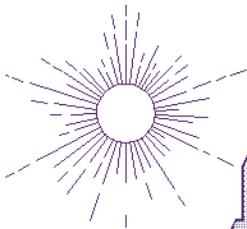


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AARC
Aug 11th
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7:30 PM

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TBARC
Aug 18th
Thunderbird School
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7:00 PM

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Spring Meeting	March/April	Tucson Area
Summer Meeting	June/July	Prescott Area
Fall Meeting	October	Phoenix Area
Holiday Meeting	December	Carefree Area

The AZ Chapter meets on the air every Sunday morning at 0700 MST (0730 during December and January) on 3890 +/- QRM.

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From the Editor's Desk

Hi all.

Did you catch the Williams Hamfest on July 15 & 16? We had a great time at the event. The weather was perfect this year - sunny and warm during the day and cool at night. Attendance was down somewhat, but everyone who went to the hamfest enjoyed themselves.

There were several changes this year. Meetings and seminars were held offsite at Railside RV Ranch located just up the street from the rodeo grounds. Even though it was convenient, holding the meetings in the main hall proved to be too noisy. The Railside RV Ranch clubhouse offered a nice room for gatherings with comfortable chairs and quiet atmosphere. Next year, the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona plans to schedule more meetings, talks and seminars at Railside and possibly to provide shuttle service to help hamfest visitors get to and from the meetings more easily.

The biggest disappointment was the absence of the DX Store. Jim Shryne of the DX Store was all packed up and ready to head for the event. While Jim was at dinner, someone hooked up to the front of his truck and attempted to steal the entire rig. The attempt failed, but the front of Jim's truck was torn off effectively putting it out of commission. Luckily no one was injured - except, of course, his truck! Jim plans on definitely making it to next year's ARCA/Williams Hamfest.

Jim and the DX Store will be at the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention in Torrance September 9 - 11. Stop by and say "hi" to him if you get a chance to attend.

The next hamfest, as of this writing, will be the OPRC Hamfest at Kino Sports Park on October 22. This half day event is well worth the trip and there are numerous sights to see in and around Tucson. Check it out.

Enjoy this month's ADAW and stay cool.

'Til next month,
Chris, N7PVL



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Event Calendar

September 9 - 11, 2011 - **ARRL Southwestern Division Convention** - will be held at the Marriott Torrance South Bay, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA. Visit the web site at <http://www.hamconinc.org/> for details.

October 22, 2011 - **OPRC Hamfest** - hosted by the Old Pueblo Radio Club will be held at Kino Sports Park in Tucson. Watch for details.

November 12, 2011 - **Oro Valley Radio Club Hamfest** - hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Location to be announced. Visit the web site at www.w0hf.com for information.

December 3, 2011 - **Superstition Hamfest** - hosted by the Superstition Amateur Radio Club will be held at Mesa Community College, Dobson & Highway 60 in Mesa. Visit the web site at <http://wb7tjd.org/hamfest/> for more information.

February 17 - 18, 2012 - **ARRL Southwestern Division Convention** - hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd Street in Yuma. Hours - Friday, noon to 5:00 PM - Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Buzzard barbecue, Saturday, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. ARCA meeting - Saturday, 11:00 AM. Visit the web site at www.yumahamfest.org for details.

Old Pueblo Radio Club INTERMOD

President's Column

Well, here we are at mid summer. The annual Field Day has passed and it appears that a good time was had by all, even if some of the sites had to be changed at the last moment due to fire threats, or actual fires. Nature has apparently solved much of the fire problem, but has replaced it by heavy rain and severe winds to keep things interesting.

The Old Pueblo Radio Club has not escaped completely unscathed. Our 146.66 repeater on the east side of Tucson is out of service until further notice due to extensive antenna damage.

Have a great Arizona Summer

Ron Kalish, N7SPW
President, OPRC

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SCOTTSDALE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.



Club Station: WA7APE
Club Repeaters: 147.78/.18 & 445.00/440.00

Hi Guys,

Well, another Field Day is in the old log book. I was unable to attend this year's activities for fear of re-injuring my back. I have been doing well lately and I have very little sharp pain. There is always the feeling that the next step may cause a problem, so I have been extra careful. My therapist at the hospital is pleased with my progress. I would sure hate to disappoint her. The guys who were at the event reported having a great time even though the weather was very hot and the bands were very cold. Next year will be better.

The program for the June General Meeting was a Field Day wrap up and an ice cream social. Bob Johnsen K7TR gave us a program on the totals for the event and a demonstration on the N1MM logging program that was used. He followed that with a slide show of the great pictures taken at the site. The Ice Cream Social featured Rocky Road and Butter Pecan ice cream with a variety of toppings and cookies. Everyone gained a few pounds and had a good time.

The program for August is going to be "Fun with Antennas" by Phil Maynard W7ZT. I am looking forward to this program. When we go camping, I use my Hustler whips and maybe there is something better out there to use. We shall see about that. I will have a full report later this year.

A couple of months ago, Eddie (N7JOR) and Charlotte (N7IPR) Couch took a trip to North Carolina. On the way they stopped at Dayton for the great Ham Fest. They sent me a report and I would like to share that with you.

Charlotte writes: "We can finally say we did it: We went to Dayton! The weather was perfect, even a little hot on Saturday. They all say the event is half the size it used to be, we thought it was big enough, with wall-to-wall people! It seemed the size of all of the hamfests and conventions we have ever attended all rolled into one. We had heard the prices were high, but we didn't find that to be the case for what we looked at. Every vendor you could think of (and some you never heard of) was represented. There was a huge ARRL Expo, clubs from around the world, NASA astronaut Doug Wheelock KF5BOC, a special event station. There were all styles of dress: a guy in a kilt, another guy with a hard hat antenna, and a gal with antenna hair. Arizona Repeater Association had a great booth there (we thought we recognized some of their wares!). Eddie rode his scooter and I walked. I wonder if I lost any weight!"

They also sent me some great pictures of the event. The best one is of Eddie chatting with Mr. Dave Sumner K1ZZ.

I have been having some trouble with one of my computers in the office lately. When I turn computer #2 on, there is an error message that the hard drive is about to die. I have been backing up everything anyway, so I hit F2 and continue. On top of that, the printer on computer #1 up and quit, so I do need another printer. So, off to Fry's Electronics I go to see what they have to offer. They have quite a few printers available of all makes and prices, so I began to check them out. While looking at them, a salesman came over to explain the differences and advantages of each unit. Typical salesman. The next thing I know, I am looking at a nice new PC that has tremendous speed and storage capacity. The price was right and it even gave me

a discount on a new printer. How can you beat that?

I have made myself a promise to get into a few contests this year. I have been making a few Q's, but not entering the contest or even spending much time doing it. With the bands being bad lately, a few more people on the frequency may help out everyone. Besides, I am getting rusty on my CW and the only way to fix that is to work at it.

The weather has been hot and dry for so long I forgot what it feels like to be comfortable. With my back problem, we have cancelled our planned camping trips to the high country. On July 5th, we had the worst dust storm (haboob) that we have ever had. That darn storm hit when we were not home. The windows on my pickup truck were wide open and filled the truck with mud. I have never seen anything like it. The truck looks like it was submerged in the muddy water of a river for a week. I do not think I will ever get rid of all the dirt. Even the streets look like dirt roads. And the other day, we had a rain storm come through. This is the first measurable rain since February and it has started to clean up the mess. I hope it continues for a while. Our monsoon needs more than dust storms. We need rain.

The club has a weekly net on 147.18 with a PL of 162.2. The net is 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday evening. It is a great chance for you to try out your 2-meter or 440 radio. So join us on Tuesday evenings for the fun.

Well, that is all I have for now. Until next month, keep on hamming, be well and enjoy life.

73,

Ed WU7S

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For membership information, call Gerald Jacques, KE7GYM at 480.239.8679. Please send address change requests to Gerald no later than the 7th of the month in which you would like the change to occur.

To field check QSL cards for most ARRL awards, call Nick Sues, W7ZMD at 602.992.4133.





John Adams, K6JWA sets up the 40-meter dipole.

2011's Field Day was top notch. We had obstacles, of course. Set up Friday night was by no means easy. It was HOT! Our bow-and-arrow set up which we use to put up the 40-meter dipole for CW was missing a string, and Phoenix sporting goods stores did not have a replacement. But more things went right than wrong, and by 9:00 P.M. most of the set-up was done. The rest was finished on Saturday after our Field Day morning breakfast at Denny's. By 11:00 A.M., we were operating.

Although we probably didn't win any big awards, we definitely achieved a great deal. Two of our new members who have new licenses, earned at one of our recent VE sessions, participated actively in both the setup and the operation of Field Day. John Adams, K6JWA, shot the arrow that seated our 40-meter antenna this year and also climbed a palm tree to put up a dipole. John Steiner, KK7AAA, did a lot of heavy labor Friday evening. John S. operated 40-meter phone very efficiently, and John Adams logged for me on 40-meter phone, making my work a great deal easier. Both of them learned a lot from field day, and I learned a lot from them and from everyone else who was operating. Field Day makes one realize how many different styles of operating exist and gives operators a chance to fine tune their procedures. Being together in a common effort for most of 24 hours bonds the club members to a great degree, and the social atmosphere brought some of the XYL's in to observe, chat, and join us for the taco salad lunch on Saturday.

Sunday morning's tear down was unbelievable. We began at 11:00 A.M. and by 12:30 P.M. the American Red Cross building was in its regular condition. I think we set a record. After catching up on the sleep we missed, some of us are now thinking about other amateur radio activities. More than one AARC member is thinking about improving the home antenna system, inspired by the Field Day event. A few are studying for an upgraded license, and several of us are preparing for the hamfest at Williams, which will be history by the time you read this. Some AARC members are off on vacation, escaping the Phoenix heat and monsoons. Members have havens in Pine and Flagstaff, and Gary, K7GH, and I plan to see for ourselves if the weather is cooler in Amsterdam and St. Petersburg, Russia.

It's not too early to think about the 2011 ARRL Southwestern Division Amateur Radio Convention in Torrance, California, September 9 - 11. That will undoubtedly be an excellent event with much to offer. I hope you are enjoying YOUR summer.

73,
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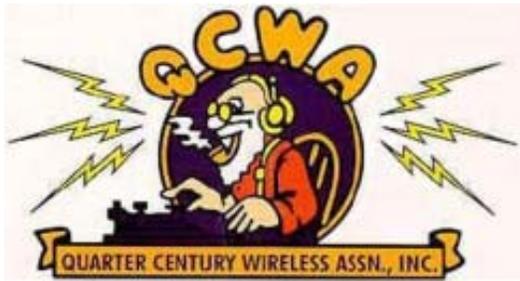
Joe Cutitta W0SL, John Steiner KK7AAA, Gary Hamman, K7GH and John Adams, K6JWA set up the 40-meter station



Gary Hamman K7GH checks out the generator



Leslie Hickey N7LDH operates as Bob Hodges K7JIT logs



CHAPTER 16

BARRY M. GOLDWATER ARIZONA CHAPTER

Fifteen members and guests attended the Summer meeting of the AZ Chapter QCWA which was held at the Casa Bonita Family Mexican Restaurant in Prescott. After a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all, President Doug Besemer, K0VPL, introduced the speaker, Bill Jackson, W6HDP, who gave us an interesting presentation about The Society of Wireless Pioneers (SOWP).

SOWP was dedicated to the collection and preservation of the communications, particularly radio and wireless telegraphy. SOWP was also a strong influence toward maintaining CW as a mode of communications. These were people that made their living using Morse code. SOWP, founded in 1968 by William A. Breniman, was a non-profit corporation, chartered in California. It was divided up into chapters. In March 1987, the Southwest Director of Chapter 9 resigned, and our speaker was asked to take over the chapter. Meanwhile, Bill Breniman had put together eight volumes of books entitled, Sparks Journals. These were historical stories and photographs of ships dating back to Marconi days. Marconi was the first man to transmit a signal from New England to England.

Cliff Bruce, W7ER, was secretary of the Barry Goldwater Arizona Chapter 16. One day Bill Jackson asked him, "Why don't we have a December holiday joint luncheon between our two groups?" He agreed. At that time QCWA and the SW Chapter IX, SOWP, had approximately the same number of members, around 120 plus. Bill invited Leo Myerson, W0GFQ, and the former owner of "World Radio Labs" from 1935-1969 to be the keynote speaker for the first meeting. Leo told the group how he got into the radio business and also how he almost had a music career, Leo was an accomplished organist and pianist, playing at radio conventions as well as at our joint luncheons. Leo also joined SOWP, he was already a member of QCWA.

Between 1988 and 1998, QCWA-SOWP joint luncheon meetings were held at various restaurants, eleven in all. However, in 1992, a breakfast was held in Scottsdale during the ARRL Southwest Division Convention with 110 people attending. The keynote speaker was Harry Dannals (W2HD) who at the time was President of QCWA. Besides Leo Meyerson and Harry Dannals, other well-known speakers attended these joint luncheons. These speakers included Senator Barry Goldwater (K7UGA), the late Lew McCoy

(W1ICP), Dick Baldwin (former President of IARU), Paul Dane (W6WOW), Exec. Secretary of SOWP, Fried Heyn (WA6WZO), ARRL SW Director Southern CA and AZ, Bette Clemons (author of Wake of the Wirelesman, her father's life story), and last but not least Dave Bell who produced several videos relating to amateur radio. The most recent is entitled, Amateur Radio Today, narrated by the late Walter Cronkite (KB2GSD), who was also a ham was shown at the end of Bill's talk. Bill also prepared a table display. Each thing in it related in some way to SOWP, especially the Fall issue 1998 that has the Goldwater article, "Passing of a Legend" contained photos of Barry and his friends.

A brief business meeting followed Bill's talk. The meeting was adjourned shortly after 2:00 P.M..

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Invaded by Ducks! Field Day at W7ASC!

Not just any old ducks - these little yellow rubber duckies took over the Arizona Science Center Harkins Ham Shack on Field Day 2011. If you heard quacks in the background, you were monitoring W7ASC.

Folks who stopped at the Shack, and then sent their name in Morse code, went away clutching a souvenir duck.

W7ASC did not get into the high-score column for Field Day contacts - but visitor contacts were at the high end. David, W7PMD, greeted visitors as they entered the main lobby and tempted them with the offer of certificates and ducks, available at the Third floor Shack. What a goodwill ambassador! Both Code positions were smoking by the end of the day.

By a stroke of luck John, K7JP, and Jean, W4CIH, were joined by Sam, N7INV, in the Shack who kept the visitors engaged while they were waiting for a turn at Code and a trial QSO. Hams in the field made it all work by chatting, on-air - with those many visitors.

The Team at the Shack tried to acknowledge those Hams who came by, many with their families, but that was an impossible task. So many people and so few Volunteers! A BIG thanks to all that helped out over the air.

Bob, KG7QJ, designed and produced pressure-sensitive labels for the visitors. These were awarded at the completion of the Code exercise. Popular? You had better believe it. All through the Center the kids proudly displayed their badges of achievement: "I Sent My Name in Morse Code" and (in code) "CQ DE W7ASC." Stickers are still available at the Shack and are quite popular with the visitors.

Another fun day at the Shack. If you have not spent some time Volunteering, there is a fresh Ham experience waiting for you. Call Bob and he will find a way to allow you to participate [see below].

73

Jean W4CIH and the iPad, in Ahwatukee

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We just got back yesterday from the ARRL Field Day which was held at Jack's KD7RCJ cabin outside of Flagstaff. What a wonderful weekend. What a generous host.

We actually went up Wednesday. When we got there, the only other guest was Steve W1ADW. He had pulled his 5th wheel up with his new pick-up and was parked under the pines near the cabin. We chose to park near Jack's wood shop and sleep in the bed of the truck instead of using one of the bedrooms Jack offered us in the cabin. It was a good choice. We could see millions of stars and the temperature dropped until it was cold, which felt so good. It was clear and crisp, a little nippy in the morning, but so refreshing.

Thursday Steve's wife, Mary drove up. Since she isn't an amateur, she brought a bag of knitting with her. Ken KD7OWZ showed up too. We sat around on the porch after dinner swapping stories and got to know each other. Jack contributed to the conversation through the window. He was in the kitchen working on the signs to put out near the road so people could find us. What a pleasant evening. What nice people.

Friday, amid a swirl of dust, Gary WK7B with his wife arrived followed by a caravan of Walt N7GDP and Tom KD7UQY, Al AE7GM and Bruce WB7SRC. Things started to move then. They had brought the food that Walt's wife had prepared including lasagna for Saturday night. They also brought brochures, tables and chairs, pop-ups for shade, all from the Salvation Army that Jim AE7JP had sent. Jim wasn't able to be with us as his job duties required him to be at the fires in Southern Arizona. We understand that he had to be there, but we wish he could have been with us.

A little later, Jack KE7VOU drove in followed by his guest Mike Neuman and Israel AD7ND with his wife Merry was followed in by Bob KF7KOX. A short time later, Johan WG7J, his wife Wendy KE7CIV, with Bianca and Jasper arrived. Jasper is planning to spend the summer studying for his tech license. I have no doubt he will achieve it.

Saturday morning the last few people who planned to participate showed up including Larry KO6SM, Ed KF7EWP and Andrew KF7CCC and his wife, Debbie who found she had a lot in common with Mary. They talked the afternoon away knitting and crocheting.

Steve set up right outside his 5th wheel with some help setting up his antenna. Gary had the front quarter of the property. Israel and Jack were across the way from Gary manning the PSK 31 with a solar panel delivering a trickle charge to a battery for power.

Jacques LeMond, who had called earlier in the week and asked permission to join us, set up in the back of the property while Bob, Ed, Ken and Larry were in the other back corner. Al and Walt were a team under the shed in front of the wood shop. Tom filled in when one of them left for any reason.

Johan manned his radio at the other end of the table with Bianca

and Jasper. They were both learning to use the radio and with very little coaching they were both gathering contacts as fast as could be. Bianca just passed her General License. What an accomplishment! We are all very proud of her!

Everyone was in their seat and ready to go at 11:00 A.M.. Suddenly the air was filled with "CQ contest, Whiskey, Golf, 7, Juliet. CQ contest, Whiskey, Golf, 7, Juliet." The competition was fierce as everyone on the air was valiantly trying to accumulate as many contacts as possible. Everyone seemed to have a different technique, but they were all effective.

A short time later testing was going on in the kitchen. Tom passed his test for a General License. Congratulations, Tom! Way to go!

People went to eat whenever they could. Gunny and I got eight contacts while Walt was in preparing lunch and Al and Tom were eating. What fun! The day went on with more and more contacts being made. By around 9:00 P.M., most of the stations had shut down. Everyone was pretty tired and they knew they would have to get up early in the morning to start again.

Sunday morning Jack made his famous pancakes. People were eating as fast as could be then rushing outside to start "CQ contest, CQ contest" again. At exactly 11:00 A.M., the contest ended. All the results need to be tabulated and submitted to ARRL. We should know soon what the results are.

Tear down followed including taking down the tower that had been erected before the start of the contest. What seemed like miles of extension cords and ropes were rolled up and stored. Computers and radios were gently placed in waiting autos. Tables and chairs were loaded. AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

Visitors included John Seng AC7PH, his wife Deb DC7ZOQ, Bob Wertz NF7E, of Northern Arizona DX Association and John Rice, Bruce's son

This article isn't finished until a very special thanks goes to the two people who made the event possible. Patty Reinert, one of the best cooks in the valley, prepared wonderful meals including her very own canned goods of green beans, jellies, pickles. Everyone was raving about the lasagna. Thank you, Patty!

How can we thank Jack? His generous spirit in providing a place to stay is way beyond the call of sharing. He gave unstintingly of his time and home to ensure that everyone had a wonderful time. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you, Jack. You embody that spirit of sharing we can all learn from.

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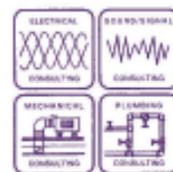
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JR ROTC Orienteering	Lake Pleasant	10/22/11
Cave Creek Mt Bike Race	Cave Creek	11/12/11
Javalina Jundred	McDowell Mtn Park	11/12-13/11
Cave Creek Road Ride	Cave Creek	11/13/11
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JR ROTC Orienteering	First Water Trail Head	12/10/11
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