

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

November 2005

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The month of October has raced by, but not without some noteworthy items. Amateur Radio was invited to participate in the Statewide Emergency Drill. With the bulk of the drill in Casa Grande, the Pinal County Emergency Communications Group was a significant player in the drill. Prior to the drill, specific objectives were agreed upon by PCECG and the County Emergency manager, and all of these objectives were met. Great job Luis Martinez and Ryan Oler coordinating the efforts.

Additionally, Hurricane Wilma pounded Southern Florida. While we in Arizona were high and dry, hams across Florida provided much needed communications yet again. Although we don't have the same needs as the folks in the South, we still need to be ready to step up when the call comes.

Additionally, the Public Service "season" has arrived, and we have already supported several events, and one had record breaking attendance of 41,000 + participants in the middle of Downtown Phoenix. The Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure broke several records this year, including dollar donations and attendance. 9 Public Service Events were supported in Phoenix during the month of October. If you would like to develop your emergency communications skills, take a walk on the wild side, and join your local Emergency Communications Group on one of the public service events they support every year.

Don't forget to keep your message handling skills sharp as well; drop me a note if you are interested in working formal message traffic.

Be Safe, Be Careful, and Keep Communicating. Rick Aldom -W7STS Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC)
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CLUBS

This month we have three clubs that were approved to be Special Service Clubs (SSC). Congratulations to Green Valley ARC, Yavapai ARC and Cochise Amateur Radio Association. They join the other two SSC's Catalina Radio Club and the Carl Hayden High School ARC.

Mary Ahls W4NZJ, Arizona section Club Coordinator w4nzj@arrl.net is helping me start up a new youth program in Arizona. She is designing the T-Shirt and we are looking into sponsors for a Youth award. If you have any ideas about this, let Mary or I know.

NEW HAMS

Let's welcome these new Arizona hams to our wonderful hobby.

Christopher Wojtyna KE7EXT, Dennis Michael KE7EYV, Tabea Roeck KE7EZW, David Walder KE7EXS, George Wallace KE7EXP, Ian Quaranta KE7EXV, Michael Favier KE7EZY, Patricia Favier KE7EZZ, Barbara Finnell KE7EYU, Carmel Roeck KE7EZU, Bruce Honsik KE7EVS, Mary Wilson KE7EZX, Roman Roeck KE7EZV, Travis Gardner KE7EUL, James Stewart KE7EVN, John Otto Jr AD7GS, Sidney Reed Jr KE7EUP, Getulio Brewer KE7EUZ, John Brewer KE7EVA, Spencer Edgerton KE7EUX, Jesse Halek KE7EWF, Steven West KE7EUY, Carl Walker Jr KE7EXR, Lauren Vick KE7EXU, Michael Vitek KE7EVT, Greag Meriwether Iii KE7EXW

HAMFESTS

The Tucson Hamfest was on October 15th. There were a lot of items bought and sold. About 30 Boy and Girl Scouts operated from the RACES and CAP vans that were brought out. RST had a booth setup and helped the scouts assemble Morse code practice keys.

Cochise Amateur Radio Association Hamfest will be on November 5th starting at 7AM. For more info see their website at <http://www.qsl.net/k7rdg/>

Mesa Hamfest will be on December 3rd at Mesa Community College (Dobson Rd just north US 60), sponsored by Superstition Amateur Radio Club. Start 6AM, ARCA

Meeting 11AM. I'll be there with all my ARRL material.
See you there.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about ARRL. If your club or group has an activity or event that would be of interest to other hams throughout our section please email me with the specifics.

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