

SHORT SKIP de KE7FA

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Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Let's have a big turnout for the SEPTEMBER 17th (Tuesday) meeting of the Sun City Amateur Radio Club at the FAIRWAY REC CENTER. The gathering starts at 7 PM with an opportunity to compare notes with your fellow hams on your summer activities. The business meeting starts promptly at 7:30. Our speaker will be Roy Hejhall, K7QWR, of Motorola, who is an ARRL Technical Advisor. He will bring us up to date on what is new in solid state RF. If you can bring along some of your ham neighbors who don't drive at night, they will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With sorrow we report that a number of our members have become Silent Keys since our last issue: Harold Jonte KB7ZQ, Harry Ross WA7ZBE, Earl Richards WB7DGV, Steve Salay W7JDY, and Herwart "Herb" Werker WA7YCG. Also, Bob Zopfi's wife, Margaret, passed away last month. The members extend their sympathies to the families.

Mark SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th on your calendar, for the RADCOM Amateur Radio and Electronics Flea Market and Swapfest, from 7 AM to 3 PM, at the El Zaribah Shrine Temple, 15th Ave and Washington Street. Flea Market spaces, \$2 Donation. Talk-in 147.88/28, 146.22/82, 444.250/449.250.

Those of you who have arranged to take upgrade exams on October 12, please note that the exams will be held at DeVry Institute, 2149 W. Dunlap, as in the past, and not at the El Zaribah Shrine Temple as originally planned.

The Pacific Division Convention (1985) will be held at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas on October 31 through November 3. Your \$15 registration fee covers admission to exhibits, flea market, forums, cocktail party, and various prize drawings. The Saturday Night banquet (Cornish hen) is \$15. Rooms are \$44.86 per night, single or double occupancy. For further details and registration forms, contact your secretary (972-8733).

Having problems with power line interference? Call APS representative Ron Dunham at 371-7213. (This information courtesy Dick WA1HXA.)

FREEBIE! If you can use any 5/8" 75-ohm hard-line coax (lengths 50 to 150 feet), call Mit K9CCX (974-5618).

Everyone appeared to be having a good time aboard the Queen Mary, at the Southwestern Division Convention in Long Beach last month. We saw Paul W7KBE, Van KBØPK, Chuck K9IHV, Floyd K7BN, Sam W7JHQ and Jim KD7BD and Jean KD7CH; also said Hi to Jack N7GNZ of SCW.

Jean KD7CH is recuperating from a serious operation. Our thoughts and good wishes are with you, Jean.

The club's genial ex-treasurer Walter Dack upgraded to General at the Dayton Convention. He is keeping his old call, KA7OGN.

Paul Roach, K2KFL, our Summer 2-Meter Net Coordinator, reports that we have had an average 16 to 22 check-ins, which has certainly been an outstanding attendance for these hot summer months. We ought to do even better with the return of the snowbirds. Remember the time and place: Wednesday at 7 PM (local time) on 147.57 (simplex). All area hams are

welcome in the Sun Cities 2-Meter Net. Hear the latest from the Westlinks tapes, the ARRL Letter, and the W5YI Report, and chip in with your comments.

The 20-Meter Vacation Net has been successful this year, in spite of QRM, QRN and propagation ups-and-downs. It will run for another 3 or 4 weeks, or until most summer wanderers are in the fold. Check in on 14.242± MHz on Mondays and Fridays at 10:15 AM Arizona time and chat with Wally W1AA, Jim K7DI, Cliff K7BQ, Gil KAØLVA, Van KBØPK, Floyd K7BN and/or others.

Remember that area hams meet every Thursday for lunch (11:30 AM) at Ritter's. We've had good turnouts each week, in spite of the summer doldrums. One recent visitor was Dave K1ZZ from League HQ. Dave was pleased to hear your comments and field your questions regarding ARRL activities.

Two recent arrivals to the area are among the lunch group regulars: Alex Kutchik W9VYG of SCW (and Chicago) and Bill Kosanovich W8KFC of Youngtown (and Ann Arbor environs). Both are regular check-ins on the 2-Meter Net, and Bill has been especially helpful with the 20-Meter Vacation Net.

Those who have just returned, and are wondering what happened to the ZIA Link repeater on the White Tanks, be advised that it has moved to a new frequency, 146.10/70, and has been in and out some of the time.

FOR SALE. From the estate of Steve W7JDY.

Fixed 45' tower, \$100; Heathkit HM-102 SWR Meter, \$10; Swan 270B transceiver, make offer. Also one antique receiver, Hallicrafter Super Sky Rider, ca. 1933-6, with Jensen speaker. Call Chuck, W7YU, 977-7427.

September 21. Arizona Swapmeet, Sierra Vista. For information call Lester Holmes, N7FIO, 1-453-0985, or listen on 3.880 MHz at 8 AM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. (This item courtesy Chuck, W7YU.)

Also on September 21-22, the ARRL Orange County Hamfest at the County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, CA. For info call Dick Ingham (KB6II) (714)-835-8579.

ARRL's National Convention is being held in Louisville this year, on October 4-6. See QST for details.

And make a note that next year's National Convention will be held in nearby San Diego. The date: September 5-7, 1986.

Class Coordinator Chuck W7YU and Instructor Bob WBØGQV announce that our radio theory and code classes will start on October 12. Classes will meet every Saturday from 1 to 3 PM at the Fairway Rec Center. We are looking for volunteers with some expertise who would be willing to prepare and present one or two sessions on a particular subject (e.g., antennas, transistors, whatever) without becoming too technical (no Calculus). Call Secretary Ray Sumner (972-8733) if you wish to help or if you want to learn more about ham radio.

Time to renew your membership in ARRL? Do it through our League Liaison Floyd Emanuel, K7BN. Make a check for \$2 to SCARC and subtract that from your ARRL dues. If you are joining the League for the first time, do it through Floyd and the club will get a \$5 rebate. (Make check for full amount to ARRL.)

With the next Short Skip we hope to distribute the report by George Chaet, W1RGH, on Maricopa County's latest requirements for new tower installations.

Your secretary has 610 forms, if you need one.