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"I TOLD YOU SO"

For all your people who did not make it to the ARRL 2004 Southwestern Convention, you missed a great event. I told you this would be the event of the year, and I was right. The Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) did an outstanding job hosting this event. Attendance was over 900, we had over 45 individual programs, the Friday night dinner, the Saturday night banquet, and the Sunday morning DX breakfast were all sold out. The resort convention center was outstanding and the only complaint was the lack of signs pointing to the convention area. This we had no control over because the resort would not allow us to put any direction signs. Dan Millers, K3UFG, emergency communications class had over 75 people and everyone went away with a better understanding on how to provide emergency communications to government and civilian agencies. We had several ARRL official to include Rod Stafford, W6ROD, International Affairs Vice President, and Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer. Rod Stafford gave a talk on what is happening in world affairs and Dave Sumner talked about the BPL issue throughout the country.



The above two- (2) pictures show the view from my room. The room was very nice and well done by the Sheraton resort. The swimming pool and sauna were a nice touch for relaxing after all the programs. Arizona will not host another event like this for at least 4 years and I don't think we will ever get the \$89.00 room rate again for this quality of resort.

The Kingman hamfest will be on September 18th at the Mohave Community College. This event will start at 0600 hrs (o-dark 30 for us military people) and will end about 1400 hrs. This is an annual event that is continuing to get larger each year. Talk-in will be on the 146.76-, PL 131.8, repeater. My present speaking schedule calls for me to be at the Lake Havasu ARC on the 16th of September just a few days prior to this hamfest.

Old Pueblo Radio Club here in Tucson will hold their annual hamfest on 16 October at the Tucson Electric Park complex. Talk-in will be on 146.88 (-) (PL 110.9). The Fall hamfest is presently scheduled for December 4th at the Mesa Community College. The Yuma ARC is planning to sponsor their first Hamfest on the 19th of February at the Yuma Arizona fair grounds. Scheduled time is 0600-1500. I will provide more details as the time gets closer.

We will soon be getting a ballot in the mail for election of a new southwester division director. Be sure to vote and send in your ballot. Art Goddard, W6XD, is stepping down. My home telephone number is 520-744-9095, and I do have an answering machine. If I happen to miss your call, please leave me your name and telephone number and I will return the call as soon as possible. If you want this article sent to you by e-mail, just drop me a note and give me an address. 73's from Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org.