

ARIZONA PRB-1

Two months ago, House Bill 2721 on Amateur Radio; structures; accommodation passed in the House. Our sponsor Rep McLain has been absolutely fantastic. Turns out that Rep McLain's late husband was a ham. Rep McLain has tried several ways of getting our bill passed in the Senate. As was the case last year, Senator Harper and the Home Owners Association have been our biggest battle. She is working on one other idea she has to get this passed and we are waiting to see if this works.

If this gets passed, this would mean that your home owners association would have to reasonably accommodate those hams who are actively involved in emergency communications. A reasonable antenna might be a vertical, a dipole, and maybe a beam.

We have had several folks just put up antennas before getting written permission from their HOA. They have been asked to take down the antennas. Hopefully this is just temporary. Another note, if you are talking about your antenna or beam to the city or our HOA, do not use the word tower, use the phrase "antenna support structure". Non-hams view a tower as a very ugly thing (ie Cell tower).

YOUTH AND SCOUTING

We will be showing Cub Scouts all about Radio direction finding during a Cub Scouts day camp this month with the help of the Green Valley ARC. Jim Fagan KE7IDC Assistant Section Manager (ASM) Youth and Scouting ke7idc@arrl.net

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

It's May already, and it's been a busy month for Public Service and EMCOMM (and me!).

April brought us public service events in 3 counties. Some were big like the MS Bike Ride a two day event, and the Ironman a twenty hour event and others like Pat's Run were short but highly rewarding. The ARES database is showing that we have logged over 500 person hours this month around the state on public service activities! It's nice to see the participation in the hours reporting section of the ARES database. It's easy to see who's getting out and supporting the community!!

The ARES Database is humming along with more than 450 registered operators in the system. Our operator list is behind a firewall and not shared directly with any agencies so you don't have to worry about the integrity and security of your personal information and because the data is secured, you won't be receiving any spam or junk mail. www.az-arrl.org/secure Rick Aldom W7STS SEC Arizona

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008

On the Convention front, if you haven't sent in your registration or made your hotel reservations, I wouldn't wait too long. The hotel is hosting another event, and their participants will have equal access to the rooms you maybe wanting to stay in. We have more than 30 quality presentations lined up to make this an informative and fun convention. Help us out by registering early. www.azhamcom.org Rick Aldom W7STS.

SILENT KEYS

Leroy L. Galhouse W7LHF age 81 passed away in Tucson on April 8th. Leroy served in the US Air Force and was stationed in the South Pacific during WWII. He enjoyed hiking, fishing, camping and anything that involved good friends, family or his church. He also volunteered with Saint Vincent de Paul and the Boy Scouts. Leroy was an employee of Hughes/Raytheon for 50 years until retirement in 2002. He was the last of the original charter members of the Hughes Aircraft Company, Catalina Radio Club W7SA that was founded in 1956.

Jacobus "Jack" Hageman, 65, of Chino Valley, Ariz., born Feb. 26, 1943, in Netherlands, passed away April 22, 2008, in Prescott, Ariz.

Lloyd Stark, KJ7UT, passed away on Sunday, 4/13/8 after a long illness. Lloyd was a member of the London Bridge Amateur Radio Association.

Bob Gilbertson - K6BBB SK. Bob was the President of London Bridge Amateur Radio Club and the ARES EC for Lake Havasu City, AZ. Bob suddenly passed away after falling to an illness while traveling in the Caribbean.

NEW HAMS

The following Arizona hams just received their FCC license, Congratulations!
Andrew Moccaldi KE7SWH, Tom Morefield KE7SVJ, Paul Vickers KE7SWK, Ronald Walker KE7SVE, Ronald Johnson KE7SEZ, John Dunphy KE7SBL, Richard Slater KE7SVG, Michael Dougherty KE7SBM, Brandon Weeks KE7SWI, Sergey Andreyev KE7SWJ, Mark Garrison KE7SHT, Ronald Zeppin KE7SVH, Christopher Novick KE7SHV, David Grande KE7SBN, Juan De La Torre KE7SHR, John Martin KE7SHW, Gordon Ray KE7SVK, Frank Bria KE7SVI, Dominic Garrison KE7SHU, Michael Garrison KE7SHS, John Roberts KE7SEY, Angela Rodriguez KE7SBK, Robert Call KE7SBQ, George Barnes AD7SU, Anthony Bianco KE7SGC, Jordan Juhlin KE7SBP, Anthony Lintow KE7SGE, Donald Smith KE7SGB, Richard Ferguson KE7SGD, Stanley Ross KE7SGF, Andres Virgen Rivera KE7SHQ, Donald Caverly KE7SCP, William Peoples KE7SBO, David Wile KE7SWL, Paul Hoyt KE7SPU, James Miller KE7SPT, Timothy Kieffer KE7SNI, Richard Chentfant KE7SCQ.

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS/SPECIAL MEETINGS

May 3, 2008, CARA Hamfest, hosted by the Cochise Amateur Radio Association, Club Site, Moson Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ ARCA Meeting - 11:00 AM <http://www.k7rdg.org>

May 31, 2008 Prescott Hamfest Hosted by the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club Granite Mountain Middle School, 1800 Williamson Valley Rd, Prescott, AZ www.w7yrc.org

June 7, 2008 Kachina Amateur Radio Club Hamfest Hosted by the Kachina Amateur Radio Club Show Low Intermediate School, 500 N Old Linden Rd, Show Low, AZ Contact: Richard Gurk, KE7EDP ke7edp@cableone.net

July 18-20, 2008 ARCA/Williams Hamfest hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Rd, Williams, AZ www.arca-az.org

September 6, 2008 Mohave Professional Amateur Radio Group will be having its 1st Annual Hamfest in Kingman Arizona. They are working on finalizing the site location which should be secured by the end of March. They will be providing Free Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Soda and Water to all who attend.

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 K7DF

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