

ARIZONA SECTION NEWS

March 2007

NEW HAM

Years ago, when I was dating my wife, Margie, she saw my ham radios and told me that her father, who passed away in 1967, was a ham. She had always wanted to get her license and find her father's callsign (Jacob Jacobson). Last November, she asked me to enroll her in the ARRL technician course. Well I did and what a great course that is. She finished last Thursday and she took the test on Saturday and passed. She has been patiently waiting for her new Technician callsign. Would you believe, it just appeared on the FCC database as KE7LHY. Hopefully, one day she will find out her father's callsign.

ARIZONA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PRESERVATION ACT HB 2595

Good news! House Bill 2595 was heard in the Arizona House Appropriations Committee last Wednesday, February 21st. This bill recognizes the Federal preemption known as PRB 1 that requires "reasonable accommodation" from Cities and Counties for Amateur Radio Antennas and structures. What makes this bill different is that it extends "reasonable accommodation" to CC&R's and HOA's. The bill passed Committee on a bipartisan 15 to 1 vote. We have won 1 Battle, but we have not yet won the War. The bill will be voted on by the House and then sent over to the Senate. In the Senate, we then go to Committee again. If we pass the Senate Committee, we then go for vote by the full Senate, then on to the Governor. Our thanks to Dan Brown, NA7DB, Mayor, City of Page, 928-614-0306, dan@kxaz.com for putting this together.

ARIZONA LICENSE PLATES

The new amateur radio plate is available. <http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/vehicle/mvdplate.asp> The fee for the new AZ ham plate if you already have the old AZ ham plate is \$5.00 remake fee and a \$2.40 for mailing and wait at least 4 weeks for delivery. Ingo WA7KUM

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

As you know our EMCOMM database is growing quickly here in Arizona. We put together the next generation of the database for the Orange Section in California headed by Section Manager Carl Gardenias WU6D. Our database received national attention when Tom's article was published in the January QST. Since that time, Jim Hoff, N7XXX has built a "demo" database without any personal information in it so that we were able to give other sections the ability to review what our EMCOMM management can see. We have received about 20 requests to review the database, and a couple sections are getting set to give it a try. Without Jim's effort on a "Demo", we'd not be able to let people see the "backend" of our site, and they wouldn't be able to leverage the work we have done to bring EMCOMM registration into the 21st century! If you haven't signed up, please go to www.az-arrl.org/secure to register. Rick Aldom W7STS.

2008 SOUTHWEST DIVISION CONVENTION

The 2008 Southwest Division Convention is tentatively scheduled for August/September 2008. At this point, the Superstition club has offered to assist in the management of the event and had offered to provide seed money, however, it probably would have put them short on funding. The ARA has graciously stepped up and offered to provide seed money. Rick is in the process of getting corporation papers drawn up so that we can open a bank account and finalize the dates.

The convention will most likely be at the Mesa Convention Center. It's an excellent site, and they are eager to work with us. RV parking will be available at a nominal cost, and we will be able to hold a flea market in the main parking lot. It's got ample space for the vendor area, and a host of meeting rooms for us to hold our seminars (Emcomm, Digital, Satellite, Public Service, DX, etc). We will have about 8 meeting rooms to facilitate seminars. There will be a mixer on Friday night, banquet on Saturday and the DX breakfast on Sunday Morning. We are also going to make a strong effort to have a plethora of prizes. If you would like to help out, please drop me a note. Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona.

SILENT KEYS

Buck Bradley, KB7RXI, passed away February 23. Buck was with the Pinal County Sheriff Dept.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!

Leonardo Penuelas KE7KHN, Matthew Conneran KE7KHM, Douglas Voltin KE7KHP, Paul Schickel KE7KMI, Wade Osterhaus KE7KLO, Steven Fahrner KE7KMJ, Camilla Van Sickle KE7KHO, James Edmunds KE7KLR, Leo Cauley KE7KLS, Emogene Randall KE7KLT, Ralph Buell KE7KQP, George Kramer KE7KMH, Bill Pennington KE7KHQ, Oliver Butler KE7KKV, Richard Saunders KE7KQK, Marc Allen KE7KQT, John Rizley KE7KQU, Robert Moody KE7KQR, James Livingstone KE7KQX, Brent Comsa KE7KQM, Laurence Johns KE7KQY, Scott Richardson KE7KQO, Sean Hinton KE7KQL, Gary Wagner KE7KQS, Grant Call KE7KQV, Rachel Despain KE7KQW, Mitchell Atkinson KE7KQN, Cory Farley KE7KQQ, Richard Schreiber KE7KRF, Dennis Mcavoy KE7KRE, Eric Johnson KE7KRG, Wren Keller KE7KRH, Arthur Paisley KE7KGN, Lawrence Bush KE7KRD, Jeremy Ramirez KE7KRJ, Shawn Degan KE7KRI, Willem Vankerk KE7KID, Delmer Hoover KE7KKW, Robert Erdmann KE7KKX, George Bellis KE7KLY

HAMFESTS

The Yuma Hamfest was great. They had some great seminars, a test session and a wonderful Banquet. We even had several special folks who showed up including Tom Abernethy W3TOM Vice Director Atlantic Division, Carl Gardenias WU6D Section Manager Orange Section and Cathy Gardenias K6VC Assistant Section Manager Orange Section. Tom was part of the International Order Of Krazies. They all get together at Dayton and Yuma. What a great group they are.

March 10, 2007 Springfest sponsored by ARCA & Scottsdale ARC.

<http://members.cox.net/sarc2007> Talk-In: 147.18 (no tone) Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S at sarc2007@cox.net Scottsdale Community College 9000 East Chaparral Road Scottsdale.

April 14, 2007 Arizona Amateur Radio Club Swapmeet. Contact Bob Hodges, K7JJT. The south parking lot of DeVry located at Dunlap and about 21st Avenue in NW Phoenix.

May 5, 2007 Cochise Amateur Radio Association hamfest in Sierra Vista, AZ

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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Tom Fagan WB7NXH, Jack Koeckes, KC7DUU, Carl Gardenias WU6D at the Yuma Hamfest