

The Yavapai Signal

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WELCOME TO THE YAVAPAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club (YARC) is an ARRL affiliated club. The club participates in many activities in the tri-city area including providing communications

for local events, emergency communications, volunteer exams, and promotion of the hobby throughout the community. Membership in the YARC is open to any interested amateur or non-amateur alike. The YARC meets at 7:00 PM local time on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Granite Mountain Middle School, 1800 Williamson Valley Rd. in Prescott. It is about 1/2 mile north of Iron Springs Rd and all amateurs and non-amateurs as well are invited. Programs of interest are included as part of the meeting. The weekly NET is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM local time on the 146.880- repeater. All amateurs are invited to participate and visitors are always welcome. The Yavapai County ARES/RACES NET is held on Monday nights approximately at 6:45PM local time on the 147.220+ repeater on Mingus Mtn.



Club Repeater

The local 146.880- MHz repeater is the official adopted repeater for the YARC. It is located on the hill above Willow Creek Rd and requires a PL of 100.0 Hz. If you hear a 1400 Hz pulsing tone, the repeater is on backup battery power and usage should be limited to necessary communications. The 147.040+ (100.0 PL) repeater is back up and running in Prescott Heights. Many thanks to Bill Kafka, W2YAV for the upkeep and use of the repeaters.



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YARC CLUB MEMBER INJURED IN HIKING ACCIDENT

Long-time YARC member Nate Burlingham, WA6HJK was injured in a recent hiking accident near Globe, AZ. Nate was hiking with some friends in the area of Cherry Creek and Devils Chasm when he slipped and fell about 40-50 feet, suffering some serious injuries.

Thankfully, someone had brought along a cellphone and made a call for help. With the help of the Gila County Sheriff's Office, Gila County Search & Rescue, DPS and the US Forest Service, Nate was airlifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, where he is recovering from his injuries.

The club wishes Nate a speedy recovery. As soon as we get an update on his recovery, we will pass it along to the membership.

KEITH BROYLES-KB7NF, SK

Former Prescottian and YARC member Keith Broyles, KB7NF recently passed away in Kentucky. One of the old pioneers of the west, Keith was born and raised on a Texas ranch, was a survivor of Guadalcanal, and a true patriot. He will be sorely missed. (From Jerry Sager, KA1BAB)

NEW FIELD DAY RULES FOR 2001 DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE FUN

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 22, 2001—Field Day 2001 will run from 1800 UTC June 23 to 2100 UTC June 24—as always, the fourth full weekend in June. Typically a club or group event, Field Day is the most popular operating activity of the year—and one of the most enjoyable for hams of all skill levels. A few rules changes this year affect bonus points for Field Day scores.



The non-traditional mode bonus has been expanded from 100 to 300 points for doing three separate demonstration modes. Packet is back and will be counted as one of the three demonstration modes, but to claim packet credit, you must set up a portable digipeater system. Existing, permanent packet networks do not qualify for this bonus.→

The brand-new ARRL Field Day T-shirt will add a lot of color to your club's FD site.

You may earn a 100-point bonus if an invited local government official or representative of one of the agencies that ARES serves in an emergency visits your Field Day site. To earn this bonus, the invited official must actually visit the site, not just be invited. The message-handling bonus has been changed. You may now earn 10 points per message, up to 100 points total, for origination, relay, and delivery of formal NTS messages. In the past, only messages received and relayed were counted. The Field Day participation message to the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator under rule 7.3.5 does not also qualify for bonus points under these rules.

This marks the last year that the extra Novice/Tech Plus station will exist in its current form. The Novice/Tech station is a non-counting transmitter, and its QSOs count for QSO point credit. The ARRL Membership Services Committee is considering several options to encourage participation by newly licensed hams.

"There are so many different aspects to Field Day that to account for them all and to measure the effectiveness of one mode of operation against another is a daunting task," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. The ARRL Contest Branch has risen to the task with the 24-page Field Day 2001 Information packet. This on-line document may be ordered in hard-copy format by sending an SASE with four units of postage to Field Day Package, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Field Day preparations are not complete until you have the proper attire for the occasion. In addition to the dated Field Day pins that have proven so popular the past few years, the League now offers 2001 Field Day T-shirts. These will identify you as an active participant in Field Day and can be used as excellent rewards for club members who participate in the event. Pins are just \$5, and the T-shirts are \$9.95. For ordering information, visit the ARRL Products Catalog, or call toll-free 888-277-5289. The Contest Branch no longer handles orders for these items. But the best part of Field Day is just being there. Get set now to participate and have a great time!

LAKE POWELL ISLAND ACTIVATION BLITZ

A rapidly expanding group of amateur radio operators are pursuing contacts with, and activating, islands in the United States. While it is estimated there are 100 + islands in the 180 mile long Lake Powell situated on the Colorado River in Arizona and Utah, none of these have been activated. Join the Lake Powell Island Activation Blitz August 25-26, 2000. Since this corresponds with the 7th Annual W/V Island Contest and all the islands will be new ones, you can expect to be on the receiving end of pile-ups. Yes, your own amateur radio USI-expedition on America's most beautiful lake. You'll even have your call sign listed forever as the first to activate your islands. Get more information at: <http://www.qsl.net/nm5rc/>.



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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- ▶ March 18-20, 2001 – Virginia QSO Party
- ▶ March 24-25, 2001 – CQ WW WPX contest
- ▶ April 7, 2001 – Arizona AFC Hamfest-DeVry College, Phoenix
- ▶ April 19, 2001 – Next YARC Meeting
- ▶ May 10, 2001 – VE Testing, Prescott
- ▶ July 27-29, 2001 – Ft. Tuthill Hamfest, Flagstaff.

More detailed information on Contests and Special Events can be found in most amateur publications such as QST, Worldradio, and others.



FEBRUARY MEETING

February 15, 2001

Bob Kane-K7KOL called the meeting to order at 1902, in the absence of the club president Dale Leslie-N7XFD. There were 24 members present.

Bob announced the passing of former club member Chet Hjelm-N7GTK. Chet passed away Monday, February 12, 2001. Services were private.

Dick Hughes-W6CCD donated a 1978 edition of "Hints & Kinks" for the raffle.

Club Secretary, John Wilson-KM6BF, read the minutes of the January meeting, and they were approved as read.

The Treasurer, Dave Passell, K6UWV, reported that at the end of January, the club had \$ 1307.29, with \$617.79 in the General Fund and \$689.50 in the Repeater Fund. The refreshment fund held \$111.83. With no objections the Treasurer's report was approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS.

Fred Boughton-KB2CT reported on the nametags for club members. The contact is now in Wickenburg and the cost is \$5.00. Fred and Bob Smith-WB6ODR thanked club members Lee Cunningham-KC7CBK and Lloyd Halgunseth-WA6ZZJ for their help in getting the CAP tower/antenna up, and presented Certificates to them. →

Bob Kane mentioned the recent QST had a good article on old radios and that there was a picture of club member Bill Jackson-W6HDP.

Terry Pemberton-KB7TRE reported that the Special Event Station for Arizona Admissions Day scheduled for Wednesday February 14 was cancelled due to there being too much snow in the area that precluded putting up an antenna or getting operators to the site at Sharlot Hall Museum. The event will be rescheduled and Bob-WB6ODR will check on the availability of the K7A call sign.

NEW BUSINESS

None presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 1930 for the refreshment break.

The 50/50 raffle was won by David Passell-K6UWV, who donated the \$17.50 back to the club. The "vintage "Hints & Kinks" book was won by Terry-KB7TRE.

Club member Oskar Greene-AB7YR gave the program for the evening. Oskar told several stories from his 30-year career in the U.S. Navy. Oskar served aboard several aircraft carriers during times from 1948 to 1978, which included service during the Korean War and the Viet Nam conflict. Starting with early and somewhat limited radar equipment, up to more modern types, he operated aboard carrier-based aircraft, and later taught technology classes to Navy members. We salute Oskar for his service to our country and thank him for sharing some of his knowledge and experience with the club.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was ended at 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wilson-KM6BF
Secretary



SPEAKERS WANTED! Want to make a presentation to the club? Got a favorite subject or experience you would like to share? If you do, we'd like to hear from you! Programs of interest are always needed for club meetings. Share your knowledge or experience with the rest of the club at our meetings.

Contact Lee Cunningham, KC7CBK for more information.

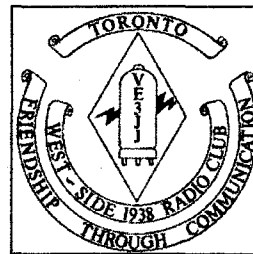
THE NEWSLETTER!

If you have anything to share, please feel free to submit it for inclusion in the newsletter. We welcome your suggestions, comments, stories, personal experiences, or other items related to the hobby. Send e-mail to:

km6bf@cableone.net



Occasionally we will have articles from other clubs newsletters: This month we have information from north of the border :



**WEST-SIDE RADIO CLUB (WSRC)
WSRC EARLY HISTORY**

Unfortunately there are no accurate records available to indicate the actual date of the formation of The Toronto West Side Radio Club or where the first meeting was held.

Some of the older members of the club are of the opinion it began in late 1937 others disagree and say 1938. There is nothing documented to corroborate the claims of the "1937" group but we do have a membership certificate signed by W.Stafford VE3AXG (club secretary) and Floyd Cribben VE3LR (club president) issued to Les Weir VE3AIB and dated Oct 7th 1938 Since Les was one of the "Founding Fathers" it is reasonable to assume the club was formed around about that particular date.

The first club license was issued to "John Leslie Weir on behalf of West Side Radio Club 21A Augusta Ave Toronto Ont." The license number was 3515 and the callsign allocated was VE3JJ, it was dated Jan 6th 1939. Needless to say, it got very little use before World War II put an end to Amateur Radio activity. Most members of the club volunteered for the Canadian Armed Forces and served their country and the free world very well during those trying times when their technical skills were very much in demand.

I tend to think it all started with a bunch of guys all having interests in Amateur Radio getting together informally probably in 1937 who eventually decided to form the club and did so in 1938 which is when we first see any "semi-official" paperwork such as the membership certificate issued to Les Weir.

To prevent future arguments and to facilitate the celebration of the club's official 35th anniversary it was moved and approved at a club general meeting that the founding year would be officially recognized as 1938. The minutes of that meeting reflect this decision as does the club "Logo" As the name implies, the club was composed mostly of people living in the "West-End" of Toronto, I doubt that there was any residence requirement for membership, but checking through the addresses of members in the early years I got the impression the geographical boundaries were Bathurst St., west to The Humber River, and Lake Ontario north to Dupont St or Davenport Rd., a fairly large area of the City of Toronto.

Club make-up today is somewhat different with all of Metro Toronto represented plus Mississauga, Hagersville, Cambridge, Oshawa, Crestwood KY and Big Fork Minn.

The earliest membership list found is dated Feb 1939 and lists →

the following 23 members:

VE3AD Bill Michael, VE3CS Ernie Allard, VE3IIB Harold Benson, VE3LF Arnold Petch, VE3LR Floyd Cribben, VF3SE Ron Harris, VE3VS Roy Bennet, VE3AGB Tommy Bilesko, VF3AHV Ev Brown, VF3AHX Art Blachford, VE3AIB Les Weir, VE3ANQ Norm Farr, VF3APG Russ Gladstone, VE3APO George Miles, VE3ATK Bob Dunn, VE3AWX Doug Mendham, VF3AXG Bill Stafford, VE3AXZ G. Bottomley, VB3BBE Henry Buff, VE3BEH Charlie Drew, * H. McInerney * Stan Bemas VE3SG Fred Saxon.

1938. 'A Very Good Year' W.S.R.C. founded in someone's garage in the west-end of Toronto by Floyd Cribben & Co.

Clarence Darrow arguably the world's most famous lawyer passed away at the age of 81.

Sigmund Freud fled Austria in the wake of the Nazi annexation and settled in Hampstead England

Pygmalion, George Bernard Shaw's hit play appeared as a movie starring Leslie Howard as Prof Henry Higgins and Wendy Hiller as Eliza Doolittle. Re-made many years later as "My Fair Lady"

Italy won the World Cup of Soccer defeating Hungary 4 goals to 2

Chicago Black Hawks won the Stanley Cup defeating Toronto Maple Leafs 3 games to 1

Superman appeared in the comic books for the first time

Volkswagen (Beetle) designed by Ferdinand Porsche produced as "a peoples car" 996ee engine.

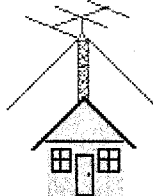
Garden Bros.Circus, only major Canadian circus established, and gave its very first performance at the C.N.E Coliseum in Toronto.

Minimum Wage Law introduced by the U.S. Government who set the minimum wage at 25 cents per hour.

Mr. America bodybuilding contest held for very first time.



FROM THE PAST, PAST-PRESIDENT



C.....uh....
C.....??.
uh....C....Q?

Milton Berle once said, "By the time you can read a girl like a book, your library card has expired."

Welcome to the Gabb'in Geezer net. This net is a directed net; that means that anyone can transmit anytime they have the finger power

to PTT! A qualified 20/70 sighted person should check hearing aid battery reserve to be sure that your receiving ear has the staying power for the duration of the net.

We like to hear from walker or wheel-chair mobiles at any time. Use your mail-sharpened right of way skills to be sure that you get your way on the sidewalks!!

If there are any self-propelled "wheelies" out there, com.... uh.... return now!

Well, I didn't hear anything, did you Fred? Fred???? You there Fred?

Oh yeah, I'm here, I dropped my mike in my yogurt and now it's all slippery!
What's your question Pete?

I said, ".....uh, I don't know what I said. I guess it wasn't important."

But, here's a QST for all netters: my meals-on-wheels guy was telling me that our flag is at half mast again.

You know what that means guys. I'll have to pay special attention to the roll call today. Yesterday, we only had 39 check in's. That's because Jim's back in re-hab and Ernie's fighting with Medicare to keep his Oxy supply up. Did'ja hear him gasping the other day?

He sure has a sensitive mike!

Well, lets start the roll call and see for **whom the flag flies.**

- W32BS —Pete — oh yeah, that's me. I'm gonna check myself in!
- K18TS — Fred — Yeah Pete, I'm here; aw sh—, there goes that mike again. Damn yogurt!
- W88HNK—Jim 2—Yes Peter, I'm certainly here!
- K66FLG —Bob —Yo, I'm here!
- W73UK —Alfred - Present, old boy!

And the roll call goes on for 33 more members, until.....

W86GON -Tory — (no answer)
Tory, you there? —(no answer)

Anybody check the ID on the flag pole today???? Tory,— return now!!!

YOUR IMAGINATION ANSWERS FOR TORY

That's a parody on our hobby. The Romans would have asked Quo Vadis? Where to now?? My answer is that we'll survive, but with an older group of hams.

We're going to have trouble attracting young people, for a variety of reasons:

1. Radio is now so common as to be ho-hum
2. The internet
3. Cell phones
4. A general decline in affiliation with any organization.



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We're competing against longer working hours, tighter weekend schedules filled with soccer, little league, gymnastics and a general desire to "just sit down for a while", doing nothing!

Maybe we're competing for new hams at the wrong end of the life cycle!!

Here's why I say that:

Recently, I queried the American Radio Relay League, asking for the ham population in the US for 1976 and 2000, and the average age of hams in those years. The ARRL told me, "check any Call Book for those numbers"! Thanks guys, but who has Call Books anymore, and I won't find average age in there anyway.

The next day, the ARRL did get back to me, thank you John Hennessee, N1KB, and reported that in 1981 (no 1976 figures) there were 370,000 hams with an average age of 46. In 2000, there were 682,240 hams, with an average age of 58 ¼. **We gained 312,240 hams in the 19-year period, and our average age increased by 12 ¼ years.**

I don't have any facts to explain the increases, but my guess is that the greater number of active, healthy, affluent people in our country, coupled with the Volunteer Examiner program and easing of license requirements have impacted our numbers.

What else helps?

How about the ease of equipment use, providing we don't have to change programmed memory often!

Local colleges help with their numerous course offerings, encouraging retirees to find new avocations.

The neighborhood, two-meter gab-nets of older hams helps keep the hobby alive. There isn't an easier way of just checking on each other than through these informal nets.

The ease of licensing, the low cost of equipment and the ability to hide two-meter antennas in gated, CC&R enclaves make our hobby a natural for the more MATURE!

There will always be interest in HF, long distance communications, with its static crashes and challenges, but I think the future will be in the local VHF nets, and the marriage of computer and transceiver. Periodicals written for sea-going aficionados, report many of the yacht owners are becoming hams (General Class) so that they can use the HF frequencies for e-mail when off shore. These more affluent, and usually more mature folks are in the minority, but they augment their sea-going HF activity with land-based contacts.

Current hams – WE need to get the word out also. I recently talked up our hobby with a group of Kayak and Canoers in Prescott and found two of them interested in becoming hams because of what I told them. Meeting with a small group at Sharlot Hall Museum, I told them of our snow-cancelled plans to have local school children proclaim our state's birthday via ham radio. They had no idea of those plans.

Talk about us at your other club or church functions.

We have to let people know that our prickly-pear cars and jungle-gym back yards don't mean that we were the first to stash

caches of beer, beef jerky and Skoal in our pick ups when Y2K approached! We clean up pretty good, and can make a decent, public presentation!

Our greatest opportunity to acquire new, young members though, will be through our primary schools, with programs such as our Shuttle fly-overs, where students talk with Astronauts via Amateur Radio, and celebrating local events such as Arizona's birthday, where the youngsters contact other hams, announcing our anniversary. Those contacts will implant in their mind the fun of the hobby and pleasant memories of radio conversations. Those senior hams helping the "strikers" ("learners" in Navy parlance) can take a bow, because they're sowing the seeds of a continuing hobby.

In conclusion, I think that we can easily increase the number of seniors who can enjoy ham radio, just by talking to our other club members. With perseverance and genuine interest in the school youngsters, we can "farm" that age group also.

W32BS, this is W86GON – Pete, were you callin me?

W86GON – Tory, is that you? We thought the flag was half-mast for you, or somethin!

Nah, Pete, it's just that ole magazine holder I have by the john – I dropped my copy of the *Sports Illustrated* swimsuit edition and it fell behind the commode. I fell trying to get it, and couldn't get up.

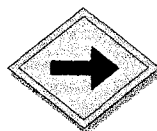
Well ok Tory, I wonder who the flag's tellin' on then?

This is W86GON — I don't know Pete, but the TV was sayin somethin about the FDA recallin that little, blue hot-shot pill you guys take some nights. And I saw the flag lady watchin tv just before she put the flag out!

W86GON and the gang, this is W32BS – This concludes the Gabb'in Geezer net. Our thanks to Dusty Rhodes for the use of his machine.

73's enaK, boB lok7k

whoops – sorry guys, they sewed my name tag on upside down!



SAY WHAT?

FROM THE "I can't believe I heard it on
amateur radio" files:

"I missed too many on my code test because of my spelling!"

"You don't need an amplifier to get into the repeater, but it helps!"

"All you have to do to learn things is un-key and listen!"

(Boy, could this apply to a few we know!)

"I like repeaters that ID with a voice so I know I'm on the right one!"

"I finally found the cure for insomnia-try to read and understand the owners manual for my new HF rig!"

"It's too bad we can't play music on ham radio-I'd make a great DJ!"

"I had to pretty much give up on DX'ing. I couldn't afford the postage any more"



OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

From Pen Brown, KJ7KL - Senior Communications Correspondent and News Analyst

RADIO HISTORY: OREGON TOWERS FELLED

Two historic radio towers in Oregon are no longer broadcasting to the world. Last December 12th the Port of Portland collapsed the twin 600 foot high structures to make way for a wetland.

The towers were erected in 1937. They were in use until the transmitters serving them were taken off the air in 1999.

According to preservationists, these were the oldest continually operating radio towers in the state of Oregon. *(Published reports)*

INTERNATIONAL: MORE ON THE MOSCOW TV TOWER FIRE

An update on the August 2000 fire which gutted Moscow's Ostankino television tower - the second tallest free-standing structure in the world.

It now appears that the flames were fanned by the failure to use plenum rated cables in addition to inadequate fire suppressant systems which either never activated or soon ran out of foam.

According to reports, during construction designers chose not to purchase non-flammable Western cable and instead used cheaper Russian made transmission lines.

The fire is believed to have started in the upper spire, in electrical equipment owned by a Moscow paging company. The fire rode down the cable ducts and was stopped at the 70 meter level where an asbestos barricade was erected. Steel support cables internal to the building were damaged by the intense heat, and the top of the tower now tilts two meters off vertical. With an estimated repair cost of \$1 billion U.S. dollars, the future of the is uncertain at best. *(Published reports)*

\$10,000 FINE TO UNLICENSED FM OPERATION

The FCC has fined Richard I. Rowland \$10,000 for operating an unlicensed FM radio station from Longwood, Florida. That in itself is nothing new. The FCC issues such fines regularly. What makes this story a bit different can be found in the FCC synopsis of this case. It indicates that Rowland submitted to the FCC, among other things, copies of state constitutions, the Magna Carta, the Mayflower Compact, and his birth certificate. This, to further his ultimately unsuccessful arguments. Obviously, the FCC was not convinced. They gave Rowland the customary 30 days to pay up or to file an appeal. *(CGC Communicator)*



ARES/RACES NEWS

Dates have been finalized for some of the Yavapai Amateur Radio Clubs upcoming Public Service Communications Events:

Saturday, April 21, 2001 March of Dimes Walk America (8 to 10 operators needed).

Saturday, May 5, 2001 Whiskey row Marathon (18 to 20 operators needed).

Saturday, June 30, 2001 Frontier Days Parade (8 operators needed).

Sign up sheets for the March of Dimes Walk America will be out at the March meeting and for the Whiskey Row Marathon at the March and April meetings.

ARES/RACES TRAINING AND NETS

- **Training - Who needs it?**

ARES/RACES quarterly training meetings are held alternating between Prescott and the Verde Valley.

Why do we have training meetings?? Some people may say 'I know how to talk on a radio'. What can you possibly teach me? Training meetings help us to get to know each other and the people we will be working with in an emergency. This tends to make us more 'comfortable' in what could be a stressful situation. Training is important so that you acquire the basic skills required to function as part of a team. Emergency communicators are part of a team that can rely and support one another. All members must function as a cohesive unit. Individuals may possess great operating skills; however, they may perform poorly and impact the quality of service to the served agency if they cannot communicate and work on a team.

Training meetings also help our Emergency Coordinators and their Assistants to know your capabilities and that will assist them when it comes to making assignments during a communications exercise or emergency.

Trained operators will get the message through in a quicker and much more efficient manner.

- **Nets**

The weekly ARES/RACES Net helps in much the same way. We become familiar with the operators checking in each week. It gives the experience of net operations and it gives the Emergency Coordinators a weekly list of active members from which to begin calling if and when an emergency callout should come about. →

The weekly net also gives us a forum for disseminating information and training topics.

The Yavapai County ARES/RACES Nets are held Monday evenings at 1845 hours on the 147.220 VVARA Mingus Mountain repeater. The 147.260 Mt. Union Net is held immediately following the 147.220 Net at approximately 1900 hours. Future plans call for linking these two repeaters for emergency and Monday net use. Once we have the repeater link system in place both nets will be combined to begin at 1845 hrs.

73, Lloyd Halgunseth WA6ZZJ
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WE WANT YOU! Membership in the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club is \$20.00 for 1 year. Newsletters will be mailed only to those members not attending a meeting and current on dues. Those in arrears 3 months will be dropped from the membership list. Dues can be mailed to the club PO Box or given to the club treasurer at any meeting.



FROM CHINO BOB:

A friend and I were driving to the mall when we came to a bridge under construction. The road narrowed to one lane, with a light at either end. We stopped for the red light on our side, and waited till it turned green. We started up again, half way through, we met another car coming toward us. The driver leaned out his window and shouted, "I don't back up for idiots!"

Putting his car in reverse, my friend called back. "No problem. I DO".

FROM HAL-N6OVE



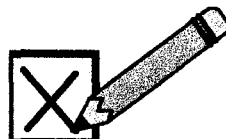
- How Do Crazy People Go Through The Forest? They Take The Psycho Path.
- What Do Fish Say When They Hit A Concrete Wall? Dam!
- What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice Too Long? Polaroid's
- What Do You Call A Boomerang That Doesn't Work? A Stick.
- What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours? Nacho Cheese.
- What Do You Call Santa's Helpers? Subordinate Clauses.
- What Do You Call Four Bullfighters In Quicksand? Quatro Sinko.
- What Do You Get From A Pampered Cow? Spoiled Milk.
- What Do You Get When You Cross A Snowman With A Vampire? Frostbite.
- What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches? A Nervous Wreck.
- Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils? Because They Have Big Fingers.
- Why Don't Blind People Like To Sky Dive? Because It Scares The Dog.
- What Kind Of Coffee Was Served On The Titanic? Sanka.
- What Is The Difference Between A Harley And A Hoover? The Location Of The Dirt Bag.
- Why Did Pilgrims' Pants Always Fall Down? Because They Wore Their Belt Buckle On Their Hat.
- What Do You Call Skydiving Lawyers? Skeet.
- What Goes Clop, Clop, Clop, Bang, Bang, Clop, Clop, Clop? An Amish Drive-By Shooting.
- How Are A Texas Tornado And A Tennessee Divorce The Same? Somebody's Gonna Lose A Trailer.

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ARRL



VEC



Volunteer Examiner Testing

IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE!

For those of you who may have put off getting your "free" upgrade from a pre-March 21, 1987 Tech+ to General Class, we can still process your paperwork, but it's going to cost you a little more. The fee for 2001 was increased to \$10.00, but it's still a small price to pay. (Remember, the VE's DO NOT get paid for what they do.) To get an automatic upgrade, just show up at any test session with your current license and proof that you were licensed before the 1987 date, and \$10.00.

The tentative schedule for 2001 will be 5/12, 8/11, and 11/10. Additional sessions may be held as needed.

All those attending for tests must have **ORIGINAL** license and a copy, Original CSCE's and 1 photo ID. (VE's-remember to bring and wear your VE - ID Badge!)

Special test sessions may be accommodated according to demands, as needed. The test fee for 2001 has been set at \$10.00. Further information can be obtained by contacting John Wilson-KM6BF at 636-1228 or Dave Rutledge-W9KRQ at 541-1225.

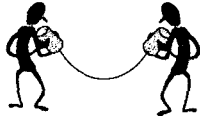
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146.880- (100.0 PL) IF YOU DON'T HAVE PL, TRANSMIT ON
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AMATEURS WELCOME.

MONTHLY MEETING - 3rd THURSDAY @ GRANITE MTN MIDDLE
SCHOOL 7:00PM (N 34° 34' 22.6" W 112° 29' 45.1")

NEXT MEETING THURS, APRIL 19, 2001 @ 7:00pm



Wednesday Morning Breakfast-Iron Horse Café, S.
Hwy 89 in Chino Valley (N 34° 43' 56.5" W 112° 27' 15.4"). 7:30AM.
Informal-All are invited.

Thursday Morning Breakfast-Michael's Restaurant in the Safeway
Shopping Center, Hwy 69 Prescott Valley. 8:00am. (N 34° 35' 13.3"
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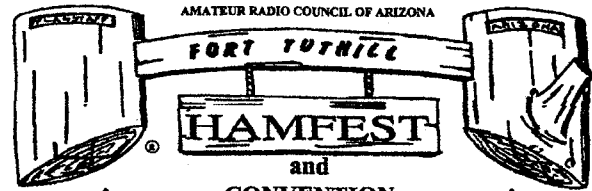
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Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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