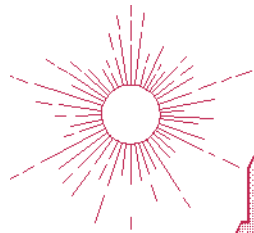


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TBA
AZ Science Center
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ARDG
Every Wednesday
Phoenix Country Day School
11:10 AM

QCWA
March
TBA
Tucson Area
11:00 AM

WVARC
Feb 1st
St Clement Catholic Church
Social Hall
7:00 PM

SuperstitionARC
Feb 16th
Mesa Utilities Building
7:00 PM

ARA
Feb 25th
Denny's Restaurant - Tempe
7:30 PM

MARCA
Feb 16th
Denny's Restaurant - Tempe
6:30 PM

MARA
Feb 27th
Barrow's Pizza
9:00 AM

ANSR
Feb 15th
7:30 PM
via Skype

CLUB MEETINGS SCHEDULE

SARC
Feb 3rd
Scottsdale Senior Center
7:00 PM

AARC
Feb 11th
Red Cross Bldg. - Phx
7:30 PM

OPRC
Feb 10th
Marshall Conference Ctr
at Tucson Medical Ctr
7:15 PM

TBARC
Feb 18th
North Phoenix Campus
Northern Arizona University
7:00 PM

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ARIZONA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Arizona Amateur Radio Club meets on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross Building at 4747 N 22nd St. in Phoenix. Visit web site at www.W7IO.org for map. Visitors are welcome.

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AARC c/o Bob Hodges, K7JTT, 15214 N 7th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022. DUES: \$15.00/YR, Prorated (\$18.00 Family, \$9.00 Student), MEMBERSHIP YEAR BEGINS FEB. 1.

CENTER FOR AMATEUR RADIO LEARNING

The Center for Amateur Radio Learning is a hands-on amateur radio station, W7ASC, located within the Arizona Science Center at 600 E. Washington, Phoenix. Board meetings are held the last month of each quarter at the AZ Science Center. Annual meeting for all volunteers is held the **THIRD SATURDAY** of January. Watch ADAAW for details.

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SCOTTSDALE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

The Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 at the new Scottsdale Senior Center located at 1700 N Granite Reef Road (west side of Granite Reef Rd., 50 yards north of McDowell Rd. Parking on site). The club also holds a net every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. on the 147.78/.18 repeater.

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SARC, P. O. Box 10878, Scottsdale, AZ 85271-0878. Phone: 602.735.3988. DUES: \$20.00/YR, (\$10.00/Add'l Family Member). Web Site: www.scottsdalearc.org

OLD PUEBLO RADIO CLUB

The Old Pueblo Radio Club meets the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month (except June, July and August) at 7:15 p.m. in the Marshall Conference Center at Tucson Medical Center. Visitors are welcome.

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Mailing address: OPRC, P. O. Box 42601, Tucson, AZ 85733-2601. DUES: Individual - \$20.00/YR, Family - \$30.00/YR.

BARRY M GOLDWATER, ARIZONA CHAPTER QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION

The Barry M Goldwater Arizona Chapter of the QCWA includes amateurs from all over Arizona. Four luncheon meetings are planned each year. The meeting months and locations are announced by newsletter, but generally follow the following schedule:

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. During December and January, the net time is moved to 0730 MST.

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Meetings are held twice a year, an annual board meeting in Phoenix and a picnic meeting in Chino Valley. Dates, times, and locations are announced in the newsletter.

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Secretary	Lori Cripps, WA7EDI	602.955.7517

Web Site: <http://www.mingusmountain.org> and <http://www.k7mrg.org>. DUES: \$20.00 per year, due prior to July 1. MEMBERSHIP YEAR - July 1 - June 30.

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THUNDERBIRD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club meets the **THIRD THURSDAY** of each month at 7:00 p.m. at North Phoenix Campus of Northern Arizona University located at 15451 N. 28th Avenue (near I-17 and West Greenway Road). The meeting is held in room 147. See the website (<http://w7tbc.org>) for a map and more details.

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Past President	Walt Reinert	N7GDP	602.938.8219

For further information about the ThunderBird Amateur Radio Club, visit our website at <http://w7tbc.org>, send an e-mail to: info@w7tbc.org or call 602.938.8219. Mailing address: PO Box 83615, Phoenix, AZ 85071-3615.

SUPERSTITION AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Superstition Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month (except December) at the Mesa Utilities Building, 640 N. Mesa Drive, Mesa (use the glass door on your left at the main entrance). Visitors are welcome. Board meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) at Black Bear Diner, 1809 E. Baseline Road, Gilbert.

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	Steve Gurley	KY7W

Superstition ARC, P.O. Box 21522, Mesa, AZ 85277-1522. Web Site: SuperstitionARC.org. The Superstition Amateur Radio Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For club information, please send email to: Communications@SuperstitionARC.org.

ARIZONA NEAR SPACE RESEARCH

The Arizona Near Space Research group meets the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month at 7:30 p.m. on Skype. Technical meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. on Skype. Please contact an officer about joining our meetings.

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Treasurer	Currently Open		

ANSR, PO Box 31003, Mesa, AZ 85275-1003. DUES: \$10.00/YR. Web Site: www.ansr.org

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club is an Arizona 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Meetings are the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:00 PM in the St Clements Catholic Church Social Hall located at 15800 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City. The board meets the second Monday of the month at Boswell Medical Center, Ironwood Room 2, Sun City. The Emergency Preparedness Group meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at Boswell Hospital. Club nets are held on 147.300 (tone 162.2) at 9:00 AM daily and Monday - Thursday at 8:00 PM. The preparedness net is held the last Friday before the monthly Monday night meeting at 8 pm on the NY7S repeater 147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz. A weekly breakfast is held on Thursdays at Lou's Trivoli Gardens, 12535 W Bell Rd., at 7:00 AM.

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WVARC, P O Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573. DUES: \$15.00/YR for family residing at the same address. MEMBERSHIP YEAR - January - December. Web Site: <http://www.westvalleyarc.org>.

MARCA, Inc. / W7MOT

MARCA is an Arizona 501(c)(3) Non-Profit organization. The club call sign in W7MOT. Membership is open to all amateur radio enthusiasts. Meetings are held the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at 1343 Broadway in Tempe (SE corner of Broadway & Priest). Monthly presentations cover a broad spectrum of interesting subjects. Visitors are welcome to attend. Come early for dinner and socializing. Repeater Problem Reports are encouraged. A Repeater Problem or Comment Reporting is available at <http://www.w7mot.org/index.php/repeaters/report-a-repeater-problem>. Site Managers and officers will take reports for any W7MOT repeater. Contacts are found on website. Club activities include providing voice, aprs, packet, DStar, and Fusion repeaters Central Arizona; ARRL Field Day, special interest groups in SDR, APRS, antennas, digital modes.

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MARCA, Inc., PO Box 28246, Tempe, Arizona 85285. Membership dues \$25 annually. See our website (<http://w7mot.org>) for more information about meeting schedules, membership, repeaters, library, and club activities.

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MARICOPA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

The Maricopa Amateur Radio Association (MARA) meets the **LAST SATURDAY** of each month at 9:00 a.m. at Barrow's Pizza, 44600 W Smith-Enke Rd. (Smith-Enke and John Wayne Parkway) in Maricopa.

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The Maricopa Amateur Radio Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. DUES: \$25.00/year individual, \$30.00/year family. Apply on-line at www.copahams.org. Mailing address: P O Box 3025, Arizona City AZ 85123

ARIZONA REPEATER ASSOCIATION, INC

The Arizona Repeater Association general meeting is held the **FOURTH THURSDAY** of each month at 7:30 p.m. There are no meetings in July and December. The November meeting is held the Monday before Thanksgiving. Meetings are held at Denny's Restaurant, 1343 W. Broadway, Tempe, AZ, on the southeast corner of Priest and Broadway. Visitors are welcome. Come early for food and social time before the meeting starts. For further information about the ARA, including repeaters, site status, and the tech/board meeting, please visit our web site at www.w7ara.org.

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Please be sure your club has your current email and/or mailing address.

AMATEUR RADIO DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The Amateur Radio Development Group meets **EVERY WEDNESDAY** at 11:10 a.m. on the Phoenix Country Day School campus located at 3901 E Stanford Dr., Paradise Valley.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Public Service Calendar

Has everyone been enjoying Arizona's version of winter? We've had colder than normal temperatures here in the valley, for longer than normal. Lows in the upper 30s and lower 40s are frigid for us desert dwellers who are more used to highs in the low 100s! Enjoy it while we can, it only lasts a short time.

Did you make it to the Thunderbird Hamfest on January 9? It was great! Attendance was good, and the number of vendors was impressive. Seminars were held for the first time this year and the VE session produced several new hams. The weather cooperated with the rain from the first part of the week being over. However, it was cold (see above paragraph) which made the mobile refreshment cart with its HOT beverages (coffee, tea, hot chocolate) the best part of the hamfest! Everyone seemed to have a good time and lots of goodies left the grounds with new owners.

This month we welcome the Arizona Near Space Research group to the pages of ADAW. ANSR are the ones that do the balloon launches at the hamfests throughout the state. But they are so much more than just a group of balloon enthusiasts. The research, coordination, planning, and expertise that goes into each and every launch is extensive and impressive. Read their first article on page 14 for more information on the group and pictures of their recent launch in October 2015. Then be sure to watch the launch planned in Yuma at the 2016 Southwestern Division Convention/Yuma Hamfest in February. And next time you're at a hamfest where a balloon launch is taking place, look up the ANSR group and let them know you appreciate all their efforts.

Speaking of the 2016 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, it is the next event in Arizona and it's being held in conjunction with the 2016 Yuma Hamfest in Yuma. The Yuma Hamfest just keeps getting bigger and better. There's camping, tailgating, commercial vendors, seminars, talks, prizes, a hospitality suite, barbecue dinner, and so much more. Be sure to check it out. The dates are February 19 & 20 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds.

Watch for two events being held in March - The annual SpringFest in Scottsdale and the Spring Hamfest in Tucson. SpringFest will be held at the same location as last year (Scottsdale Bible Church - Mountain Valley Campus) on March 19. The Tucson Spring Hamfest will be held on March 26 at a new location this year - the Target store on Old Spanish Trail in the north parking lot. Both events begin at 6:00 A.M.. See the Hamfest Calendar on page 16 and the flyer for more details on these events.

We bid adieu to the 4X4 Ham Inc. group. We are sorry to see them go, their articles were so interesting and fun to read. We wish them good luck and happy off roading!

Enjoy your ADAW and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

EVENT	LOCATION	DATE
Runner's Den Pancake Run	E Phoenix, Paradise Valley Mall	02/07/16
XTERRA - McDowell Mountain	Fort McDowell Regional Park (Fountain Hills)	02/07/16
Black Canyon 100K	Dewey to New River	02/13/16
Lost Dutchman Marathon	Apache Junction	02/14/16
JROTC First Water	N of Apache Junction	02/27/16
Exterra Black Canyon City	Black Canyon City	03/06/16
Mesquite Canyon Trail Run	White Tanks Regional Park (Waddell)	03/12/16
Run for Ryans House	Scottsdale	03/13/16
ADA Tour de Cure	Reach 11 Sports Complex	03/19/16
Cave Creek Trail Run	Cave Creek	03/26/16
Crown King Scramble	Bradshaw Mountains	04/02/16
El Tour de Mesa	Mesa/Scottsdale	04/02/16
March of Dimes March for Babies	Wesley-Bolin Plaza, Downtown Phoenix	04/09/16
Pat's Run	Sun Devel Stadium, Tempe	04/23/16
Zane Grey 50 Highline Trail Run	Payson Area	04/23/16

To sign up for Public Service Event: www.mcecg.net

For information, contact Dennis Bietry - KE7EJF at 602.274.3732 - email, ke7ejf@cox.net, or contact the Event Coordinator for the event.





CORRECTING SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT W7ASC

This Newsletter has tried to encourage our local Ham community to become more visible before the non-Ham community. Upon reflection, we might not be doing such a great PR job with our fellow Hams! Pour yourself another Hot Chocolate, sit back and read. This might take a while.

Back when the station first came on the air, before it became W7ASC, there was no Science Center building. We had a station (KC7LUL, see photo) at the Adams and 3rd street Arizona Science Center temporary location. Once the new building opened, about 17 years ago, the station moved into the “Ham Shack” on the second floor. The Gallery was all about networks, including a large vertical ant farm (that’s correct! Ant farm, as in ants, not antennas!) right next to the station.

The Arizona Science Center was not universally supportive of Ham radio. Some in Management wondered why, and how, a bunch of hobbyists were given space, power and even parking. It required constant reminding that the station was a draw for visitors. C.A.R.L. was actually teaching. Part of the problem, one that continues to this day, is that staff and management assignments at the Arizona Science Center are in a constant state of flux. When a person finally grasps the benefit provided to the Science Center and to the visitors by having a real live set of volunteers operating a real live Ham station and answering questions about technology and public service, that staff member, inevitably, is reassigned or promoted and a new person must be briefed.

During this process, the facilities change. Since C.A.R.L. is a group of unpaid volunteers, there is never 100% agreement on how the station should be configured and run. If you belong to any Ham radio club, you will recognize this as normal. Combine this with non-Ham staff at the Science Center, and you can understand that there will be differences of opinion.

Into this mix came a large change. The Arizona Science Center went through a major interior design change. The Ham station was to be given a new location. The planning was performed by consultants who had no idea about Ham radio, or what the station was providing to the Science Center and the visitors. Space allocation was based on a master plan. Once this major change was announced, some of the volunteers objected to the treatment that they were receiving. They stopped volunteering. Some of the volunteers saw this as an

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opportunity to make major design changes to the station. The actual radio gear would be hidden in a closet. Control would be entirely from a computer station. Some volunteers decided that this was not Ham radio, so they quit.

Here comes the interesting part. That design never happened. It went part way. The C.A.R.L. Board of Directors realized that the station should be a fairly typical Ham station, with some help from computers. The station does not look like a computer work station. Real radios, with real knobs, greet the visitors. Some of the signal outputs, such as PSK-31, show on a computer screen.

Some in the local Ham community still stay away from what they perceived as a bad station design. W7ASC can do a better job within the local Ham community. The station needs volunteers who want to operate a modern, but traditional, ham station and to explain what Ham Radio is all about to the W7ASC visitors.

If you are one of those Hams who would like to get involved, drop by and see for yourself. Sign up procedures have been streamlined. The Arizona Science Center welcomes Hams. Field Day, for instance, is a Center-wide affair. Morse code stations on every floor. An operating station in the lobby. On Field Day, that is the Main Event at the Science Center. Other events include Scouts JOTA (October), school roundup, and more.

Visit the station so that you can see for yourself that this is a Ham station, not a computer demonstration. Call Bob KG7QJ at 480-961-1109, or just drop in. Call ahead, even on the radio, where a volunteer on duty will get you in.

Quite a few of the Arizona Science Center staff have seen the light and obtained their licenses. Put your old visions away and share the fun. Never lose sight of the fact the station is run as a democracy. Once you become a volunteer, your voice, and your opinion, will help to guide the future for W7ASC

By the time this newsletter has been distributed, C.A.R.L. will have had its annual meeting. If all goes as planned, By-Laws will have been approved. Filing for nonprofit status with the IRS will have been authorized. There might be a few new officers, but nothing that will catch the TV networks attention. The campaigns will be over, and no one will have spent very much on TV or print media. The station, W7ASC, will continue to improve and entertain visitors to Arizona Science Center (do NOT call it a museum) and lots of kids will annoy their parents as they try their Morse code skills at home. Success!

Come join the fun by volunteering at the station. Do you know a retired Ham who is looking for a fun way to spend time and do some community service? Suggest that they look into volunteering at W7ASC.

73 for now,
de W4CIH Jean

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W7ASC Harkins Ham Shack Center for Amateur Radio Learning



KC7LUL at Adams and 3rd - 1996

License Testing Information

When you are ready to take an exam for an Amateur Radio license, there are Volunteer Examiners available to assist you. Each Applicant will need to bring a picture ID (some test sessions require two forms of identification). If you are upgrading your class of license, be sure to bring the original (and a copy) of your license and/or Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (C.S.C.E.). There may be a fee required.

PLEASE NOTE: Dates, times, locations, fees may change. Arrive promptly at time listed. Fees may vary and exact change or check is required at most sessions. Call test session contact to confirm information. Walk-ins are permitted unless otherwise specified.

February Test Sessions

Feb 1st - AARC & WVARC -- 8:00 PM

St. Clement Church, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City
Contact - Joseph Cutitta 623.215.2226

Feb 4th - CARBA -- 7:00 PM

Lighthouse YMCA, 2900 N Columbus Blvd, Tucson
Contact - Matthew Grossman 520.750.7189
Pre-Reg by email preferred

Feb 8th - Radio Society of Tucson -- 7:00 PM

Pima Emergency Communications Operations Ctr
3434 E 22nd St, Tucson
Contact - Diane Zimmerman 520.219.0452

Feb 10th - Central Phoenix VE Team -- 6:30 PM

South Mountain Community College, 7050 S 24th St, Phoenix
Contact - Bill Martin 480.205.3625
No Walk-Ins - Limited Space - Please contact prior to exam.

Feb 15th - East Valley VE Team -- 6:00 PM

City of Mesa Utilities, 640 N Mesa Dr, Mesa
Contact - Fred Bollinger 480.242.8606

Feb 16th - Boy Scout Troop 127 -- 8:00 PM

St Francis Xavier School, 4715 N Central Ave, Phoenix
Contact - John Kelley 602.264.6854

Feb 20th - Unsponsored -- 10:00 AM

Kingman Middle School, 1969 Detroit Ave, Rm 310, Kingman
Contact - Daniel Miller 928.897.3883

Feb 23rd - Prescott Valley Ham Club -- 6:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3950 N Valorie Dr, Prescott Valley
Contact - J. M. Scherfling 928.632.2050

Feb 27th - Arizona ARC -- 7:00 PM

American Red Cross Bldg, 4747 N 22nd St, Phoenix
Contact - Gary Hamman 602.996.8148
No Walk-Ins - Pre-Registration Required by Friday Night



Ham Shack Arizona Science Center 2nd Floor - 1998



W7ASC Harkins Ham Shack 3rd Floor - 2013



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The January AARC meeting was also election night. The 2016 AARC officers are:

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| President | Gary Hamman, K7GH |
| Vice-President | Joe Cutitta, WØSLL |
| Secretary | Mike Zachary, KG7OSR |
| Treasurer | Bob Hodges, K7JJT |
| Activities Mgr. | Lori Cripps, WA7EDI |

Plans are being made for the AARC hamfest at DeVry. The April 9, 2016 date has now been confirmed. Watch for details in the very near future.

73, Lori, WA7EDI

Mike Zachary, KG7OSR, the AARC's new secretary, is also a volunteer at the Harkins Ham Shack at CARL, the Center for Amateur Radio Learning in Phoenix. The center is featured in the February issue of QST. The QST article shows Mike's interaction with a young prospective HAM, showing her how to send her name in Morse code. Mike has recently been considering some antenna ideas to help those living in a studio apartment or in a neighborhood with strict antenna regulations. The following is an article written by Mike in which he hopes may be of some help.

"I'd like to take this as an opportunity to bust some myths about doing ham radio from a studio apartment. When I got my license a little over a year ago, people were telling me that I would have to get my antenna outside somehow, or at least placed at a window. My apartment building has block walls, the window has a screen on it so I can't just chuck a wire outside, and the door opens directly onto a walkway.

"When I got my first radio, a Yaesu FT-60 HT, I found that I could hit the repeaters just fine from anywhere in my apartment. I didn't have to work outside or even by a window. I suppose if you are living in a grounded metal box you might have some trouble, but for most people working VHF/UHF with an indoor antenna is not going to be an issue.

"I have a Yaesu FT-817ND with a Wonder Wand compact loop antenna. I also have a Comet SMA-24 antenna for VHF/UHF, which works fine. I have been working for months trying to get ANYTHING with this combination. The only mode I can get anything on so far is JT-65, and that was after tracking down and shielding a noisy "wall wart." Anyway, I saw a CQ with a decent signal strength, responded to it, and GOT BACK A SIGNAL REPORT! Unfortunately, the signal report was a -24, and I lost him after that, so I'm looking at tracking down more noise sources and maybe getting a better antenna and/or a more powerful radio. I don't want to go TOO much power, though, being in the same room with the antenna. But I got SOMETHING out on HF."

— Mike Zachary, KG7OSR

NPOTA. National Parks on the Air. That constituted the program at the January meeting of the Arizona Amateur Radio Club. Reinhard (DL1UF) and Ingrid (W7ISG) Geissler had just returned from their NPOTA activation at the Joshua Tree National Park, NP32. Both the Geisslers were surprised when Sam, KG7MYC, at the Grand Teton National Park, another activator, answered Ingrid's very first call. Ingrid had a good run on 20m SSB and logged 154 QSOs in less than three hours with HAMs all over the US, plus Mexico, Canada, and Alaska, when heavy wind and rain forced them to take down their "station."

Take a look at the photo of Ingrid logging her third contact.



While you're at it, look at Reinhard posing at the AARC meeting in his ARRL National Parks on the Air 2016 shirt.



The AARC certainly enjoyed seeing the Geissler's NPOTA activity and even were able to see Ingrid on the air at Joshua Tree National Park since Reinhard had video clips to show us of the action.

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MMRG President K7POF's January trip to Phoenix, besides being a social event, included the Thunderbird Hamfest, an MMRG board meeting, and a trip to the downtown Phoenix building which houses the MMRG GE Master II repeater. At the Downtown Repeater (147.280), Bob found that the receiver frequency was off several KHz and sensitivity was down a lot as well. The repeater will be off the air while problems are being corrected. Since Bob lives in Chino Valley it will be a while until he gets a new receiver crystal and returns to the valley to install the repaired receiver. Note the photo of Mike, KC7QKS, and Phil, WA7UID, which was taken at the Phoenix repeater site.

At the January 9 board meeting, the 2015 MMRG officers retained their offices for another year.

73,
Lori, WA7EDI

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For Sale

Partly Restored Vintage Tube-type Transmitter: Baker Williams B&W 5100B AM/CW, 80-10m, 150w(2)6146's, has built in VFO and restored dial. Included is: Matching B&W 51SB-B SSB Generator (for ssb operation). Both will need new electrolytic filter capacitors. Interconnect cables (between 5100B and 51SB-B) included. \$585.00 for package. Contact: Ray, W7GNE @ 480-540-4629.

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club has radios and ALL kinds of supplies available for sale through the club. Request a listing from Ted by sending an email to kb5of@cox.net. We get some old equipment that won't sell that will be added to the items for free. Contact: Ted Walker, KB5OF at kb5of@cox.net.



Thanks to everyone who came out to the TBARC hamfest this year! You helped make it one of the best in the Valley. Despite ominous weather the week before, it cleared up on Saturday. Our VE session minted a number of new hams, and people enjoyed the seminars, which were a new addition.

Since it's a new year, don't forget about membership! You can join TBARC for \$25/year, and you can pay online with PayPal or a credit card. If you don't know whether you've paid or not, ask our treasurer Darren AF7CO. He'll be happy to get you set up for another year. Or sign up online with the automatic renewal option.

Have you been to a TBARC meeting yet? Why not join us? We'd love to see you there, and guests are welcome. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at the North Phoenix Campus of Northern Arizona University. It's near Greenway and I-17, starting at around 7:00 p.m.. See the club website at w7tbc.org for directions. In February the program is Trans-Pacific Ballooning with Paul Jorgenson KE7HR. Paul's a great presenter, and has some truly extraordinary experiences to relate!

Andrew Cornwall, KF7CCC
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Ham Radio and Social Media in Maricopa

When I was away from ham radio for a few years, I was sure that it had gone away. After all, talking to someone on the other end of the planet is child's play with the Internet and cellular communications. As I soon found out, ham radio was as popular as it was during the 1970s and 80s, before the digital age came about – and it's still growing.

When you look at it, amateur radio was, in fact, the original social media. CW was the first form of texting. So, it stands to reason that ham radio and the Internet would get along well. Now there's Echolink and IRLP. There's also a way to talk to hams that doesn't even involve a radio: The online forum.

Forums were extremely popular during from about 2000 until 2010, the time Facebook really got the attention of the general public. Many local communities had forums that allowed neighbors to keep track of what was happening in their general area. All it takes to start one up is some free software and a web hosting service. There are still a lot of forums around. Most appeal to particular interests and hobbies.

Maricopa Amateur Radio Association maintains both a web site and a forum. Our web site is what we use to present ourselves to the public and other amateur organization. Our forum is for news, events, technical articles, and the like. The question is, if you have a local repeater and everyone has a radio, why do you need a forum? The answer to that is they are two totally different means of communication with different advantages.

For example, it's difficult to explain how to build an amplifier over the air. However, a forum allows for posting of the instructions, schematics, and pictures. Keep in mind that everyone is not always on the air at the same time. If you have a question, you may get lucky and get it answered on the air. If you post it online, eventually someone is going to have a good answer for you – usually multiple someones.

We use our forum to keep our club members in touch with each other. We post new licenses and club members, items other members have for sale, committee meetings and events, and other items of interest. We also have news feeds from various ham radio news sites around the world. It's a one-stop place to see what's going on in ham radio locally and elsewhere.

We don't restrict membership on our forum. Anyone

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OPRC Repeaters

146.66 - PL 110.9	wide coverage	W7GV
146.82 - PL 110.9	wide coverage	W7GV
147.22 - PL 110.9	wide coverage	W7GV

RACES Repeaters

145.150	packet/wide	N7OEM
146.880 - PL 110.9	wide coverage	N7OEM
147.300 - PL 110.9	wide	N7OEM
448.55 - PL 110.9	wide coverage	N7OEM

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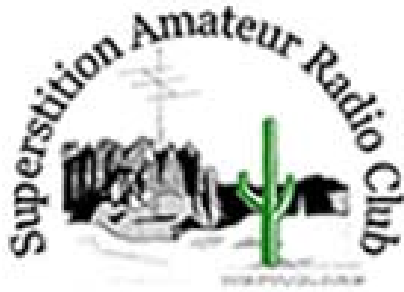
interested in amateur radio is invited to stop in, read the articles, and, if you care to register, post your own articles or questions. Reluctantly, we found out that registration is a necessity. Otherwise, automated SPAM robots from around the world will deposit an unlimited daily supply of off-topic advertising, scams, and porn. Registration is free and easy.

Feel free to use our example to set up a forum for your own organization. There are other forums out there dedicated to ham radio. For example, 4x4ham.com is one of the most successful forums in existence with hundreds of registered users from all over the world discussing off roading and ham radio. If you're interested in software defined radio, Flex has a very active forum at www.community.flexradio.com/flexradio

You're welcome to stop by and visit our forum. Our club web site is at www.copahams.org and you can get to the forum from the menu. Oh, and you can also find us on Facebook – look for Copahams.

Steve Miller, W6SDM

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With heavy heart, we mourn the passing of the father of President Steve Estes (KB7KWK). Steve and his Dad ran an automotive repair business. He spent his Christmas and New Years holidays huddling with family from out-of-state, and was noticeably absent from the radio. The President's Corner was written by Vice President Jeff, K7ZLX in the club newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your extended family, Steve!

SuperFest Thank-You

After long hours of planning and preparation that began back in January, the day of our 2015 SuperFest arrived. Late Friday afternoon, the SuperFest Crew arrived to start setting things up and getting ready to go. Commercial vendors started arriving and began setting up, with a few tailgaters arriving as well.

As the sun came up Saturday morning, we could see it was going to be a fantastic day and by 6:30 a.m., the place was hopping with a line of vendors arriving and setting up. At 7:00 a.m., the gates opened and it was a steady stream of people coming in all morning long purchasing grand prize raffle and hourly prize tickets, and looking for that must-have radio gear to take home.

New for 2015, and a great hit, was the food court. It had plenty of tables, chairs and a full menu of items provided by Ralph's Snack Bar. John, KD8PC, provided sixties and seventies live music. It was a great addition for this year and for years to come. We had many positive comments and happy prize winners. Overall the SuperFest Committee is pleased with the turnout and has started working on our 2016 event.



Dale Schmidt, N7QJK

Broadband HamNet

The club is starting the new year with a fledgling Broadband HamNet project using tower-mounted routers with high-gain antennas and special firmware that changes the function of the

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consumer home-network router into a community-wide mesh network. Operating in the 2.4 GHz amateur band under Part 97, our neighbors' Part 15 wireless home networks see our SSID as "BroadbandHamnet-20-v3" on Channel 1.

Steve, KB7KWK has set up email service, a VoIP telephone service and streaming video, none of which is on the Internet or over a telephone network. So far, Larry AB7C, Larry WB7C and Steve have exchanged emails and connected with each other. AB7C and Steve are using directional high-gain antennas more than three miles apart. WB7TJD-001 on WB7C's tower uses a high-gain omni and is located between the other two.

Lost Dutchman Marathon and Special Event

Sunday, February 14 is the date of the Lost Dutchman Marathon through Gold Canyon and Apache Junction. It has been customary of the Superstition club to offer the services of the 147.12 and 449.60 repeaters for the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group (www.mcecg.net) Marathon communications net. The 147.120 has solid coverage in all but one of the marathon route's aid station locations, and that one location is covered by the 449.600 according to field tests run last summer with the new repeater site.

We will use special event callsign K7D from somewhere in Apache Junction on Saturday, February 20 to celebrate Lost Dutchman Days. February 20 is also the day of the parade downtown.

73 from Larry, WB7C

Superstition ARC Repeaters

147.120 MHz (+) 162.2 Hz - Usery *

448.275 MHz (-) 100.0 Hz - Usery

449.600 MHz (-) 100.0 Hz - East Mesa

KB7KWK-L Echolink *

* - Linked Full Time

Club Nets

The 147.120 Repeater carries all nets.

Morning Drive Time Net: Mon-Fri, 7:00-8:00 AM - Trivia

Club Business Net: Wednesdays, 8:00 PM - Featuring Club News, Elmer Q&A along with AR Newslines.

East Valley Swap Net: Thursdays, 7:30 PM

National History Net: Thursdays at 8:30 PM. Quizzes you on National History.

10-Meter Rag Chew: Thursdays 8:00 PM, 28.465 MHz USB

Club Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Send email to: membership@SuperstitionARC.org for more information.

Superstition SuperFest

The Superstition SuperFest is held on the first Saturday of December. Visit www.superstitionsuperfest.org for the latest information.

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Right before Christmas, the entire Mt. Elden site lost power. APS reported six damaged power poles and did a great job getting power restored on Christmas Eve. From that storm, we received an email from the National Weather Service with photos from the hill next to us on Mt. Elden.

When you turn on your radio to one of the local VHF or UHF repeaters, most often, you expect it to work with a clean, clear signal. It's not like HF, where band conditions can fluctuate your signal depending on the time of day or sun spot activity. The local repeaters usually provide a much more consistent means of communication. That consistency leads many hams to forget that outside forces can impact signal quality.

What am I talking about? It's winter weather or any weather in general. Living in Phoenix, it's easy to forget that the rain passing over the valley equals ice and snow at higher elevations. Greens Peak, Mt. Ord, Pinal Peak, Mingus Mtn., and Mt. Elden are all over 7000 ft. in elevation and can be hit hard with storms.

For several years in a row, we lost the Mt. Ord to Shaw Butte link in early January. Many of the commercial antennas on the Mt. Ord tower use a panel type that builds up a nice layer of ice. That ice comes off in sheets aimed to destroy anything in its path below as soon as the morning sun rises the next day. An ARA work crew would get up there as soon as they could and replace the link antenna. After the last break in 2013, we seem to have found a sweet spot that is protected by the brackets above it. Pictured, the broken link antenna as we found it. The new antenna was relocated below that panel antenna - a few feet lower.



ARA neighbors on Mt. Elden – December 24, 2015.



Broken Mt. Ord link antenna. February 18, 2013.

The winter of 2015/2016 got off to an exciting start. First, a friendly email warning from one of the other sites on Greens Peak. "Greens access is now via snowcat or snowmobile only. Went in yesterday with our 1500 cat, 3-4 foot drifts in places." There have also been several times recently where the weekly generator test fails to start. It's not uncommon at 10,000+ ft. for temperatures to drop below 0 degrees F.



ARA neighbors on Mt. Elden – December 24, 2015.

Above photos and Inverted Antenna photo compliments of Mike Moroney - National Weather Service

The Mt. Elden site had power again, but we soon discovered the 146.980 repeater wasn't operating properly. Suspicions

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were that we had antenna problems and it was confirmed when the NWS guys were able to send us photos a couple days later. A group from the technical committee made the trip to the site on January 2nd and found that the top mounted antenna bracket had broken a weld and inverted the 23 ft. stick, pulling the coax connection off as well. Weather did cooperate with us that day and the crew was able to get the repeater back online.

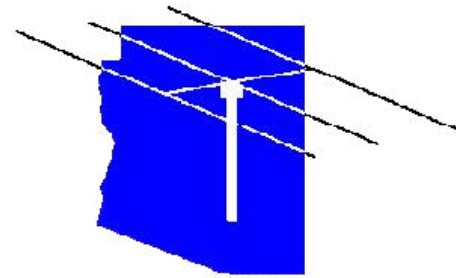


Inverted 146.980 antenna - December 30, 2015.

Precipitation continued the following week. During the 2100 Net on January 7th, the Pinal 147.200 repeater was reported as being disconnected from Rimlink. Once the controller settings were confirmed that in fact, it was still linked, we guessed that enough ice had built up on the link antenna to Mt. Ord to attenuate the signal. Sure enough, by midday Friday, Pinal was once again “talking” to Rimlink. Greens Peak signals have also been reported as being “scratchy” various times during the storms as well.

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More snow and ice on Mt. Elden – January 10, 2016.

Weather affects RF based communications. Clouds can enhance communications as with tropospheric ducting or degrade it by increasing the path loss between two antennas. Rain can do the same, causing reduced antenna performance due to the detuning effects. Ice can also severely affect antenna tuning and performance.

When your favorite repeater suddenly is noisy or you just can't reach it, don't panic. Consider the weather and the above factors. In most cases, when the clouds move on and the ice melts, communication will be restored.

If it isn't, then a call to the repeater owner might be in order. It could be that ice actually caused some damage.

Virgil K7VZ
ARA President



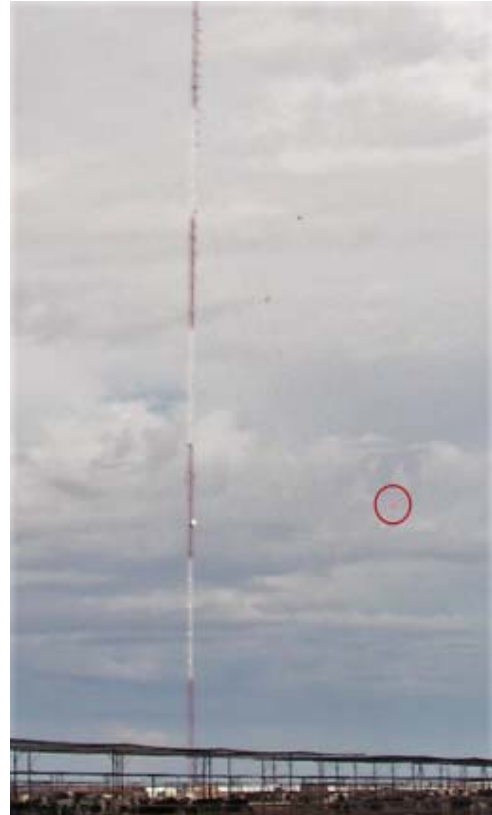


down we were able to shake the wire enough that the payloads slid down and were recovered. (See picture)

Arizona Near Space Research (ANSR) (www.ansr.org) is new to Arizona Desert Aire Waves and would like to share some information about the things we do. ANSR launches weather balloons of different sizes and uses APRS beacons hanging off the balloons to track and recover the payloads that the balloons carry to the edge of space. Some of our flights we are providing launch services for Arizona Space Grant Consortium (ASCEND!) (<https://spacegrant.arizona.edu/research/ascend>) with the payloads being student experiments from many different colleges and/or high schools in Arizona. The flights in November had 10 different colleges and 106 students participating.

Before getting into more detail, we would like to congratulate our president, Jack Crabtree W7JLC, on the 25th anniversary of his first balloon launch. In the 25 years that Jack has been launching balloons, he has launched over 155 balloons averaging a flight every other month. We would also like to congratulate ASCEND! on the 10th anniversary of their first flight.

In October, we launched two balloons from south of Maricopa, AZ in conjunction with COPAFEST 2015. This was a test flight for ANSR launching and recovering two balloons. While we had planned to launch from the grounds of COPAFEST, we were unable to due to winds aloft. One of our members, Bob Thompson KC8BOB, starts looking at the weather data about 10 days before a scheduled flight and, with our flight manifests, starts providing us with daily flight predictions. Due to the many restrictions in the airspace above Arizona and the many mountains in Arizona, we have to be very careful where we launch our flights from and where we think they will land. Bob Shipton K8EQC monitors the predictions and coordinates our activities with the FAA in Phoenix, Albuquerque and Los Angeles. He also makes sure that the appropriate NOTAMS (Notices to Airmen) are filed so that the pilots using the airspace above Arizona are aware of our flights. Due to the winds, we had to move our launch site to Pinal County West Park about 15 miles south of Maricopa. We were able to successfully launch despite the pending weather and recover the payloads from both flights and many of the attendees at COPAFEST enjoyed watching live video from a camera included in the payloads. They were also able to track both flights via www.aprs.fi. Even though the payload from our second flight caught and hung about 200 feet up on a guy wire for a 600-ft FM radio antenna, when the winds died



Circled orange dot is balloon parachute.



A closer look.

The weather cooperated by giving us a window to launch and recover. There were thunderstorms and rain over many of the areas before and after the flights.

In November, we were involved with three flights, one flight from Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott and two flights from the University of Arizona’s Agricultural Station northeast of Maricopa. The flights from Maricopa

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were in conjunction with ASCEND! and had 10 different colleges participating with more than 100 students tagging along to help launch and recover their experiments. All flights were successfully launched and recovered despite both of the Maricopa flights landing in the Cactus Forest area. The students, professors and ANSR members successfully walked thru the cactuses and were able to recover all of the payloads successfully. The students from Pima Community College West Campus provided a video of their flight that can be seen on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/vUzTRNri-dc>) and the University of Arizona's students provided another one (<https://youtu.be/OZnNXI70VBk>). Warning, the UA video shows many spinning scenes with flashes of light from the experiment below theirs and could be dangerous.

The winter/spring flights start off with a flight February 19 from the Yuma HamFest. The payloads for this will include an AREDN (mesh) payload that will be streaming video back to ground in addition to GPS data. Two other video payloads will also be included with one student payload. A ground station setup at the HamFest will have multiple big screen displays showing the videos and flight tracking. Jack Crabtree will be making a presentation Saturday afternoon about high altitude balloon flights. Stop by and congratulate him on his 25 years of flights. After Yuma, we will be providing support for a school launch in Flagstaff on March 9th, and April will be very busy. On April 2nd, two balloons for ASCEND will be launched from Maricopa, Emery Riddle Aeronautical Institute will have a launch April 12, and there will be a launch from Dine College in northern Arizona on April 19.

If you are interested in polishing your APRS tracking skills or want to help launch balloons and recover data, or help at the ground stations with reception of the videos, or just want more information about this utilization of ham radio, come and join us at the Yuma HamFest.

**ANSR Balloon Launch
October 2015 - Maricopa, AZ**



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February 2nd

Photographs by Bill McLean, K7WWM

Hamfest Calendar



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19 - 20 February 2016 - **2016 Southwestern Division Convention/Yuma Hamfest** - hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd St in Yuma. Hours are Noon - 5:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday. Gates open Thursday, 18 February, at 2:00 PM for camping. Admission \$5.00 per person. Talk-In frequency - 146.840 (-) PI 88.5 Hz. Check web site at www.yumahamfest.org for full details. Email contact: info@yumahamfest.org.

19 March 2016 - **2016 Spring Hamfest** - hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club will be held at the Scottsdale Bible Church, Mountain Valley Campus, 17800 North Perimeter Drive in Scottsdale. Hours are 6:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Admission - \$5.00. Tailgate - \$20 for 2 spaces. RV Parking - \$10.00. VE Testing - Prizes - ARCA Meeting at 11:00 AM. Talk-In frequency 147.180MHz (+ offset) PI 162.2HZ. For more information visit scottsdalearc.org. No guns - No drugs - No alcohol.

26 March 2016 - **Tucson Spring Hamfest** - hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson will be held in the north parking lot of the Target Store, 9615 E Old Spanish Trail in Tucson. Hours are 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Seller set up starts at 5:00 AM. Free Admission and Parking. Spaces are \$10 per space. Free VE Testing, GOTA (Get On the Air) station, Card checking, prizes. Coffee, Tea and Donuts will be available. Talk-In on 146.800 PI 156.7 or 145.250 PI 156.7. For map and more information, visit web site at www.k7rst.org.

9 April 2016 - **April Hamfest at DeVry** - hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will be held at DeVry University, 2949 W Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix. Watch for date confirmation and details.

7 May 2016 - **Cochise Hamfest** - hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association will be held at the club site, 2756 S Moson Road in Sierra Vista. Hours are 7:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. An Open House demonstration of amateur radio communications will be held. VE Testing Available. Prizes. Breakfast and Lunch will be for sale for a reasonable price. Contact Lee Ilse, KD7OED at kd7oed@arrl.net for more information.

4 June 2016 - **White Mountain Hamfest** - hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club will be held in the Show Low City Hall parking lot, 180 N 9th Street in Show Low. Hours are 6:00 AM to Noon. Overnight RV camping permitted after 5:30 PM Friday. Tailgaters \$5.00 per space. VE testing at 9:00 AM. Prizes. Refreshments Available. Contact K-K at 480.586.6303 (email: kb9si@yahoo.com) for more information.

10 - 11 June 2016 - **Prescott Hamfest** - hosted by the Eagle Amateur Radio Club and the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club will be held on the campus of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, 3700 Willow Creek Road in Prescott. Contact Chuck Zappalo, KE7SA at czappala@cableone.net or Bill Noe, W7PVA at w7pva@arrl.net for more information. Watch for details.

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22 - 24 July 2016 - **ARCA/Williams Hamfest** - hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona will be held at the Williams Rodeo Grounds, Rodeo Road in Williams. Hamfest hours are Dawn to Dusk Friday and Saturday. Trip to the Grand Canyon aboard the Grand Canyon Railroad on Sunday, 24 July. Hospitality Suite on Friday - Barbecue Dinner at Railside RV Ranch on Saturday. Breakfast and Lunch served by the Kiwanis Club of Williams on Friday and Saturday. Prizes, VE Testing, Seminars and more. For complete up-to-date information, visit the ARCA Website at www.arca-az.org and click on the "ARCA/Williams Hamfest" link at the left of the screen.

21 - 22 October 2016 - **2016 Arizona State Convention/CopaFest 2016** - hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association will be held at the Ultra Star Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, 16000 Maricopa Road in Maricopa. Talk-In: 449.125- (PI 136.5) & 145.210- (PI 162.2). Contact Bob Howard at 520.222.7311 or email to w8rh@live.com for more information.

5 November 2016 - **Cochise Fall Swapmeet & Communications Exercise** - hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association will be held at the Green Acres club facility located at 2756 S Moson Rd in Sierra Vista. Date to be confirmed. Contact Lee Ilse, KD7OED at kd7oed@arrl.net for more information.

12 November 2016 - **Oro Valley ARC Hamfest** - hosted by the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club will be held at Marana Middle School, 11279 W Grier Road in Marana. Talk-In: 146.620(-), 444.100(+), and 147.32(+)- all PI 156.7. Contact Steve Wood, W1SR at 520.906.1204 or email to nauset2222@yahoo.com for more information.

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SCOTTSDALE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.



Club Station: W7UF
 Club Repeaters: 147.78/.18 & 445.00/440.00

Here is a picture of the site from route 87 south bound. All of the antennas and towers stand out against the blue sky. This looks very cold!



January has been a great month, if you like the weather to be more seasonal. We have had some rain to enjoy. The high country north of the valley has been getting some much needed snow. I sure hope it continues so the reservoirs can fill and the forests stay green and healthy later this summer.

We have a home in Payson that is backed up to the Tonto National Forest. Bonnie and I went up there on the weekend of January 8 thru 11 and had a great time playing in the snow. There was about a foot of the white stuff and we had to shovel our way into the yard. I haven't used a snow shovel for over 20 years, but it felt good. Of course, I only did it for a few minutes to show Bonnie how and she took it from there. Clever of me! Our shepherds loved it too.



This is a picture of our front gate. The city plows piled up the snow at the street so we decided to use the side entrance. The side street was not plowed, but that was not a problem for our Subaru with all-wheel

drive. The temperatures were all below freezing and I have trouble when it dips below 70 degrees around here. But there it seems different. The air is very crisp and clean and visibility is almost unlimited. There is certain nostalgia for me because we moved here from upstate New York over 40 years ago. Back there we had a lot of snow in the winter and enjoyed winter sports like skiing and snowmobile rides. We also enjoyed a nice warm fire in the fire place and a snow blower! Here in Payson we do not have a snow blower but we do have a nice fire place.

The ham bands have not been very good lately but I keep trying. I have only made an occasional contact. They were usually in the Midwest or California. I am using my 40 meter dipole because of storm damage to the tri-band yagi.

I am a radio control model airplane flyer and I am a member of Academy of Model Aeronautics. A couple of months ago, the FAA decided to require all small model aircraft flyers to register. This was done because of the abuses of some drone flyers. Oh well! Now I have a swell new 10 digit alpha numeric registration number to put on my models.

On the way back to Scottsdale we drove past Mount Ord. The mountain is covered with snow and the repeater antennas really stood out.

We have a 2-meter/ 70-cm net every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M.. The frequencies are 147.18 MHz with a tone of 162.2 and 440.00 MHz with a tone of 100. A bunch of guys get on the air and tell us what they have been up to lately. It is a lot of fun to get on the air especially since the HF bands have been so bad. If you check into the net once in a while, we know you are still alive.

I know a lot of you hams out there are doing some very cool things. Maybe you could let us all know about them. Some of you took family trips during the holidays. Some of you are building that special radio project. All you have to do is contact me and I will post your project with pictures.

We have our annual hamfest coming up on March 19th, 2016. The location is the same as last year. The location is the Scottsdale Bible Church, Mountain Valley Campus, 17800 North Perimeter Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85255-5449. For those helping with set up, parking and admissions will receive a free admission to the hamfest. If you would like to help, you can send me an e-mail and I will give you all of the particulars and put you on the schedule.

Well that's all I have for now. Be well and keep on hamming.

73 Ed Nickerson WU7S

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SARC CONSTANTS:

SARC is a 501 (c)(3) club. That means all donations are fully tax deductible. Contact Paul Jorgenson, KE7HR at 602.992.8043 for information on estate donations and equipment pick-up.

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The West Valley Amateur Radio Club Ham of the Year Award was presented to Dave Porta, WA0ZVL for his volunteering and his time spent setting up the Del Webb Boswell Hospital's emergency communications. Joe Cutitta, W0SLI presented the award to Dave. Congratulations, Dave.

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We are working on procedures so that the hospitals can access the amateur radio operators in an emergency situation and also for testing once a month to see what needs to be improved upon. The hospital is looking into vetting the amateurs so they can be admitted into the facilities in an emergency.

Robert Paul KG7FIL

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WVARC West Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual Auction

When: February 1, 2016 7:00 PM till?
 Doors open at 6:00 PM for set up and registration

Where: St. Clements of Rome
 15800 N Del Webb Blvd,
 Sun City AZ 85351
 (0.6-mile south of Bell Rd on the right side of Del Webb Blvd)

Open to all hams, no admission, free parking. There will be some sandwiches, beverage and cookies available. There is also a Coke machine by the front door. Rules information available at registration desk. Cash, checks or credit card accepted.

For information, contact Ted, KB5OF at 623.910.9275.

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Silent Key



WILLIAM WEAVER AA7RM

I met Bill over 23 years ago. He was a very nice man and a friend. I now wish I had made the time to get with him before he passed. He was 2 weeks away from his 94th Birthday.

Dave Morrill

**West Valley Amateur Radio Club
Christmas Party
at Briarwood Country Club**

Everyone had a great time at the annual Christmas Party held at Briarwood Country Club. The prime rib was very good, the salmon was very good, the service was very good, and the band was very good. What more can I say? Everything was very good!



Amateur Radio Development Group

No news this month.



The Amateur Radio Development Group at Phoenix Country Day School is looking for donations for their club ham shack. If you can help, please contact one of the club officers listed on page 3. Thanks for your help.

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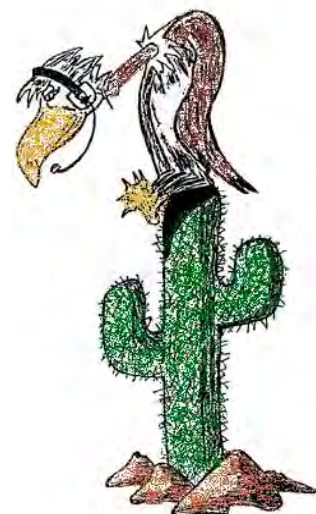


2016 SW Division Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 19 & 20, 2016



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

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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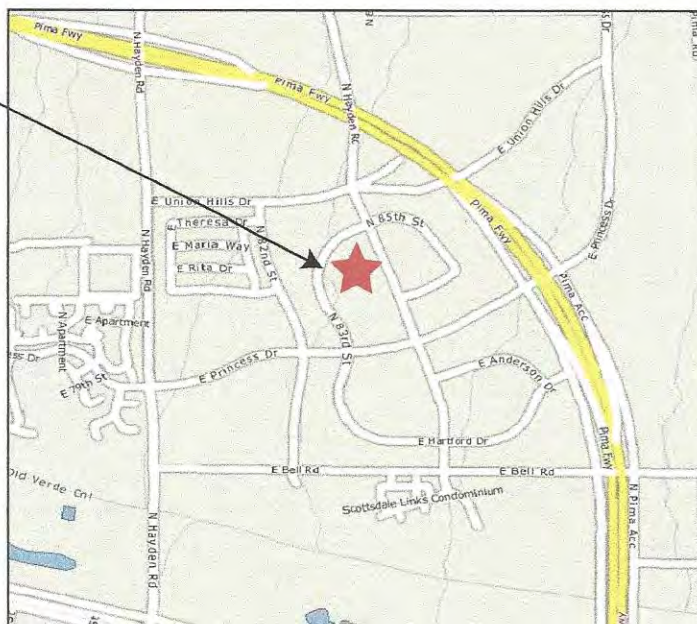
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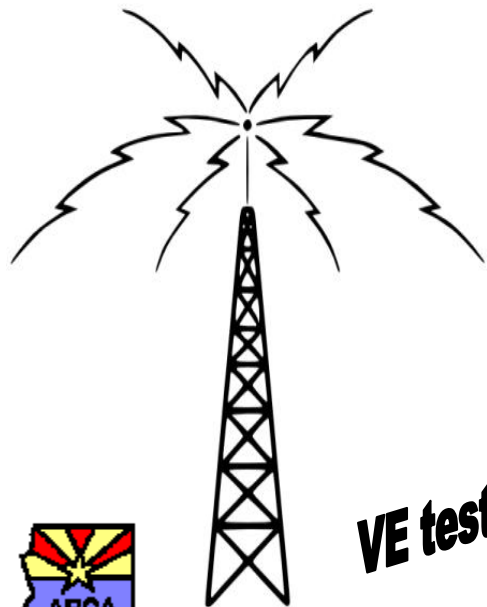
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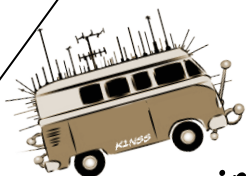
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