

Mohave Amateur Radio Club

June 2011 Newsletter



K7MPR

Club Officers

President - Bill Smith - KD7MIA
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Club Repeater Net

The club holds a weekly traffic and information net every Monday at 7:00 P.M. The frequency is 448.650 PL tone of 151.4 or 145.190 PL tone of 151.4.

Support Your Club And Check In!

Club Meetings

The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Hualapai Mountain Medical Center 3801 Santa Rosa Dr in the Conference Room, Kingman, Az 86409.

All amateurs and visitors are welcome to attend.

For more information contact Bill Smith - KD7MIA at 928-565-1136 or by email at bill1021@npgcable.com

Newsletter Articles Wanted

Working on a new kit or homebrew project? Have you recently received a rare or interesting QSL card? Send them in and I'll post them in the newsletter!

News From Around The World

FEMA Head Praises Hams

Amateur radio clearly has a friend at the top of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In a speech at an FCC forum on earthquake communications preparedness in early May, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate listed amateur radio as one of four broad areas, "all equally important," that are critical to the mission of meeting the needs of disaster survivors. The other three are public safety communications, broadcast radio and TV, and personal wireless communications.

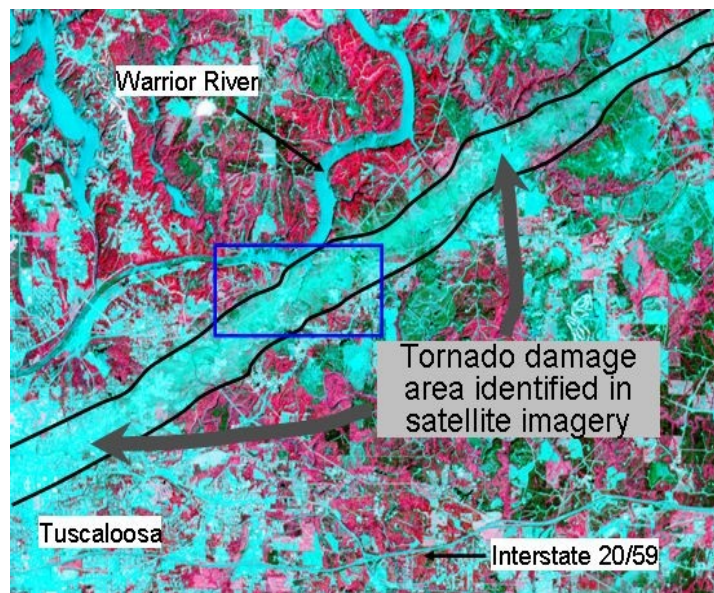
Calling hams "the ultimate backups" and "our last line of defense," Fugate noted how amateur radio often provides the first communications out of stricken areas, "getting the word out in the critical first hours and first days as the rest of the systems come back up." There is a tendency, he said, to dismiss hams because our other communication systems generally are very reliable and "that we can never fathom that they'll fail. They do. They have. They will." He urged including "a strong amateur radio community" in emergency planning because, "when you need amateur radio, you *really* need 'em."

WWV/WWVH to Drop Space Weather Reports

The Space Weather Prediction Center will discontinue its regular geophysical alert messages on WWV and WWVH as of this coming September 6, according to the *ARRL Letter*. These messages include solar flux readings, A and K indices and reports on current and predicted space weather storms. The reports, which currently air on WWV at 18 minutes past each hour and on WWVH at 45 minutes past, will continue to be posted on the SWPC's website. Comments and questions may be directed by e-mail to <swpc.wwv@noaa.gov>.

Satellite Image Shows Tornado's Path

The path of destruction left behind by the EF-4 tornado that roared through Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on April 27 is clearly visible in a satellite image from NASA's ASTER satellite system. The Advanced Space-borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer is part of NASA's earth-observing Terra satellite. According to NASA's Science News, the photo shows the "tearing up" of vegetation along the twister's path. As always, ham radio was a key element of the response to the outbreak of tornadoes in the southeast in late April and early May. For a comprehensive report on amateur activities, see the "Public Service" column in the upcoming July issue of *CQ*.



FCC Wants Another 90 Cents for That Vanity Call

The FCC is proposing a 90-cent increase in the fee for obtaining or renewing a vanity amateur radio call sign, from the current \$13.30 for a 10-year term to \$14.20. The fees tend to vary slightly from year to year. According to the ARRL, they have ranged from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$70. The FCC says it estimates that it will receive more than 14,000 vanity call sign requests or renewals in the upcoming fiscal year

People in the News...

FCC Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker stepped down from the Commission on June 3 -- about a month before the end of her term -- to take a job with Comcast as its Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for NBC/Universal. President Obama will have to name a Republican to replace her, as the law permits no more than three members of one political party on the five-member commission.

... Julio Ripoll, WD4R, Assistant Coordinator of the amateur radio station at the National Hurricane Center, was honored in April at the National Hurricane Conference. The *ARRL Letter* reports that Ripoll was awarded the National Weather Service's Distinguished Service Award for "exceptional service in providing emergency communication during hurricane events over three decades while leading (the) WX4NHC Amateur Radio station at the National Hurricane Center."

... The first post-war recipient of CQ's Worked All Zones (WAZ) award has become a Silent Key at age 97. Ben Stevenson, W2BXA, of Colonia, New Jersey, qualified for the award in mid-1947, using all postwar contacts. Prior to World War II, only three hams had qualified for WAZ. Stevenson also held Satellite DXCC #1, mixed DXCC #6 and phone DXCC #6. He was also a founding member and first president of the North Jersey DX Association and active on amateur satellites. The AMSAT News Service reports that W2BXA and W2RS made the first-ever multisatellite contact in any radio service, linking up via AO-6 and AO-7 in 1975.

Second Ham Station Installed on ISS

The International Space Station now has two active amateur stations. In late April, according to *Newsline*, Astronaut Cady Coleman finished installing the Ericsson radio used for early ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) contacts, in the Columbus Orbital Laboratory. Astronaut Paolo Nespoli then checked it out for proper operation in time-honored amateur fashion -- by making contacts with hams on the ground. At least one school contact has since been made using the new/old station

Bob Heil to Host Ham Show on TWiT.tv

Microphone manufacturer and showman Bob Heil, K9EID, will host a new ham radio show on an internet-only network known as TWiT.tv (This Week in Technology). His program, to be called "HamNation," was slated to debut on May 24, with Bob's good friend, rock legend Joe Walsh, WB6ACU, as the first guest. Joe also wrote the show's theme music, according to a news release. There is no indication as to how frequently new episodes will "air."



Welcome Wagon

Welcome to our newest members!!!
Glad you joined us!
We hope that you enjoy the club as much as we do!

Earl Twyman - K7EET Extra - 39 years

Robert Clark - WA6KCV Extra - 36 years

New call sign after June 24th KE7RC

Bruce Thomas - KE6ZBW - Tech - 9+ years

Flag Day Word Search

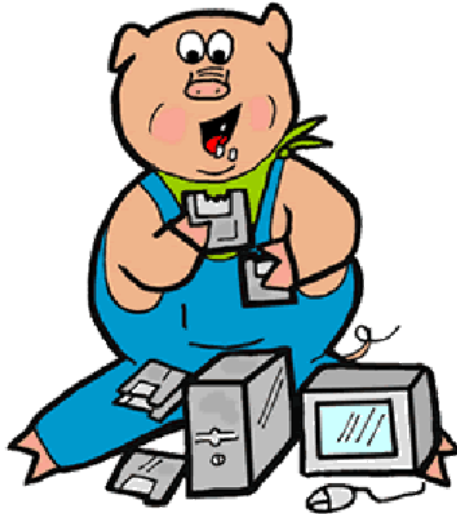
Find the hidden words associated with Old Glory.

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ALLEGIANCE
BETSYROSS
FLAG
FRANCIS
SCOTT
KEY
FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE
JUNE
OLDGLORY
PATRIOTIC
PLEDGE
RED
WHITE
BLUE
STARS
STRIPES
STAR
SPANGLED
BANNER
THIRTEEN
UNION

Ham of the Month

Our Ham of the month is none other than our newest proposed board member for Technical Engineer.....



Matt
K3MK

You didn't think you were going to escape did you?????

Upcoming Events

Field Day!!!!

June, 25th & 26th.

Fireman's Park - corner of Detroit and Fairgrounds

We will be having a BBQ on Saturday at 3:00 pm. Please remember to bring a dish to pass around. Contact Tammy at bratt_1973@hotmail.com to find out what we need for the bbq. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

Member participation is very encouraged. We would love to see you out there with us. Come put in some time on the radio making LOTS of contacts.

Don't forget about our upcoming club officer nominations at our August meeting and elections at the September meeting. We would like to see a lot of our club members there!

Also, at our next meeting, we will be talking about some proposed changes to our bylaws. You will find them below. We will be voting on these changes in the upcoming meetings.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS 2011-06-19 ARTICLES I & II

Article I: Purpose

1. To provide the Mohave Amateur Radio Club a window to the world of amateur radio and its many diverse opportunities.

2. To offer a chance to be represented in a world wide community of amateur radio operators through operating events, ham fests, special projects and contests.
3. To provide the community with a pool of experienced and trained amateur radio operators that can provide reliable emergency communications if the need should arise.
4. To offer support and instructional procedures to help promote good amateur radio operating practices.
5. To accommodate individuals wishing to obtain an amateur radio license or to upgrade their existing license class by providing amateur radio test sessions.

Article II: Membership

Membership is open to anyone regardless of residence, whether licensed amateur radio operators or unlicensed individuals who are interested in amateur radio communications.

Individuals wishing to join shall be eligible for membership without regard for race, creed, sex, or disability. Membership shall be by application. Applications for membership may be submitted at regular meetings, mailed to the club address showing on the application, or given to a club officer for submission at the next meeting. All applications received shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Any application may be rejected for membership by the Board with a majority vote of those Board Members in attendance. Any application not rejected by the Board will be presented to the club members in attendance at a regular meeting and voted on via a "raise your hands vote".

A simple majority of those voting will determine acceptance or rejection.

1. Full membership is open to all who hold a valid amateur radio license and includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers or vote on any other club matter.
2. Associate membership is open to anyone interested in amateur radio who is not currently licensed in the Amateur Radio Service. Associate members are not eligible to hold office or vote for club officers.

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Article III: Officers

1. The officers of this club shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Director, Public Relations Officer, and Parliamentarian / Sergeant at Arms.

2. The officers of this club with the exceptions of Technical Director and Public Relations Officer shall be elected for a term of one year by a majority of the members present using a "raise your hands vote" with a count conducted by the club secretary. The vote shall be taken at the September meeting with nominations for club officers to occur at the August meeting. Those elected shall take office at the October meeting and their terms will run for twelve months expiring just prior to the start of the October meeting of the following year. The Technical Director and Public Relations Officer shall be appointed by the President and serve at the President's pleasure.

3. Vacancies occurring between elections caused by the resignation, death, or removal by the Board & General Membership (described elsewhere in the by-laws) will be filled via appointment conducted by the President.

4. Club officers not fulfilling their duties or violating the Code of Conduct for Club Members and Officers can be removed from office or the club. See article XI paragraph 3 for the procedure.

Article IV: Duties of Officers

1. The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct them according to the by-laws. He/she shall enforce and abide by the club constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. The President will fill any vacant officer positions caused by death, resignation, or removal, via appointment.

2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. The Vice-President shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, advance club interest and activity as approved by the club, and perform other duties as requested by the club President. The Vice-President will assume the office of President if the office is vacated during a term.

3. The Secretary will maintain a set of minutes for each club meeting and furnish a copy, written or electronic to the club President prior to the start of the next club meeting. This person shall keep a list of club members based upon information furnished by the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. The Secretary shall assist the club President in correspondence and other written activities as requested. At each meeting the

Secretary shall read a summary of the minutes from the previous meeting.

4. The Treasurer shall handle all financial records of the club and maintain an accurate accounting of all income and expenses. A summary of all income & expenses shall be read at each club meeting. This person shall read all new & reinstatement member applications at each meeting and will be responsible for collecting dues from members as necessary, pay any bills as directed by the President, issue receipts for money collected, and perform other duties as requested by the President. Additionally, at club events the Treasurer will operate as the sole cashier for monetary transactions unless another individual has been delegated this specific duty by either the Treasurer or President.

5. The Parliamentarian / Sergeant at Arms shall keep the Club Constitution and by-laws and have these documents with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note any amendments, changes and additions on the Constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request. He/she shall ensure good order during the meetings and perform other duties as requested by the President. Also, this officer will greet members and visitors. In the event of his absence this task can be delegated to any officer of the club.

6. The Public Relations Officer, formerly known as Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing the regular club newsletter, keeping the website updated with current and projected events, and performing other duties as requested by the President.

7. The Technical Director shall be responsible for installing and maintaining all club owned radio equipment and performing other related duties as determined by the President.

Article V: Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall meet at a time and place so directed by the Presiding officer, normally the President or in his absence, the Vice-President. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Mohave Amateur Radio Club.

Article VI: Trustee / Sponsor

The Trustee / Sponsor(s) shall be responsible for all licensing and operational matters with respect to all of the communications equipment owned by the Mohave Amateur Radio Club. This individual shall hold an Amateur Extra Class license to ensure full operating privileges.

Article VII: Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month at 1900 hours at the Hualapai Mountain Medical Center, 3801 Santa Rosa Dr, Kingman, AZ or at such a time and place as determined by the Board of Directors (Club Officers). If the permanent location changes this article shall be updated within 60 days of said change.

Article VIII: Dues

Dues for the membership year will be set at the September meeting. Any change in annual dues must be voted on by the attending members. Any member whose dues are three months in arrears shall be dropped for non-payment of dues. Reinstatement as a member may be accomplished by completing a membership application and submitting it to the club subject to the same approval process that new members are subject to.

Article IX: Assistance

The club via a designated Public Relations and Operating Committee will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation, and uniform practice of club member stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations in the community.

The Public Relations and Operating Committee shall consist of members from the local amateur radio community and will be appointed by the club Trustee/Sponsor and approved by the President. In the event of complaints against members, this committee will assist the member to correct the problem.

Article X: Amendments

This constitution or by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be published in a newsletter prior to being voted on at the next regular membership meeting.

Article XI: Violations and the Code of Conduct

1. Violations: Members are responsible for knowing and abiding by the appropriate FCC rules and regulations as well as generally accepted amateur radio etiquette, including the ARRL voluntary band plans. Repeated violations of these items will result in suspension

of operating privileges of club equipment. The Board of Directors will determine if violations have occurred and possess sole authority via a majority vote of the officers voting via secret ballot to suspend a member's operating privileges of club equipment. The period of suspension is to be determined by the Board.

2. Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct is designed to put club members on notice as to the types of conduct that are not acceptable and will be grounds for removal from club membership. The following are prohibited activities:

- a) Willful misrepresentation of material facts & statements by a club officer involving the officer's duties and responsibilities.
- b) Any theft or embezzlement of club property or another club member's property.
- c) Frequent use of foul or improper language at any club event, activity, or meeting.
- d) Any willful and unlawful destruction of club or a club member's property.
- e) Any act of fraud against the club or a club member.
- f) Any behavior that disrupts a club event, meeting, or activity.
- g) Willful participation in any activity that brings discredit upon the club.
- h) The commission of any crime during any club event, activity or meeting.

3. Violations of the Code of Conduct or improper conduct including an officer not fulfilling his/her duties will be handled as follows. The Board of Directors will appoint a committee of three members in good standing to investigate the alleged violations, improper conduct, or officer not fulfilling his/her duties. The committee members will report to the Board of Directors with a statement as to whether the allegation(s) appear to be valid or not. If the allegations appear to be valid the committee members will make a presentation before the general membership at a scheduled meeting. The accused club member will be given an opportunity to make a presentation at this meeting. Afterward, all members present may cast a secret ballot to either remove or retain the accused member from the club. If the accused is a club officer those voting must decide if the officer should be removed from the Board of Directors and if he/she should be removed from the club as a member. A simple majority of those voting will determine the outcome. Removal is effective immediately if applicable.

Article XII: Robert's Rules of Order (Deleted)



Thank-you Darryl - K7REW for the following website.....its pretty interesting to learn about the

Development of the Mohave County ALERT Flood Warning System

<http://weather.co.mohave.az.us/history/history.htm>

Thank-you to Dee for submitting these photos from the May meeting.





Thank-you Keith, KA6NLS for the following pictures.
These were taken up at his site one day while we were up there helping getting his
antennas up and
cables run into his building.



Here is one that I took that day.



Items for Sale or Trade

If you have an item for sale or trade that you would like to list here
please email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net

Be sure to include description, picture, price and contact info!

Do you know of a club member that needs some get well wishes?

How about someone with a birthday coming up and
you'd like to announce it in the newsletter?

How about a special announcement?

Do you have a cool photo (ham radio related) or some
soap box comments to share with other club members?

Why not consider submitting an article for
the Newsletter. We're always looking for material for
the Newsletter and feedback from club members goes
a long way towards keeping the Newsletter interesting
as well as stamping the club "personality" on our
monthly publication. Email me at ke7bkp@k7mpr.net