

### Pueblo High School ISS Contact

The Amateur Radio Club at Pueblo High School in Tucson, Arizona successfully contacted the International Space Station NA1SS Friday September 21st at 8:04 am. Initial contact was made by Miguel Enriquez KD7RPP teacher and organizer of the Amateur Radio club at the high school. 29 students were able to ask questions during the 10 minute pass. It was as near a perfect pass over Tucson Arizona as you could imagine. Miguel, who teaches an amateur radio class at the high school, has been able to get 5 of the students their Amateur Radio licenses. One boy has already upgraded to General and is looking to upgrade again to Extra Class. Assisting Miguel was Larry Brown W7LB ARRL Technical Coordinator Arizona. Larry is our local AMSAT expert and he did a fantastic job setting up the station and making sure it worked.

Congratulations to Miguel and the students. One student told a local news reporter 'Mr. Enriquez makes science and learning fun. I really enjoy and look forward to his classes'.

### YOUTH AND SCOUTING

Clark Green, KE7OHO and his mother, Marlee Green, KE7OHP just passed their tech license test. Clark is a 7th grader at Greenfield Jr. High and checks into a Saturday morning net on a local repeater each week. He is also active in Boy Scouts, Troop 215 in Gilbert and just finished the Radio Merit Badge. Thanks to Clark's father Bruce Green KE7FJK for this info.

Alexander Petrie KE7OPY, just received his license. Alexander is a member of the Boy Scout Varsity Team 6863 in Mesa. His grandfather Steve Petrie K7DAD said Alexander's motivation was to be the designated ham radio operator for his Varsity Scout Team during the annual On-Target program on September 15th. On-Target is where Varsity Scout Teams go to mountain tops all over Arizona and see if they can signal each other with mirrors. The objective is to get a signal from one end of the state to the other. Each team looks for a ham radio operator to help identify the sending and receiving team and verify contacts. This is a simulation of the heliographs the cavalry used in Arizona to communicate, using morse code, across the state.

October 20, 2007 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jamboree on the Air. Get on the radio and talk to a scout. Frequencies are listed at <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/> See you on the radio. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting [ke7idc@arrl.net](mailto:ke7idc@arrl.net)

### SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

Wow, this has been a really busy month, well for that matter a really busy couple months. First off, let me tell you about the 2008 Southwestern Division Convention which will be held September 12-14, 2008 in the Mesa Convention Center. After a bit of a slow start, the committee has really been working hard. Several committee members were in Torrance in September for the 2007 HamCon Convention. We went loaded with Flyers, Vendor Packages, Pins and Registration Supplies. The 2008 committee was very pleased with the number of preregistrations, and the reception the vendors gave us. Most all the vendors indicated they would attend, and we are busy getting even more. We have a terrific Keynote Speaker, Mr. Mark Sloan of Harris County where Houston is located, and he's going to present a couple programs, one being the banquet program, which will be on the efforts Houston made to accommodate the evacuees from Katrina. Seating will be limited, so register early for the convention and the banquet. Rick Aldom W7STS

### EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Additionally, TOPOFF 4 is around the corner and will be held in October. TOPOFF will be largely a table top, but in some communities EOC's are going to be manned. Use this time to check your information on the Az-ARES secure website, making sure your contact information is current. Also, it's a good time to see what machines in your area might be used in the event of an emergency and program

these frequencies into your radios. Look at your go-packs and make sure you are ready, even though most of the action will be limited to the "Top Officials" for which the exercise name is derived. Know who your county DEC is so that you won't be surprised if you get a call. Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

### SILENT KEYS

Frank McLaughlin, W7IKF, passed away the middle of September. When his health was good he was a staunch supporter of RACES, MARS, CARA and SEARS.

David Holm N7DRH passed away on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Dave was the District Emergency Coordinator for La Paz County. Dave was instrumental in organizing emergency communications in the area. He was also the system operator for several APRS digipeater sites near Quartzsite. Dave was trying to set up a new repeater to serve that part of Arizona.

Wayne Lowe N7MVP from Sun City passed away. He was a member of the WVARC and a Volunteer Examiner.

Glen Staugarrd, W7GPS, passed away on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### NEW HAMS

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

Keith Martineau AD7PN, John Dunn AD7PO, Ronnie Ruiz KE7OOE, William Moody KE7OOP, David Rose KE7OOR, Eddy Floyd KE7OOS, Jared Payne KE7OPT, Dean Boman KE7OPU, Andrea Salt KE7OPV, Russell Ward KE7OPW, Matt Sylvester KE7OPX, Alexander Petrie KE7OPY, Stephen Behr KE7OPZ, Loran Willis KE7OQA, Lisa Marineau KE7OQB, Bruce Behnfeldt KE7OQC, Kevin Todd KE7OQD, Harold Joslin KE7OQE, Darin Rinehart KE7OQF, Katy Martineau KE7OQG, Lance Gardner KE7OQH, David Belnap KE7OQI, Wendell Goring KE7OQJ, Hal Austad KE7OQK, Timothy Swanson KE7OQL, Alan Young KE7OQM, Christie Bane KE7OQS, Kelsey Black KE7OQY

### HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

October 20, 2007 OPRC Hamfest Hosted by the Old Pueblo Radio Club Tucson Electric Park, Kino Sports Park, Tucson, AZ ARCA Meeting 11:00 am

October 20, 2007 50th anniversary Jamboree on the Air. Get on the air and talk to the scouts.

<http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/>

November 3, 2007 Cochise Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. For more info go to <http://www.k7rdg.org/>

December 1, 2007 Superstition ARC at Maricopa Community College 1833 West Southern in Mesa, AZ. Talk-In: 147.12 (PL162.2) contact Ron McKee, AJ7T AJ7T@cox.net or <http://wb7tjd.org>

September 12-14, 2008 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention Mesa AZ Come check us out at [www.AzHamCom.org](http://www.AzHamCom.org) Mesa Convention Center Rick Aldom W7STS 2008 SWD Chair [natecf@gmail.com](mailto: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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