



Arizona Section Newsletter January 2019



Arizona Section Manager, Rick Paquette W7RAP

Superstition Hamfest-

We began December with one of our favorite get-togethers and a really great Swap meet to boot. Again, the Superstition Hamfest proved to be one of Arizona's best examples of a well-run and enjoyable event, Record crowds and a full slate of activities, along with great food and entertainment made this year's event one of the very best. We were excited to have Ham Radio celebrities Gordon West (WB6NOA) and Fred Lloyd (AA7BQ, Founder of QRZ.COM) participate.

Congratulations to the Superstition club for their hard work and excellent coordination to achieve such success.



QRZ Celebration-

2018 marked the 25th year for the successful growth of Fred Lloyd's (AA7BQ) QRZ database and Website activity, Celebrations were held at the Superstition Hamfest, and on 5 December at QRZ Headquarters in Scottsdale, where two video webcasts were held. The first was to review the History of QRZ's success and astonishing growth, followed by the award of a great slate of prizes to all of us that participated in Fred's success. The prizes included the latest in hardware and tools, capped-off with a new ICOM 7610 Transceiver, as well as a new Yaesu FT-DX 101D Radio. A list of all the prize winners can be found at: <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?forums/the-qrz-25th-anniversary-trivia-sweepstakes-prizes.116/>.

Later that evening, Bob Heil's weekly "HamNation" Podcast featured Fred and longtime friend Gordon West ("Gordo" WB6NOA) reviewing QRZ's astonishing history and all the effort and creativity that have made the website into one of the world's biggest and best resources for Amateur Radio,

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ARCA Evolution-

At the December 1st meeting of the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA), we discussed the need to consider the re-structure of support of Amateur Radio clubs here in Arizona.

With the recent changes in ARCA's responsibilities and activity, coupled with their experience with coordinating and supporting clubs across Arizona, we have the opportunity to increase the participation of clubs, as well as better coordinate events and promote activities across the state.

We are working on ways to urge 100-percent club participation and also to explain the benefits and needs that the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona can provide. We have begun including this discussion at club meetings across the state.

ARRL-AZ Section Manager Election-

The campaign for ARRL Arizona Section Manager is underway. There are two nominees who are running for the office, current SM, Rick Paquette (W7RAP), and the Arizona ARRL Public Information Coordinator, Virgil Silhanek (K7VZ). Ballots will be mailed to all Arizona ARRL members in early January, along with a description of each candidate's qualifications and background data. Ballots must be returned to ARRL before February 20th. The two-year term for the next Section Manager will begin on April 1st .

Distracted Driving Ordinance-

Early in 2019, we will be working with State Legislators to re-introduce a bill that acknowledges the need to exempt "Federally Licensed Government Operators" from any Distracted Driving Ordinances statewide. This verbiage is the most effective in protecting the rights of those of us who rely on mobile communications to conduct our activities, exclusive of cell phone and texting concerns which are so much an issue lately. The Statewide legislation would preclude Municipalities from enacting specific measures that prohibit mobile Amateur Radio use.

2018 A Good Year For ARRL-AZ-

2018 was an exciting and productive year here in Arizona, with activities and adventures all across the state. We continue to grow at an accelerated rate, and are seeing positive results of recent campaigns that improve our privileges and add protections to our use of equipment and activities. We have been successful in all of our challenges to reverse Distracted Driving laws, and also achieve recognition for our services to the State, County, Municipal, and Federal Government levels.

Many of our members have received awards and accolades for their devotion to public service, and this helps us justify our role in Emergency Support and Training, as well as being promoters and supporters of Civic events. We are demonstrating all across the state that Amateur Radio is so much more than just a "Hobby".

Next year we will continue to focus on growth among members and clubs, as well as improving communication among ourselves and the Public and the media about who we are, and how we help our community. We plan to re-introduce a statewide "Distracted Driving"

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initiative, and see it to approval and enactment. Likewise, we will work hard to support a Viable antenna usage law, that recognizes our need as Emergency and Civic support agencies to operate and communicate effectively despite efforts by legislators and HOA action committees to suppress our activities.

We wish every Amateur Operator here in Arizona the VERY BEST for 2019.

Upcoming Events:

Thunderbird Hamfest-

January 12th starts the New Year Hamfest schedule off with the Thunderbird Hamfest, always a great event. Remember this year they have moved their location to 59th and Cactus Ave, and promise to have a full slate of activities. Go to www.arca-az.org/main/calendar.html to get all the details.

Quartzfest Specialty Convention-

The entire week of 20 January will be the latest gathering of over a thousand Hams out in Quartzsite AZ. Log on to the website to see all the Activities, Presentations and events that begin each day at Sunrise, and extend well into each night. Go to <http://quartzfest.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/quartzfest/> and investigate all the action and fun.

ARRL Southwestern Division Convention –

The biggest event for Hams here in Arizona has got to be the Southwestern Division Convention and Hamfest . This year on 15 and 16 February, thousands of Hams will gather to a slate of Presentations, Vendors and a huge Swap meet, in addition to many special events such as the Arizona Near-Space Research Stratospheric Balloon launch, and a Get-On-The Air (GOTA) Special Event station. Lots of activities fill both days and this is a Must Do event. Visit <http://www.yumahamfest.org/> to get all the details.

Section Emergency Coordinator, Dennis Bietry KE7EJF

Happy New Year! I know that some of you received new radios for Christmas as I have heard some of them on the air. I've also heard conversations about how hard some of those new radios are to program so you have bought programming cables to program them. But, what happens if you are on a public service event or an emergency operation and you push a button and get your radio in one of those weird modes where it won't do anything and you have to do a master reset? You won't always have your computer and programming cable handy to reprogram your radio.

Take time this month and at least once a quarter to manually program a few frequencies in all of your radios. That way those programming skills will be fresh in your mind so you can quickly get back on the air when things go wrong.

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Upcoming Hamfests and Events

Search for ARRL sanctioned hamfests:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

See upcoming hamfest fliers attached at bottom of this newsletter.

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1/12 – Thunderbird Hamfest - <http://www.w7tbc.org>

1/20 to 1/26 – QuartzFest - <http://www.quartzfest.org>

2/15 to 2/16 – Yuma Hamfest (Southwest Division Convention)

<http://www.yumahamfest.org>

Amateur Radio Classes

Find upcoming classes: <http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-class>

Amateur Radio Testing

Search for upcoming Amateur Radio exams: http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/search

New Hams and License Upgrades (December 2018)

Please welcome the 53 new hams who recently earned their Amateur Radio license.

Alexander Victorio, KJ7CYG	Phoenix	Michael L Horvath, KJ7CWM	Sun City
Jimmie R Coonts, KJ7CWP	Phoenix	Edward C Faulk, KJ7CSM	Goodyear
Robert J Baraga, KJ7CSY	Phoenix	Lucas A Jansma, KJ7CMN	Hereford
James B Alexander, KJ7CRK	Phoenix	Kayla M Jansma, KJ7CMO	Hereford
Todd G Hoffmaster, KJ7CRJ	Phoenix	Alex W Boerner, KJ7CPZ	Sahuarita
Frederic A Dunham, KJ7CZM	Phoenix	Casey Waldron, KJ7CSO	Saint David
Gary W Bond, KJ7CWO	Phoenix	Devin R Otto, KJ7CRD	Sierra Vista,
Arturo A Enriquez, KJ7CWN	Phoenix	Joe L Martinez, KJ7CRH	Sierra Vista
Steven Mathias, AG7RI	Apache Junction	Paul Kadlec, AG7RD	Vail
Luis R Molinar, KJ7CZF	Queen Creek	Van W Hartline, KJ7CWD	Tucson
Tanner W Carpenter, KJ7CYW	Valley Farms	Robert R Kuhn, KJ7CQE	Tucson
John Merck, KJ7CYX	Mesa	Richard L Hounshell, KJ7CQA	Tucson
Parker R Allen, KJ7CYF	Mesa	Arnold D Evans, AG7RE	Tucson
Mike Kaminsky, KJ7CTB	Mesa	Thomas C Wheeler, KJ7CRF	Tucson
Andre E Samuels, KJ7CMQ	Mesa	Alexander A Berian, KJ7CQF	Tucson
Robert C Floring, KJ7CYV	Gilbert	Wen Jeng, KJ7CQB	Tucson
Michael A Cantrell, KJ7CTA	Scottsdale	Eckhart A Spalding, KJ7CQC	Tucson
Jeffery L Nicholson, KJ7CWL	Scottsdale	Andrew T Woodings, KJ7CQD	Tucson
Matthew A Rogers, KJ7CZD	Tempe	Stephanie D Tsang, KJ7CPY	Tucson

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Wayne I Schlueter, KJ7CMR	Chandler	Jeffery D Barker, KJ7CPX	Tucson
Dakota W Pottle, KJ7CNV	Glendale	Nikita Lang, KJ7COD	Tucson
Jorge R Mejia, KJ7CYU	Buckeye	Devone A Cameron, KJ7CSZ	Snowflake
Roy Brotherhood, KJ7CWQ	Cave Creek	Flint C Hales, KJ7CQG	Snowflake
Esteban Poole, KJ7CUO	Quartzsite	Randolph H Dossett, KJ7COB	Kingman
David Poole, KJ7CUN	Quartzsite	Roderic K Pace, KJ7CZE	Kingman
Tony G Beal, KJ7CWR	Wittmann		
Kayla M Jansma, KJ7CMO	Hereford		
Alex W Boerner, KJ7CPZ	Sahuarita		
Casey Waldron, KJ7CSO	Saint David		

Congratulations to the 29 hams who recently upgraded their license.

Alvin C Pan, KI7SSV	Phoenix	GENERAL
Vincent I Degon, KI7PT	Arizona City	GENERAL
Michael A Lozano, KI7WIB	Queen Creek	GENERAL
Richard T Carpenter, KB7OCG	Valley Farms	EXTRA
Jesse J Thomas, N6RSJ	Mesa	GENERAL
Richard D Sabin, KJ7AJW	Mesa	GENERAL
David R Smith, KJ7BMU	Chandler	GENERAL
Gary K Laatsch, KI7PBR	Chandler	EXTRA
Rodney L Buelteman, WB7PHK	Scottsdale	GENERAL
John K Stevenson, KJ7BSG	Tempe	EXTRA
Brett J Fiedler, KJ7AUN	Gilbert	EXTRA
Patrog Azadfekr, KJ7BRL	Glendale	GENERAL
Edward J LaRussa, KI7RSR	Corona DeTucson	GEN
George L Degon, KI7PTY	Tucson	GENERAL
Gerald L Anderson L, KE0IDN	Concho	GENERAL
Willard S Laird, KI7CDT	Lake Havasu City	EXTRA

Arizona Test Sessions

Phoenix area:

1st Saturday 9:00AM - DeVry/West Valley Club (Walk-ins allowed) Contact David, N7TWT (623)925-0680 Email: N7TWT@ARRL.NET Location: DEVRY UNIVERSITY 2149 W DUNLAP AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85021

2nd Wednesday 6:30PM - Central Phoenix VE Team Location: South Mountain Community College (Library) (No walk-ins) Contact: Bill Martin (480) 205-3625 (480) 205-3625 Limited space, you must contact Bill. Email: ai0d@hotmail.com

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3rd Monday 6:00PM - EAST VALLEY VE TEAM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact Steve, KY7W 480-478-9692. 1104 East Campus Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282-3913. Email: KJ7WK@COX.NET East Mesa VE Team will take walk-in registrants between 6 PM and 6:30 PM. Testing will begin promptly at 6:30 for the Technician examination. You must have Photo ID. \$15.00 Fee (exact change Please.)

3rd Tuesday 8:00PM - BOY SCOUT TROOP 127 (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: JOHN H KELLY (602)264-6854 Email: KELLYJ127@AOL.COM Location: ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL, 4715 N CENTRAL AVE PHOENIX, AZ 85012

4th Saturday 7:00PM - Arizona Amateur Radio Club (No walk-ins) PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED NOTIFY GARY BY THURS NITE Contact Gary Hamman, K7GH (602) 996-8148 Email: K7GH@ARRL.NET Location: 4747 N. 22nd Street, on the eastside of 22nd Street and just north of Highland Ave. in Phoenix. (No walk-ins)

Tucson Area:

1st Thursday - Lighthouse YMCA/ARRL. Contact Matt, AC7IL, veregistration@ac7il.org

1st Saturday - Oro Valley/ARRL. Contact David, AK2L, ak2l@arrl.net

2nd Monday - RST/ Laurel (No Fee): Contact Diane, AA3OF, dzimmerman2002@gmail.com

3rd Saturday - Jacobs Park YMCA/ARRL: Contact Fred, K7OFA, k7ofa@arrl.net

Graham / Greenlee County Area:

For VE testing on request, please contact Dave, N7AM, and he will arrange it.

Yuma Area:

2nd Saturday - By appointment only. Contact Sam Yarbrough W7SLY

W7SLY@roadrunner.com or Robert Spencer KE8DM at ke8dm@arrl.org

Arizona Nets

Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net (ATEN) meets in the winter from October 15 to April 15 at 5:30 PM and in the summer from April 15 to October 15 at 7:00PM on 3986 kHz daily.

Tommy Ivan KF7GC Net Manager, Arizona Section Traffic Manager kf7gc@arrl.net
www.atenaz.net

Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa (AEN-MAR) meets every Monday at 9:00 PM local time, for training and exercise in the public service communication arts on the Mt. Ord 146.92(-), Shaw Butte 147.24(+) or Scottsdale Airpark 146.760(-) repeaters. The repeaters require a 162.2 Hz tone. The repeaters are linked and cover most of Maricopa County and portions of Pinal, Gila, Coconino and Yavapai Counties in central Arizona.
<http://www.aen-mar.org>

Saguaro National Traffic System (NTS) Net (www.saguaronts.net), meets daily at 6:30 pm MST (0130Z) on the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society (E.A.A.R.S.) (<http://www.eaars.org/>) repeaters. The repeaters are; 146.86 and (440.700 Hub) Heliograph Peak 147.28 Guthrie Peak - Greenlee County 145.21 Jacks Peak New Mexico. Between Lordsburg & Silver City 145.41 Pinal Peak Near Globe AZ 147.16 Mt Lemmon Near Tucson

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146.70 Greens Peak Near Springerville - Showlow 145.27 South Mtn. Near Alpine, AZ 147.08 Mule Mtn. Near Bisbee in Cochise County 147.06 Lil Florida Mtn. Near Deming, New Mexico 145.47 Caballo Mtn. Near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico 145.35 West Peak. West of Heliograph 12 miles All E.A.A.R.S. network repeaters operate with PL tone 141.3. For more information about this net, contact Greg Peters (kc5zgg@arrl.net)

AM 2 meter net Greater Phoenix Metropolitan area, 2 meter AM net, 144.450 MHz, every Tuesday night at 1930 MST. Antenna vertical polarization. The 144.450 MHz is a coordinated AM frequency in Arizona. This is an informal NET, most discussions are technical. All are welcome.

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