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Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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

SCARC MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th. At this writing, Sam W7JHQ is still working on the program, but we are sure that it will be interesting and informative. Let's have a good turnout and compare notes on how we spent the long, hot summer.

LADIES NIGHT. Set aside Thursday, October 23rd. That is the night that area hams and their spouses have their banquet at the Sunowner. Menu and program will be announced as they become available. (No club meeting at Fairway in October.)

It was good to see so many area hams at the Fort Tuthill Hamfest. Sorry, gang, none of you won any of the big prizes, but everyone seemed to be having a good time. Many thanks to the Chairmen of the event, Stan Van Pelt K7KNP and Murt Weitzel KB7NE, and their committee for a great job. Incidentally, Murt has been elected ARCA Chairman.

Congratulations to Robin Conde N7HTX, who was named ARCA's "Arizona Ham of the Year". It was an excellent choice. Robin has been very active in public service events.

HAM/WEST CONVENTION, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, November 7-8. Exhibits and forums open 8 AM Friday, close 4 PM Saturday. Banquet 8PM Saturday. Advance registration (before Oct 24) \$12/person; banquet \$20/person; rooms (Hacienda Hotel) \$55/night single or double. Write Ham/West, P.O.Box 19675, Las Vegas, NV 89132. Info: (702)-361-3331. RV Info: 800-634-6942.

UPGRADE EXAM: Because of the long lead time necessary to prepare for a Volunteer Exam session and the absence of several of our VE examiners this summer, our tentative plans for an October exam in Sun City have been scrubbed. We shall try for a later date.

Upgrade exams will be available at the Ham/West Convention. Enclose an SASE marked "VEC Exam" with your registration and state which class exam. We understand that there is no charge.

The Sierra Vista Flea Market will be held on September 27th at the Cochise ARA training facility on Moson Road. There is no charge for tail-gaters. For information, write CARA, P.O.Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

All Arizona YL's are invited to become members of a state-wide YL group, the Cactus Keys. Check into their Tuesday net at 7 PM on 146.16/76 for information. Or write to Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC, 701 Camina del Codorniz, Tucson, AZ 85748, or Leanna Shaberly, K8BRT, Box 482-W, Laveen, AZ 85339.

Thinking of joining Arizona Repeater Association? Get your application from this editor (Ray NW7R). I also have FCC Form 610s. However, if you need Form 756 (Commercial License Renewal), see Floyd Emanuel, K7BN.

The ARRL National Convention in San Diego on September 5-7 was one of the most successful in League history. The San Diego Amateur Radio Council did an excellent job. Even the gremlins in the PA system at the banquet failed to dampen the spirit of the occasion. This editor saw about 20 people from the Sun Cities, and I'm sure there were more. The rest of Arizona was also well represented. Everyone went home looking forward to next year's Convention in Atlanta.

FOR SALE. Drake TR6 transceiver, with power supply, D104 mike, MS4 speaker; also six-element Hy-gain beam; all for \$425. ICOM 730 mobile rig, with 20-40-80 meter Hustler mobile antenna, like new. Gene Cardelli WB7FJM, 18408 95th Avenue, Sun City.

FOR SALE. Complete system for teletype, including monitor. All excellent. Info-tech Model 150 Keyboard, Info-tech Model 75 Access Device, all speeds from 60-66-75-100, all standard shifts 170-425-850; \$295.

Drake 2-meter mobile or fixed amplifier, 1-2W in, 12-22W out; \$30.

Heath 2-meter amplifier, 1W in, 10W out; \$18.

Mobile HF antenna, 10 and 20 meter; \$25.

New mobile antenna, 10 thru 40 meters; \$60. Bob WBØGQV 972-7749.

The Vacation Net has been well utilized this summer. Those folks in the hinterlands who have been checking in on 14.240 + MHz on Mondays and Fridays at 10:15 AM Arizona time include Wally W1AA, Jim K7DI, Cliff K7BQ, Betty and Ed N9APE/N9ARC, Gil KAØLVA, Floyd K7BN, Lyle W7YKA and Tom N7IIL from SC, and George W1RGH, Steve K2HPN and Bill N7ERQ from SCW, along with others who were less regular in attendance. Chuck W7YU is usually Net Control, with lots of help from other locals. The net will continue to run through the middle of October or until no longer needed.

Silent Keys. With sadness we note the passing of Huston Eckert on May 17th. Formerly W7KRO, Huston had been inactive as a ham recently, but showed great interest in the club.

Dorothy Green, XYL of Frank W7MAJ, and Clara Moss, XYL of George KA7EMW, also passed away recently. Our condolences are extended to their families.

Hal Teegarden, W7KIH, of Phoenix, also died this summer. Hal was well-known to club members, having attended some of our Thursday luncheons.

Packeteering in Sun City....by Sam W7JHQ.

(Editor please note: the first letter in the title is a "P".) At least two of our club members have been on HF (14 MHz) with their TNC's. Bob Best (WA7KLU) and Zeb Zebolsky (KM7L) were testing and operating on the 20-meter band. Bob reported good results and very little tuning difficulty. He is using the AEA PK-232, and Zeb the AEA PM-1. Now from what I heard, if those two can agree on using the same sideband (either upper or lower) at the same time, quality of copy will improve noticeably. Zeb and Sam (W7JHQ) helped to man the Arizona Packet Radio Association booth at the Fort Tuthill Hamfest.

The AzPRA group will put on a follow-up demonstration of Packeteering at our November SCARC club meeting. If anyone else is on with Packet Radio, let Sam know what you are up to, but save your questions for the AzPRA boys in November....73.

Don't forget to renew your membership in ARRL or to join that organization through our club. We get \$2 for renewals and \$5 for new members. Call Floyd Emanuel, K7BN, 977-6587.

All hams are welcome at our Thursday luncheons (11:30 AM) at Ritter's Chalet in Youngtown. Attendance throughout the summer has been excellent.

Novice and Upgrade classes begin next month. Call Ray NW7R, 972-8733.