Fall is right around the corner and Amateur Radio activities appear everywhere on the calendar. Our ARRL-AZ ARRL team is visiting the Duke City ARRL Division Convention next week to help train their DXCC checkers, and to make presentations. We also will be meeting with their convention committee to get advice on how they manage their very successful event each year, as we continue to learn how to expand our Conventions and Hamfests here in Arizona.

**Working Committee for the ARRL Arizona Amateur Radio Emergency Services Convention**

In response to the recent visitation to the Coconino EOC by Governor Doug Ducey as well as other excellent media coverage of their successes in emergency events recently, the opportunity presents itself that a venue exists for an ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Services Convention. The event would showcase activities, hardware, and capabilities being used and shared here in Arizona. In conjunction with the event, we have the opportunity to conduct a Hamfest there that would re-create the summertime fun and activities we shared so many times at Ft. Tuthill. ARRL Section Managers, and club leaders have investigated this possibility for the past two years. Late in August 2019, we held a meeting with leaders of the Coconino ARC and the Northern Arizona DX Assn and discussed alternatives and venues that might be pursued. Trips were made to locations and talks held with the Activities Management of Ft. Tuthill in Flagstaff and a tour of the facilities has been made. The location has been beautifully renovated and most all of the facilities are in excellent shape to accommodate us. We will continue to develop the concept and have as a goal, to formalize the opportunity as a State Convention, or perhaps a Division Convention during July or August of 2020. Teams are being formed and budget goals established and monthly meetings are in progress. If you are interested, please contact ARRL-AZ and share your ideas and willingness to help.

**YUMA 2020 Hamfest and Southwestern Division Convention News**

The Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization committee, led by Jeff Weeks (W7JLW) had been working for some time to have the date of the Yuma Hamfest / Southwestern Division Convention changed to one week later, to avoid conflicts with the ARRL Worldwide CW Contest as well as the Orlando Hamfest, which draws a large number of vendors and Hams. Unfortunately, the Yuma Fairgrounds Committee could not accommodate all the changes and the YARHO has decided to revert to the original schedule of 14 and 15 February, for the 2020 Convention.

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Jeff and his team have been very successful in conducting the event, and we plan on even better activities and another special weekend to all who come.

**Arizona QSO Party Coming:**
The weekend of October 12/13 will again present the Arizona QSO Party for all to participate. The QSO Party Committee, led by Bill Smith is offering 36 different Awards in a variety of categories. This is an exciting event where you get to compete against your own AZ friends, and get to know many more. Each year this event becomes more popular. Across America and around the world, we have become a popular go-to state for contacts. Go to [https://www.azqsoparty.org/](https://www.azqsoparty.org/) And download the rules, categories, and schedule.

**Section Emergency Coordinator, Dennis Bietry KE7EJF**
September is National Preparedness Month. Now is the time to review your family’s preparedness. A great place to get information is the preparedness campaign at www.azein.gov They will have weekly subjects; Plan, Prepare – Build A Kit, Inquire – Be Informed and Inspire Others. Another place for information is www.ready.gov. Use these sources and make sure your families are prepared. If they aren’t taken care of, you can’t be a good communicator worrying about your family.
As I write this, many people on the East Coast are being required to test their preparedness as Hurricane Dorian bears down on them. Think of this while reviewing your own preparedness.
Dennis Bietry – KE7EJF/Section Emergency Coordinator / ke7ejf@arrl.net

**Youth and Scouting, Tom Fagan K7DF**
No Report

**Affiliated Club Coordinator, Mike Boger W7IJ**
An application has been approved for the newly-formed Chandler Ham Radio Club, with Gary Laatsch (K17PBR) as president and 24 members. If you are interested contact the club at President@chandlerhams.org. This is our fourth new club this year, and we continue to grow to accommodate our expanding Amateur population.

**Technical Coordinator, Carl Foster KB7AZ**
We have been working a number of issues with Hams in Arizona on a rash of RFI-related incidents. This brings up the need to review the resources available to all of us when we face the issue of Radio Frequency Interference:

Mike Gruber’s (W1MG) more recent book (2015.) Mike works with Ed Hare at the ARRL [https://www.amazon.com/ARRL-RFI-Book-Softcover/dp/0872590917/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=arrl+rfi+book&qid=1565883484&s=books&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/ARRL-RFI-Book-Softcover/dp/0872590917/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=arrl+rfi+book&qid=1565883484&s=books&sr=1-1)

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Also Mike’s article on with mode power supplies, which have an an increasing EMI problem for many years. Worth checking out this potential source.  

The late Marv Loftness’s (KB7KK) book is focused entirely on power line interference, and is often used by power company RF investigators. At one time, SRP had an RF investigator on staff.  

Thanks to Daryl Gerke, K0FBF a PE with Kimmel Gerke Associates, Ltd. (Consulting Engineers)  www.emiguru.com

New Hams and License Upgrades For September
It was another Banner month for New and Upgrading Amateurs here in Arizona.  
67 New Hams AGAIN THIS MONTH!
Particular congratulations go to all the VE Teams and Instructor Teams that keep us at the top of the list in Amateur Growth. Keep it up!!!! You are doing GREAT !!!

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Congratulations also, to the 16 hams who recently upgraded their license.

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KJ7IDJ  George  Chase  Phoenix  G  
KE6MHP  Erwin  Acalinas  Mesa  G  
KA6YHO  James  Williams  Scottsdale  G  
KF7MMZ  Paul  Zerr  Gilbert  G  
KJ7FSY  Myron  Tomlinson  Buckeye  G  
KJ7HXE  Chester  Chatfield  Peoria  G  
KI7HCK  Larry  Hill  Yuma  G  
KJ7HZF  Kenneth  Smith  Peoria  G  
KD7LMY  Luis  Rivera  Safford  E  
KG7VLJ  John  Mcgee  Green Valley  G  
KJ7HCP  Jeanne  Crane  Rio Rico  G  
KJ7ERN  Craig  Walsh  Tucson  G  
KG7GNN  Mark  Maley  Tucson  E  
KJ7HJZ  Andrew  Lee  Clarkdale  G  

Upcoming Hamfests and Events

HAM SWAPFEST  October 5th 9:00-12:00 Rumsey Park Ramada #4
The TARA 2019 Swapfest will be held Saturday, October 5th at Ramada #4, Rumsey Park, Payson. It will start at 09:00 and run till 12:00. We have reserved the Ramada until 5:00 so join us for a potluck/BBQ following the Swapfest, (bring your own meat and something to share). There will be a hot grill to cook on and condiments provided. To help cover expenses we are charging $5 for tailgaters or $5 per table for vendors. There is no entrance fee. This is a place to buy, sell, and swap amateur radio, electronic and computer equipment. Hams and non-hams alike are welcome. To pre-register or for additional information call or e-mail: Bruce Johnson, N7DDT 928-474-4154 stretch8@q.com

Check the Arizona QSO Party website www.azqsoparty.org for up-to-date information on awards, activated counties, multiplier abbreviations, resources, logs received, results and more. Plaques will be presented to all category winners. The Arizona Prickly Pear Cactus Jelly awards will be presented to the top New Contesters. entrants. The Bonus Station this year is W7A. Results will be published shortly after the logs due date of October 23. Join the party, make some contacts, and have ham radio fun in the AZQP!

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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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: De Vry 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: aii0d@hotmail.com
- 2nd Tuesday of each month- East Valley VE Team  6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed) VEC: ARRL/VEC Location: Charles K. Luster Building (Formally known as City of Mesa Utilities) 640 N Mesa Dr  Mesa AZ 85201-5104 Contact: Fred C. Bollinger (480) 242-8606 Email: freds@bollinger.com
- 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 Location: 4747 N. 22nd Street, on the eastside of 22nd Street and just north of Highland Ave. in Phoenix. Notify Gary By Thurs Nite, Contact Gary Hamman, K7GH (602) 996-8148 Email: K7GH@ARRL.NET
  - 3rd Wednesday 6:00 PM - The Thunderbird ARC offers tests at no charge to the public Location: Honor Health Medical Office Bldg. 19841 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix, Contact: Briam Mc Carthy 623 486-0507 ve@w7tbc.org.

Tucson Area:
- 1st Thursday - Lighthouse YMCA/ARRL. Contact Matt, AC7IL, vereregistration@ac7il.org
- 1st Saturday - Oro Valley/ARRL. Contact Quinton, NU7Y, nu7y@arrl.net
- 2nd Monday - RST/ Laurel (No Fee): Contact Diane, AA3OF, dzimmerman2002@gmail.com

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

Arizona Nets

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**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 following six linked repeaters. Shaw Butte 147.24 (plus offset), Mount Ord 146.92 (minus offset), Scottsdale Airpark 146.76 (minus offset), Usery Pass 146.86 (minus offset), Mingus Mountain 146.82 (minus offset), and Daisy Mountain 448.375 (minus offset). All of the 2-meter repeaters require a 162.2Hz tone and the 70-centimeter repeater requires a 100.0Hz 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.saguaroncts.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 146.70 Greens Peak Near Springerville - Showlow 145.27 South Mtn. Near Alpine, AZ 147.08 Mule Mt. Near Bisbee in Cochise County 147.06 Lil Florida Mtn. Near Deming, New Mexico 145.47 Caballo Mt. 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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TUCSON AUTUMN HAMFEST
Saturday September 28th
7AM - 11 AM
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING
FREE Testing by The Laurel VEC 9 to 11 AM

TARGET
9615 E. Old Spanish Trail
Tucson, AZ
**NORTH PARKING LOT**

Talk-in Repeater
Frequency: 145.250 MHz,
Tone 156.7 Hz

Free VE Onsite Testing
Morning Meal
Hot Breakfast
And Morning Snacks.

SELLER SETUP STARTS AT 6:00 AM.
All Vendor/Seller Spaces $10/space.

RAFFLE!
Tickets: $2 each, 3 for $5, 7 for $10
Need not be present to win!

Prizes:
ICOM IC-7100, CIS CS800D Dual Band Mobile.
Multiple TARGET gift certificates, ARRL Gift Certificates.

Map and information: http://www.k7rst.org

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COPAFEST 2019
OCTOBER 26, 2019
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THE ULTRASTAR AT AK-CHIN CIRCLE
16000 N Maricopa Road, Maricopa, AZ
07:00—13:00
Donation $5 per person
Talk-in 449.125 - 136.5
145.110 - 102.2
446.300 - 100.0

Door Prizes
Grand prize drawing
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Tailgate

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“HARKFEST” Tailgate Hamfest
Nov. 2, 2019 (Saturday)
8 A.M. – Noon

Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub (HARK)
North Ranch Escapes RV Park, 30625 S. Hwy 89, Congress, AZ 85332
(GPS: 34 06.292, 112 49.880), Mile Marker 263.8

Talk in on 146.580 (simplex) or on 146.620 repeater (pl. 162.2).

- ARRL Card Checking
- Free Admission
- Free Tailgating & Vendor Sites
  Must pre-register via email to: bridges.slt@gmail.com
- Overnight Full RV hook-up or dry camping
  North Ranch Escapes (northranch@escapees.com)
- Free Ham Radio License Testing via LARC VE Testing
  Must pre-register via email to: cecarter39@yahoo.com

Plus... at North Ranch Activity Center:
- Arts & Crafts Show (9 A.M. – 2 P.M.)
- Hot Lunch Available

HARKFEST MAIN PRIZES & LOTS OF DOOR PRIZES:
- Grand Prize – Yaesu FT-1000DR
- Second Prize – Handheld 2m/440 Radio
- Third Prize – Battery (donated by Bioenno Power)
  Drawing at Noon for Grand, Second & Third Prizes
  Door Prizes drawn throughout the morning
  Tickets: $1 each, 6 for $5, 15 for $10

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Questions? Please send email to Duane Grooms, KD0KYK, at djgrooms@yahoo.com

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An ARRL Sanctioned Event
Presented by the
Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club

November 9, 2019
Marana Middle School
11285 West Grier Road
Marana Arizona 85653

Gates open at 7:00 AM (5:00am for
sellers) and close at 1:00 PM

Admission: $5.00 includes a bottle of water
(Children under 12 free with a paid adult)

Students free with any Arizona school I

Sellers: $10 per space (includes the seller)

Contact hamfest@tucsonhamradio.org for
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GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

- First Prize: Yaesu FT-991A All-Band, Multimode
- Second Prize: Icom IC-7300 HF:50MHz Transceiver
- Third Prize: Yaesu FT-891 HF All Mode Mobile Transceiver.

**Grand Prize Tickets**

- Tickets $2.00 each
- Presale Tickets Online @ https://www.superstitionsuperfest.org/sf_tickets.shtml  
  **Need not be present to win**

**HOURLY PRIZE RAFFLE**

- Tickets $1.00 each
- Available on the day of the event only. **Must be present to win**

**Door Prize Drawing**

- Prize: Yaesu FT-70DR C4FM FDMA / FM 144/430 MHz Dual Band Handheld
- You will receive One Door Prize ticket with each paid admission.
- The drawing for this prize will take place after the Grand Prize Drawing.
- **You Must Be Present To Win**

**ACTIVITIES**

- VE Testing - $15.00 Fee, Registration 8:00 - 9:00, Testing Starts @ 9:00AM
  - Participants Must Pre-Register for testing at the times listed
  - Bring The Appropriate Information With You For Testing. Information May Be Found On The ARRL Web Site @ http://www.arrl.org/what-to-bring-to-an-exam-session
  - For Additional Information or Questions Contact Fred Bollinger, AB7JF @ 480-242-8606
  - VE Testing Sponsored By: MCC Amateur Radio Club and will take place in Building TC-50 - classroom 415
  - ARRL Card Checking Available
  - Special Events Station - K7A Commemorating The USS Arizona
  - Gota Station - Make Contacts Around The World With An Experienced Extra Class Operator
  - Fox Hunt, Food Vendor and Drinks Available
  - Live sixties and seventies music by John J. - KDB8PC
  - The ARCA meeting will be held in building TC-50 and classroom 415 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

**Tailgaters/Commercial Vendors**

- Tailgate - $10.00 includes 2 spaces and 2 paid admissions, set up time 6:00 am Saturday morning
- Commercial Vendors, Please contact our Committee Chairman at: chairman@superstitionsuperfest.org for more information on setting up.

**Admission**

- $5.00 per person, one door prize ticket with each paid admission. Children 12 and under are free

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College Scholarships, Youth Programs & Emergency Communications

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