID	Phoenix	June 1950 - May 1952
Albert Steinbrecher	W7LVR	Tucson	June 1952 – May 1956
Cameron A. Allen	W7OIF	Phoenix	June 1956 – March 1960
Kenneth P. Cole	W7QZH	Phoenix	April 1960 – March 1964
Floyd C. Colyar	W7FKK	Phoenix	April 1964 – September 1968
Gary Hamman	W7CAF/K7DF	Phoenix	October 1968 - August 1974

In 1974 the title was shorted to Section Manager. The Section Managers are:

Marshall Lincoln (SK)	W7DQS	Wickenburg	September 1974 - March 1979
Willard Haskell (SK)	AC7D	Tucson	April 1979 - March 1981
Erich Holzer	N7EH	Tucson	April 1981 - March 1985
James E. Swafford	W7FF	Tucson	April 1985 - March 1991
Bernie Sasek (SK)	W0YOY	Tucson	April 1991 - March 1993
Clifford Hauser	KD6XH	Tucson	April 1993 – March 2005
Thomas J. Fagan	WB7NXH/K7DF	Tucson	April 2005 - March 2013

If you know of more of the history of the section, please let us know. We are still looking for Photographs of each of the section managers and will be posting what we find out on the website and on the ARRL Arizona Facebook page.