Arizona Section Manager, Rick Paquette W7RAP

Welcome all to the new decade of Amateur Radio in 2020
It was a great year in 2019. We continue to grow as fast as ever and increase our activities and effectiveness throughout the state of Arizona. We finished last year with 22,663 Amateurs and ranked 9th largest of all sections in the US. Moreover, we rank second overall in Per-Capita hams.

December concluded with a Super Superfest put on by the Superstition ARC, at Mesa Community College. Despite threatening weather, it turned out to be a beautiful day and many attendees and vendors regaled in Arizona’s spectacular sunshine. Early in January, the Thunderbird Hamfest was held in Glendale, AZ at their new venue. The weather was perfect and many Hams showed up to enjoy good swap items, and great indoor facilities for presentations and VE Testing. Prizes included a IC-7300 Transceiver and a Yaesu FT-8900R Transceiver.

The last week of January everyone trekked out to Quartzsite, AZ for the annual ARRL Specialty Convention “Quartzfest”. There were almost 1000 hams parked there all week long to enjoy and participate in the multiple ongoing events all day long. Quartzfest organizer Kriss Weed (KR1SS) and her staff kept everything running smoothly all the time. We were visited by three ARRL Division Directors and eight additional ARRL Officials. There were two VE Test sessions conducted, and many new upgrades and new Amateurs were welcomed into the fold. Thanks to all the hard work the Quartzfest committee devoted, Everyone had a BLAST!! View all the activities at https://www.facebook.com/groups/quartzfest/.

At the Quartzfest, There were presentations given by Dick Norton of the status of ARRL today and by Rick Paquette on ARRL-Arizona. The entire presentations are available for viewing at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtZvBRhRwx4&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0zIta8IrRh1ScdB AiQy2BquQ1WLTa8JD8enmkh-IsIDEAbL1Q5tgCM-Y0 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ik3mAYo0khY&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2D8cMoZi40SHMc vZGjKKDnTOjEYpzur0J2VKOcXB yVLfr29sjpCehS7Sc

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Upcoming Events:

Next up, on 14 and 15 February, is the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention being presented by the Yuma Hamfest committee headed by Jeff Weeks. Each year this event grows more, and this year we look forward to more than $27,000 in Grand Prizes and tons of activities. This year’s featured speakers include ARRL’s Riley Hollingsworth, head of the new Volunteer Monitor program, to talk about the changes from the Official Observer Program and how the new activities are being conducted. Fresh from the ARRL’s recent Board of Directors meeting will be our Southwestern Division Director Dick Norton (N6AA) who has lots of great news about changes and improvements in programs and some interesting new possibilities for us all. The special Event station this year will be W1AW/7 and there will be 3 Transceivers in operation. Come by the stations and get on the air. On Friday evening we will conduct the Secret “Wouff-Hong” ceremony to induct worthwhile amateurs into our most elite society. Plan on attending. Go to www.yumahamfest.org for all the activities and information.

International DX Convention

Coming up is the International DX Convention in Visalia. A grand affair where you meet all those hams from around the world that you QSO with all year long. Many interesting talks and forums will be held and The banquets and social gatherings are outstanding. This year, the venue has returned back to the Wyndham Airport Hotel where all activities are held. Visit http://www.dxconvention.org/index.html for all the details.

Section Emergency Coordinator, Dennis Bietry KE7EJF

Now is the time to review your family’s preparedness. A great place to get information is the preparedness campaign at www.azein.gov They will have weekly subjects; Plan, Prepare – Build A Kit, Inquire – Be Informed and Inspire Others. Another place for information is www.ready.gov. Use these sources and make sure your families are prepared. If they aren’t taken care of, you can’t be a good communicator worrying about your family.

As I write this, many people on the East Coast are being required to test their preparedness as Hurricane Dorian bears down on them. Think of this while reviewing your own preparedness.

Dennis Bietry – KE7EJF/Section Emergency Coordinator / ke7ejf@arrl.net

Affiliated Club Coordinator, Mike Boger W7IJ

An application has been approved for the newly-formed Arizona VHF Society, with Jason Back (N1AV) as president and 11 new members. If you are interested contact the club at N1AV@ARRL.net

Technical Coordinator, Carl Foster KB7AZ

Many of the tasks previously performed under the Official Observer role here in Arizona, that are not being carried over to the new Volunteer Monitor program still need to be supported. These include: Monitoring frequencies for correct observance of Part 97 Regs, bandplan irregularities, and unintended emissions such as EMI and RFI and band edge issues. We still will support remediation in a non-enforcement role, as we have done under the Technical Coordinator activity. We are asking current and future OO’s to join our Technical Coordination activity, headed by Carl Foster.

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New Hams and License Upgrades For December

It was another great month for New and Upgrading Amateurs here in Arizona.

86 New Hams this past month!

Particular congratulations go to all the VE Teams and Instructor Teams that keep us at the top of the list in Amateur Growth. Keep it up!!!! You are doing GREAT !!!

James Hughett KJ7KRN G Phoenix
Tony Kramer KJ7KGS T Phoenix
Andre Lareau KJ7KCD G Phoenix
Kristy Szopinski KJ7KRP T Phoenix
Lawrence Szopinski KJ7KRQ T Phoenix
Caine Slezak KJ7KRM T Phoenix
Herbert Weil KJ7KGR T Phoenix
John Sikon KJ7KCE T Phoenix
William Trotter KJ7KMY T Casa Grande
Christoff Orr KJ7KHN T Mesa
Nicholas Dahlin KJ7KBY T MESA
John Raahauge KJ7KUS T Mesa
James Lannon KJ7KMX T Mesa
Michael Kanaly KJ7KBZ T Mesa
Jean Ledermann KJ7KUU T Chandler
Chris Mason KJ7KUV T Chandler
Ronald Chase KJ7KUF T Gilbert
Michael Willett KJ7KGT T Scottsdale
Gary Rasmussen KJ7KCA T Scottsdale
Phillip Carr KJ7JKJ T Fountain Hills
Suzette Baker KJ7KSO T Glendale
Linda Foley-miller KJ7KRO T Glendale
Martin Alvarez KJ7KCC T Glendale
Jeremy Goodsell KJ7KEC T El Mirage
Steven Jacobson KJ7KEB T Sun City
Kevin Gates KJ7KUT T Tonopah
Angel Alvarez KJ7KMU T Yuma
Raymond Anderson KJ7KCB T Peoria
James Kempffer KJ7KEA T Surprise
James Mccarville KJ7KUE T Payson
Pamela Derks KJ7KUH T Payson
Douglas Laird KJ7KUG T Payson
John Mills KJ7KIU T Benson
Jack Mutchler KJ7KHK T Hereford
Meck Slagle KJ7KJN T Tucson
Kathy Hay KJ7KJS T Tucson
Tommie Slagle KJ7KJM T Tucson
Rebecca Hiser KJ7KKS T Tucson

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Gregory  Hiser  KJ7KKT  T  Tucson
Scott  Hunter  KJ7KJT  G  Tucson
Nicole  Quackenbush  KJ7KQ  T  Tucson
Colten  Quackenbush  KJ7KJR  T  Tucson
Graham  Dektor  KJ7KMV  T  Tucson
Lola  Schwartz  KJ7KJP  T  Tucson
Stephen  Saltonstall  KJ7KKU  G  Tucson
Patrick  Timlick  KJ7KJO  T  Tucson
Alexander  Hawley  KJ7KL  T  Flagstaff
Ted  Hench  KJ7LMK  T  Phoenix
Kenneth  Chambers  KJ7LGZ  T  Phoenix
Howard  Norman  KJ7LIN  T  Phoenix
Francisco  Luttmann  KJ7LIV  T  Phoenix
John  Paxton  KJ7LIS  T  Phoenix
Ronald  Logan  KJ7LIQ  T  Phoenix
Christopher  Dennison  KJ7LHB  T  Apache Junction
Ron  Sinclair  KJ7LHA  T  Queen Creek
Edward  Scheletsky  KJ7LEF  T  Mesa
Dwight  Duncan  KJ7LU  T  Mesa
Conor  Mcbarron  KJ7LV  T  Chandler
Cody  Mcdowell  KJ7LJW  T  Gilbert
Kyle  Eastman  KJ7LLB  T  Chandler
Paul  Rost  KJ7LBV  T  Sun Lakes
Matthew  Wenzlau  KJ7LEH  T  Scottsdale
Kurt  Von Rice  KJ7LIX  G  Scottsdale
David  Sirof  KJ7LMJ  T  Scottsdale
Ernest  Smith  KJ7LJX  T  Fountain Hills
Zhenyu  Mao  KJ7LDX  T  Tempe
Aaron  Myers  KJ7LHC  T  Tempe
Alan  Short  KJ7LGY  T  Gilbert
Christopher  Pagador  KJ7LJT  T  Glendale
Aidan  Hammer  KJ7LMI  T  Glendale
Brandon  Curry  KJ7LIR  T  Buckeye
Howard  Brown  KJ7LCG  T  Quartzsite
Albert  Shelton  KJ7LMG  T  Wellton
Christopher  Baker  KJ7LIY  G  Peoria
William  Concentine  KJ7LIU  T  Goodyear
Santiago  Rodriguez  KJ7LIW  T  Goodyear
Ernest  Junkert  KJ7LEN  T  Payson
Marilyn  Fontaine  KJ7LCO  T  Oracle
Dillon  Gugler  KJ7LEL  T  Sahuarita
Tyler  Berg  KJ7LCM  T  Tucson
Mark  Baker  KJ7LEK  T  Tucson
Kyle  Johnston  KJ7LCN  T  Tucson

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Congratulations also, to the 19 hams who have recently upgraded their license.

Shaun Lawson KJ6VGQ G Apache Junction
William Borden KJ7KQQ G Tempe
Dean Sawyer KI7JRD G Buckeye
Robert Conlin KJ7JNR G Peoria
Russell Kinner WA8ZID E Surprise
Daniel Pinda KJ7JFE G Tucson
Edward Taylor KJ7DTA G Tucson
Kaelan Strones KJ7HWZ G Flagstaff
Kenneth Smith KJ7DJM G Queen Creek
Robin Tapelt KJ7JAJ E Mesa
Charles Allred KF7FNZ E Mesa
Glenn Hunt KJ7JNQ G Glendale
Gabor Morocz KM6JSR E Oracle
Douglas Gugler KC7OVN E Sahuarita
Jeffrey Mcconnell KJ7JFF G Tucson
Edward Linehan KB7RVM E Tucson
Gilbert Mcclung KJ7KYZ G Tucson
Graham Dektor KJ7KMOV G Tucson
Warren Yerkes KI7YJV G Kingman

Upcoming Hamfests and Events

Search for ARRL sanctioned hamfests: http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar
See upcoming hamfest fliers attached at bottom of this newsletter.

Amateur Radio Classes
Find upcoming classes: http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class

Amateur Radio Testing
Search for upcoming Amateur Radio exams: http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/search

Arizona Test Sessions
Phoenix area:
• 1st Saturday 9:00AM - DeVry/West Valley Club (Walk-ins allowed) Contact David, N7TWT (623)925-0680 Email: N7TWT@ARRL.NET Location: De Vry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave PHOENIX, AZ 85021
• 2nd Wednesday 6:30PM - Central Phoenix VE Team - Location: South Mountain Community College (Library) (No walk-ins) Contact: Bill Martin (480) 205-3625 (480) 205-3625 Limited space, you must contact Bill. Email: ai0d@hotmail.com

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• 2nd Tuesday of each month- East Valley VE Team  6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
VEC: ARRL/VEC  Location: Charles K. Luster Building (Formally known as City of Mesa Utilities)
640 N Mesa Dr  Mesa AZ 85201-5104
Contact: Fred C. Bollinger  (480) 242-8606  Email: fredbollinger@gmail.com
• 3rd Tuesday 8:00PM - BOY SCOUT TROOP 127 (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: John H Kelly
(602)264-6854 Email: KELLYJ127@AOL.COM
Location: ST Francis Xavier School, 4715 N Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85012

•  Last Sunday  7:00PM - Arizona Amateur Radio Club  (No walk-ins) Pre-Registration Required
Location: 4747 N. 22nd Street, on the eastside of 22nd Street and just north of Highland Ave. in Phoenix. Notify Gary By Thurs Nite,  Contact Gary Hamman, K7GH  (602) 996-8148 Email: K7GH@ARRL.NET

•  3rd Wednesday 6:00 PM - The Thunderbird ARC offers tests at no charge to the public
Location: Honor Health Medical Office Bldg.  19841 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix,
Contact: Briam Mc Carthy  623 486-0507  ve@w7tbc.org.

Tucson Area:
• 1st Thursday - Lighthouse YMCA/ARRL. Contact Matt, AC7IL, veregistration@ac7il.org
• 1st Saturday - Oro Valley/ARRL. Contact Quinton, NU7Y, nu7y@arrl.net
• 2nd Monday - RST/ Laurel (No Fee): Contact Diane, AA3OF, dzimmerman2002@gmail.com

Graham / Greenlee County Area:
• For VE testing on request, please contact Dave, N7AM, and he will arrange it.

Yuma Area:
• 2nd Saturday - By appointment only. Contact Sam Yarbrough W7SLY at: W7SLY@roadrunner.com or Robert Spencer KE8DM at: ke8dm@arrl.org

Arizona Nets
The following weekly and daily nets have been added to the QCARC NET Calendar:
- Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub (HARK) Net, Tuesdays @ 1930 Local
- Daily Arizona Weather Net (DAWN), Daily @ 0600 and 1600 Local
- Chandler Ham Radio Club, Thursdays @ 2000 Local
- AM 2 Meter Net, Tuesdays @ 1930 Local
You can find their calendar at:  http://queencreekarc.org/index_files/Page589.htm
Please submit any additions, corrections or comments to. Joe, N2QOJ at jsammartino@gmail.com

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. Tommy Ivan KF7GC Net Manager, Arizona Section Traffic Manager kf7gc@arrl.net www.atenaz.net

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**Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa (AEN-MAR)** meets every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, for training and exercise in the public service communication arts on the following six linked repeaters. Shaw Butte 147.24 (plus offset), Mount Ord 146.92 (minus offset), Scottsdale Airpark 146.76 (minus offset), Usery Pass 146.86 (minus offset), Mingus Mountain 146.82 (minus offset), and Daisy Mountain 448.375 (minus offset). All of the 2-meter repeaters require a 162.2Hz tone and the 70-centimeter repeater requires a 100.0Hz 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 (www.saguaronts.net), meets daily at 6:30 pm MST (0130Z) on the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society (E.A.A.R.S.) (http://www.eaars.org/) repeaters. 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 147.06 Lil Florida Mtn. Near Deming, New Mexico 145.47 Caballo Mtn. Near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 145.35 West Peak. West of Heliograph 12 miles All E.A.A.R.S. network repeaters operate with PL tone 141.3. For more information about this net, contact Greg Peters (kc5zgg@arrl.net)

**AM 2 meter net Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area**, 2 meter AM net, 144.450 MHz, every Tuesday night at 1930 MST. Antenna vertical polarization. The 144.450 MHz is a coordinated AM frequency in Arizona. This is an informal NET, most discussions are technical. All are welcome.
GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

- First Prize: Yaesu FT-991A All-Band, Multimode
- Second Prize: Icom IC-7300 HF/50MHz Transceiver
- Third Prize: Yaesu FT-891 HF/50 MHz All Mode Mobile Transceiver.

Grand Prize Tickets

- Tickets $2.00 each
- Presale Tickets Online @ https://www.superitionsuperfest.org/4_tickets.shtml
  ** Need not be present to win **

HOURLY PRIZE RAFFLE

- Tickets $1.00 each
- Available on the day of the event only, ** Must be present to win **

Door Prize Drawing!

- Prize: Yaesu FT-70DR C4FM FDMA / FM 144/430 Mhz Dual Band Handheld
- You will receive One Door Prize ticket with each paid admission.
- The drawing for this prize will take place after the Grand Prize Drawing.
  ** You Must Be Present To Win **

ACTIVITIES

- VE Testing - $15.00 Fee, Registration 8:00 - 9:00, Testing Starts @ 9:00AM
  o Participants Must Pre-Register for testing at the times listed
  o Bring The Appropriate Information With You For Testing, Information May Be Found On The ARRL Web Site @ http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session
  o For Additional Information or Questions Contact Fred Bollinger, AB7JF @ 480-342-8606
  o VE Testing Sponsored By: MCC Amateur Radio Club will take place in Building TC-50 - classroom 415
  o Presentations Sponsored By: MCC Amateur Radio Club and will take place in Building TC 50 - classroom 414
  o ARRL Card Checking Available
  o Special Events Station - K7A Commemorating The USS Arizona
  o Goto Station - Make Contacts Around The World With An Experienced Extra Class Operator
  o Fox Hunt, Food Vendor and Drinks Available
  o Live sixties and seventies music by John J. - KDB8PC
  o The ARCA meeting will be held in building TC-50 and classroom 415 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Tailgaters/Commercial Vendors

- Tailgate - $10.00 includes 2 spaces and 2 paid admissions, set up time 6:00 am Saturday morning
- Commercial Vendors, Please contact our Committee Chairman at: chairman@superitionsuperfest.org for more information on setting up.

Admission

- $5.00 per person, one door prize ticket with each paid admission. Children 12 and under are free

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