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Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

SCARC meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7 PM at the Fairway Rec Center on 107th and Peoria Avenues.

This issue is out early to remind everyone about our club-sponsored SWAPMEET and our UPGRADE EXAM this month.

SUN CITY HAM SWAPMEET, SATURDAY APRIL 5th from 9 AM to 3 PM, at SECURITY SAVINGS AND LOAN parking lot in GRAND CENTER, 108th and Grand Avenues. Everyone is welcome to buy, sell or swap (electronic gear only). There is still room for a dozen or so more tables (no vehicles); call Bob WBØGQV at 972-7749. Talk-in frequency: 147.570 MHz (simplex).

UPGRADE EXAM, FRIDAY APRIL 11th from 9 AM to 3 PM, at MENKE'S SUN CITY MEETING ROOMS, 10307 Coggins Drive, one block south of Grand off 103rd Avenue. Along with our pre-registered applicants, we have room for a number of walk-ins. Bring 610 form, copy of license, and check to \$4.25 (to ARRL/VEC). Be prepared to show original license and another ID. Novices who have not received their licenses may take upgrade test but will not be certified until VEC receives copy of novice license. Those taking code tests are asked to bring headphones, if available. Call Ed N7EB if additional info is needed.

ARRL 1986 NATIONAL CONVENTION, September 5-7, Town and Country Convention Center, SAN DIEGO, CA. Register before APRIL 15 and be eligible for Early Bird and Advanced Registration prizes. Advanced Registration, \$7; Registration after 8/15, \$10; Banquet (Prime Rib), \$25; Ladies Lunch (1st 100), \$10; Dinner Cruise (1st 100), \$33. Send to Sybil Allbright, W6GIC, Registration Chairman, P.O.Box 82642, San Diego, CA 92138. To reserve room at Convention site, call Town and Country Hotel (1-800-854-2608) and ask for ARRL rates.

SUN CITIES TWO-METER ALERT LIST. Sun City and Sun City West hams with known 2-Meter capabilities will find herein a copy of the Emergency Alert List prepared by Floyd K7BN, our club AREC and Red Cross representative. Please keep this list near your phone and familiarize yourself with the procedure to follow in the event of a disaster or other emergency. It is important that each participating ham contact the next available operator below him on the list, and that as many as possible then monitor 147.57 MHz and check into the net at the announced time. If you do not wish to be a part of this emergency group, please call Floyd at 977-6587.

To the 76 or more hams in Sun City West: We invite you to attend our monthly meetings and to check into the Sun Cities 2-Meter Net at 7 PM Wednesdays on 147.57 MHz for news about amateur radio from ARRL Letters, W5YI Reports and Westlink Tapes as well as reports on local activities. Area hams (and spouses) also enjoy lunch every Thursday at 11:30 at Ritter's Chalet on 111th Avenue just south of Grand.

We expect SCW to form its own club one day; until then, we would be pleased if you ARRL members would renew your memberships through our League Liaison K7BN. Our club is allowed \$2 for each renewal. (Make check to ARRL for \$2 less than dues, make check for \$2 to SCARC, send both to Floyd Emanuel, 10125 Sutters Gold Lane, Sun City AZ 85351.) These contributions help the

club support worthwhile ham-related activities, such as Westlink. Applicants for ARRL membership may also enroll through the club. Send check made out to ARRL for full amount to Floyd, who will submit it with our ID number. The club will be credited with \$5 per enrollment.

A PACKET OF NEWS from Sam W7JHQ. The ranks of Sun City Packeteers has now swelled to three. Sam W7JHQ was first, then Zeb KM7L and now June KCØXZ has joined the exclusive group. Sam is using the TAPR TNC (Terminal Node Controller), Zeb the AEA PK-80 and June has the AEA PAKRATT. Zeb has posted the club's meeting notices and some club news on the packet bulletin board service operated by the Intel Amateur Radio/Computer Club and will update the postings as necessary. Let us know if there are any other Sun Citians or Sun City Westers becoming packeteers.

FOR SALE: 14 AVQ High Gain Antenna, 10-40 meters; \$25. HONDA EM 400 Portable Generator, 400 Watt (3.5 amp AC; 13 V, 8.3 amp DC), operating time approx. 30 hr; \$175 or best offer. Nat WA6MDL 933-5981.

<p><u>SCARC April Meeting (Tuesday, April 15).</u> Our Speaker will be Wm. Oliver Grieve, W7WGW, of the Triple T FM Group (Two to Ten Meters & Ten to Two Meters), who will discuss repeater operation and demonstrate some of the gear involved. Business meeting starts promptly at 7:30 and will be as brief as possible. Come early and ragchew with your colleagues.</p>

In the January issue of the AF MARS Communicator, Dick Haynes AFA2TG has the following information for Kenwood TR2500/2600 owners who want to scan two frequencies only. Set the lower frequency (e.g., 6.760) then press "F" and "#". Then set the higher frequency (e.g., 6.940) and press "F" and "#"; repeat the "F" and "#". Wait for beep and press "F" then "*" and you will have fast scan between the two frequencies. When you turn the rig on tomorrow, just hit "f" and "*" and you'll be right back in business. (Courtesy of Mit K9CCX)

CONGRATULATIONS: Frank Green W7MAJ and Delmar Rowe W7EDT, who are now Extra Class and Walter Dack KA7OGN, now Advanced Class. Jeanne Heap and Ward Fountain have passed their Novice exams, and several others expect to qualify soon.

Instructor Lyle Seehorn W7YKA announces that the Novice Class will begin again in the Fall. Call 974-6460 to register.

Upgrade classes are expected to run through May. They are held in Fairway Rec Center Auditorium every Monday from 1 to 3. Upgrade candidates are reminded that in addition to the Sun City Exams on April 11, there will be exams in the Phoenix area May 24, Aug 23 and Nov 1, Fort Tuthill July 26, and Tucson June 14, Sept 13 and Dec 13. Details in later issues.

We understand that prices on Kenwood equipment are increasing April 15. Undoubtedly, the price of other gear by foreign manufacturers will also be affected by the drop in value of the U.S. dollar abroad. Buy now!

The 2-Meter ZIA link is undergoing changes at this writing. The White Tanks repeater (146.00/70) will link eastward to Pinal Mountain (4.65/5.25). A Quartzite repeater covering Interstates 8 and 10 into Eastern California will link with Mt. Lemmon. The Pinal and Lemmon repeaters will link through the Jacks Peak repeater.

Timely advice. Although not required, it is wise to log your air time, in case of RFI/TVI complaints.