

SUMMER HAMFEST

Thank you for all the emails concerning the summer hamfest Williams vs. Ft. Tuthill. Most of you emailed me saying that you would like to see the summer hamfest in Phoenix with a greater emphasis on classes than a swap meet.

Yesterday, the summer hamfest ballots were opened at the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) meeting which was at the Superstition Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. 16 clubs voted and the results were 10 votes to keep the summer hamfest in Williams, 1 vote to remain in Williams for 2008 but move to Ft. Tuthill in 2009 and 5 votes to move the hamfest to Ft. Tuthill in 2008.

Because of the number of emails that you sent me, Cliff Hauser KD6XH ARCA Chair tasked Doug Collins KE6JUK 1st Vice Chair to investigate the best possibilities concerning time, place and format of the State Convention. Lee Ilse KD7OED 2nd Vice Chair volunteered to assist Doug. The committee will provide a preliminary report at the Springfest ARCA meeting in Scottsdale and a final report at the 2008 State Convention in Williams.

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

I have been asked to introduce Cub Scouts to Amateur Radio at the Winter Day Camp in Tucson at the end of the month. We have been given four days with eight classes a day of 30 boys a session. It should be a lot of fun. If you are in Tucson and can help out on Dec 21, 22, 27 and 28th let me know. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

The Southwestern Division Convention work is moving along. We have some great speakers lined up, we are discussing a construction project or two, and we were contacted by our Arizona Diamondbacks to see if we wanted to have a ham radio night at the ballpark! Mr. Mark Sloan will be our banquet speaker, and this is a presentation you will not want to miss. If you haven't signed up for the convention, go to <http://www.azhamcom.org/Register/Register2.aspx> fill out the form, print it, fill out the check and mail it in. All the math is done for you, including the early bird discount. Do it now as seating at the banquet will be limited.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with old friends, learn something new at an informative talk, build something useful, or just come and work W1AW/7. There will be something for all skill levels and interests. Check the website regularly to see what's new: www.azhamcom.org Rick Aldom W7STS

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Each day on my commute I see more signs of Christmas and the holidays. As we wrap up this stressful month, remember to take a breather now and then. Turn on the radio and toss your call sign out into the ether and see who strikes up a conversation. Don't let stress ruin your holidays!

On the ARES front, I see we have more than 420 registered members. Registration is easy, and gives you a place to keep track of your participation in emergency operations, drills and public service events. Emergency Coordinators are given tools to marry people's skills and equipment to the needs of the deployment thus making it easier to execute comm plans. We always need more people, so if you haven't already registered, now is as good a time as any. Please go to: www.az-arrl.org/secure to register for Arizona ARES! www.az-arrl.org/secure Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Nancy Chidester KE7PCX, David Cook KE7PCY, Jonathan Hanson KE7PDX, Roseann Hanson KE7PDY, Thomas Jarman KE7PDZ, Steven Yapple KE7PEA, Randall Ortlinghaus KE7PEB, Jeffrey Scott KE7PED, Ethan Beneze KE7PEK, Dennis Cannon KE7PEL, Lynn Cannon KE7PEM, Sharon Drechsler

KE7PEO, Gregory Haben KE7PEP, Jonathan Shannon KE7PGT, David Reynolds KE7PGU, Bryce Rockrich KE7PGV, Juanita Cason KE7PGW, Harold Cason KE7PGX, Virgil Silhanek KE7PGY, Marcia Silhanek KE7PGZ, Seth Hinton KE7PHA, Cynthia Hinton KE7PHB, Robert Thompson KE7PIW, Ricky Beswick KE7PIX, Melody Allen KE7PIY, Chester Kraft KE7PIZ, Barbara Gross KE7PJA, Ryan Feremz KE7PJB, Franco Macchia KE7PJC, Warren Fernandes KE7PJD, Troy Langhey KE7PJE, Weylin Leaviti KE7PJF, Edward Yurkiewicz KE7PJG, Alex Fleshman KE7PJH, Camdon Cady KE7PJI, John Brough KE7PJN, Jared Koch KE7PJP, Victoria Westmont KE7PJR, Joseph Celauro KE7PKQ, Rolando Ferolino KE7PKU, F Elgin Ward KE7PKV, David Pufnock KE7PKW, Lei Anne Ward KE7PKX, Travis Kunz KE7PKY, Dane Farnsworth KE7PKZ, Samuel Kunz KE7PLA, Thomas Cady KE7PLB, A Stephen Farnsworth KE7PLC, Benjamin Ricks KE7PLD, Melvin Stradling KE7PLE, Linda Peterman KE7PLF, Eugene Geisler KE7PLG, Marian Wahl KE7PLH, Deblen Oke KE7PMH, Gary Kartchner KE7PMI, Carol Mauch KE7PMJ, Matthew Knatz KE7PML, Simon Dalzell KE7PMM, Leif Larsen KE7PNL, Sreekar Krishna KE7PNO, Scott Brady KE7PNP, Richard Westmont KE7PNQ

DX CARD CHECKER

Congratulations to Reinhard Geissler, DL1UF. Reinhard has been chosen as the new DX Card checker for Arizona replacing Ned Stearns AA7A. Reinhard is a member of the Central Arizona DX Association. He can be reached at DL1UF@compuserve.com

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

It rained during the superstition ARC hamfest on December 1st, but, that did not keep the hams away. It was another great hamfest, VE session and ARCA meeting.

Arizona Amateurs on Television (AATV) Annual "Pig Feast" Sunday December 9th, 2007 at 1:00 PM. 6101 W. Michelle, Glendale, Arizona. Talk in frequency 146.84 pl 162.2 contact ki7cx@qsl.net for more information.

January 12, 2008 WestFest hosted by the Thunderbird ARC will be held at the Thunderbird School of Global Management at Greenway and 59th Ave in Glendale. The first all indoor hamfest for Arizona.

<http://www.w7tbc.org>

January 20-26, 2008 Quartzfest 2008, a gathering of Amateur Radio Operators in RV's near Quartzite Arizona. For more information go to www.quartzfest.org

February 15-17, 2008 Yuma HamExpo at the Yuma County Fairgrounds www.yumahamexpo.com

September 12-14, 2008 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Mesa AZ Come check us out at www.AzHamCom.org Mesa Convention Center Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair natecf@gmail.com.

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.

73, Tom Fagan WB7NXH

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