

# YAVAPAI SIGNAL

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## From the Desk of the President

The March YARC meeting was another interesting one, with a very nice presentation about kit building from Chuck, K7QO. The slides for the program are available on his Web site: <http://www.k7qo.net/>. The file is a PDF file, 4.8 MB in size. To run the PDF slide show, open the file in Acrobat Reader, enter Ctrl/L to start the presentation, and press the Enter key to advance the slides and Shift/Enter to go back to a previous slide. To exit the side show, press the Esc key.

Chuck gave a report on the amateur license class he has put together that will commence Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. He reported there would be about 25 students. Since the meeting, the announcement in the local newspaper was printed and he had already gotten a couple of inquires at the writing of this piece (Saturday morning, 3/5). He thinks there may be about 30 students when the class starts. This is good news, as I believe it indicates there really is an interest in amateur radio in the Prescott area and all that was needed was an opportunity for those interested.

At the end of the eight-week class, there will be a license examination session. We will need to put together a group of VEs for the session. Mary, AB7NK, has volunteered to lead the VE team for the examination session. I urge anyone in the club who is an accredited VE to contact Mary at 775-2158 or [ab7nk@commspeed.net](mailto:ab7nk@commspeed.net) to volunteer to be part of the team. We need to have as large a team as possible to facilitate a successful VE session. If you are not a VE, I would ask that you give serious consideration to becoming one. While you may not receive accreditation in time for the VE session for this class, Chuck hopes to have future classes and you could participate in future sessions. Just go to the ARRL's VE site, <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>, to get the information about the program and download the VE

manual and the application form for VE accreditation (the application is page 5 of the manual).

An issue I feel strongly about is the weekly club net. Since Dale, N7XFD, ended his excellent tour of duty as net control for the net, we have had a problem with having a designated net control each week. Several folks have taken turns as net control, but too often it is a question at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings if there is anyone there to act as net control and whether there will be a net. I don't think this is a good situation, as I think the uncertainty will result in fewer members showing up for the net and, as a result, the net will just die. I don't think this is a desirable situation. As a result, I circulated a sign-up sheet at the meeting asking for volunteers for net control on a monthly basis. I have operators signed up to be net control for the months of April, May, July and August. I need volunteers for the other months for 2005. This is also an excellent chance to practice net control station skills. I would encourage any of you who care about the viability of the club's weekly net to seriously consider signing up for one or more of the vacant months. Contact me at 775-2259 or [wb9vgj@arrl.net](mailto:wb9vgj@arrl.net) to volunteer. Volunteers will be provided with the script for the net as well as the most current roster of participating stations. I would also encourage more members to check into the net.

I am still looking to club members to offer ideas and suggestions on any program they might like to see and to consider having any club they belong to present a program. We have a program scheduled for April and May, but the rest of the year is open. So, please contact me with any ideas on programs you might have.

73,

John, WB9VGJ

## 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 by providing communications for local events, emergency communications, and promotion of the hobby throughout the community. Membership in the YARC is open to any interested amateur or non-amateur alike. Dues are \$20.00/yr. The YARC meets at 7:00 PM local time on the first 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

## YARC Officers for 2005

<i>President</i> John Broughton, WB9VGJ <a href="mailto:wb9vgj@arrl.net">wb9vgj@arrl.net</a>	<i>Vice President</i> Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ <a href="mailto:rosevear520@cableone.net">rosevear520@cableone.net</a>
<i>Secretary</i> Joe Oliver, AC6AA <a href="mailto:joliver@commspeed.net">joliver@commspeed.net</a>	<i>Treasurer</i> David Passell, K6UWV <a href="mailto:davidrex@northlink.com">davidrex@northlink.com</a>

YARC Board of Directors (includes Club Officers)  
Rex Mauldin-N7NGM  
Terry Pemberton-KB7TRE  
Jack Ragen-W3IVQ  
Walter Schumann -KF6SPS  
Weekly Net Control-Tom Ivan  
, KF7GC, et al  
Newsletter Editor-Hal Tritel, N6OVE

**Minutes of March 3, 2005 Meeting**



John called the meeting to order at 1900. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Visitors:** Mary, AB7NK; Tom, W6RAI; Neil,

KA7JAS; Don, KD7VYT; Ray, N6MY; Tom, W6RAI; Tony, W7PCV; Harlan, WB0PIJ; W7QAT's XYL and Richard.

**New Members:** Ray Tyrrell, N6MY

**New Licenses:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** The Minutes for February were approved on a motion by Terry, KB7TRE and seconded by Lloyd, WA6ZZJ.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave, W6UWV reported a balance of \$1584.44. The report was approved on a motion by Al, KD7MTJ and seconded by Fred, KC7TIN.

**Committee Reports:**

**ARES/RACES:** Lloyd, WA6ZZJ reported on the first training meeting held on February 12<sup>th</sup> with 16 people present. The Desert Storm Rally is to be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Quartzsite area. Whiskey Row Marathon will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a signup sheet to get 18 – 20 people for communications.

**Newsletter:** Hal, N6OVE stated that the Newsletter was published on time, with no problems.

**Patches:** David, W6UWV has club patches for \$3.00

**K7A Operation:** Students setup and operated equipment at Charlotte Hall on February 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Arizona's birthday. Not many contacts were made, but ample doughnuts and pizza kept the students happy.

**IRLP:** Jack, W7JLC has been working with Rex, N7NGM and Lee, KC7CBK to determine type of equipment and other items needed to establish an IRLP repeater for the club. Jack will write an article with more details for the Newsletter.

**License Class:** Chuck, K7QO will conduct his first class on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 for the technician class and 7:30 for the upgrades. To date, approximately 25 students have signed up for the class, which will be held at the Yavapai County Jeep Posse building on Commerce Drive.

**Old Business:**

**Club Brochures:** Jim, N5RO volunteered to review current brochure and update contents to present at next meeting for further ideas and finalization.

**Club Net:** John passed around a signup sheet to get a volunteer(s) for net control on the Wednesday night 2M net. A permanent net control must be established, as well as more people need to check in. Otherwise, the net may be discontinued.

**New Business:**

**Silent Keys:** Lloyd, WA6ZZJ, Roy, KF4IVG, and Jack, W3IVQ volunteered to form a committee to assist widows with the disposal of ham gear.

**VE Testing:** Mary, AB7NK is coordinating the VE testing in our area. A signup sheet was passed around to acquire names of club member or non-member VEs.

**Announcements:**

**Programs:** Program schedule has been changed – John Markham will talk on the Linux operating system in April, and Chuck, K7QO will be speaking on kit building at this meeting. Ray, K6CMU will give the May program with a presentation on radio-controlled airplanes. Still need programs for June through December.

**Items for Sale:** Kenwood TS-430 for \$400 – see Frank, WA6JBV.

**Drawing:** Fred, KC7TIN won \$9 in the drawing.

A motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 1930 was made by Tom, W2JKG and seconded by Lloyd, WA6ZZJ.

**Program:** At 1940, Chuck, K7QO

presented an interesting slide show on kit building, along with many worthwhile tips. Slides are in PDF file format and are available for viewing on Chuck's website, [WWW.K7QO.net](http://WWW.K7QO.net). Chuck discussed reasons for building kits and showed a wide variety of kits that he has assembled. He showed where he builds kits, and the tools and equipment he uses for assembling and testing. He strongly recommended using Kester solder type 62,36 with 2% silver, which contains no-clean flux 245.

Chuck's well-received program ended at 2040.

Ray, N6MY's new membership was approved on a motion by David, K6UWV and seconded by Ray, K6CMU, ending the meeting for the evening.

*Respectfully,*

Joe, AC6AA  
Secretary

**Minutes of March 3, 2005 Board Meeting**

A Board meeting was held March 3, 2005. Present were John, WB9VGJ; Bob, WB7RRQ; Joe, AC6AA; Dave, K6UWV; Jack, W3IVQ; Terry, KB7TRE and Walter, KF6SPS.

John called the meeting to order at 1830. He emphasized the need for finding speakers for programs after April. Several possible sources were mentioned. Also discussed were items to be covered during the general meeting. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the general meeting in order to establish a regular net control station for the Wednesday night 2M Net.

Dave, K6UWV received a copy of the State of Arizona Corporation Commission Corporation Annual Report & Certificate of Disclosure. The report was given to Joe, AC6AA to ensure submission before April 13, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 1845.

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## Equipment List for the Estate of M. Lee Rogers, KC2FWT

*This equipment and more will be at the April YARC meeting for sale.*

1 Yaesu VX-5 Tri Band  
(50/144/440 Mhz) Handheld Transceiver  
W/accessories

### **Plus the following:**

Computer Programming Software  
Speaker Microphone  
Alkaline Battery Pack  
Headset W/Boom Microphone

1 Kenwood TM-2550A 144Mhz  
Transceiver (45 watts w/tone board)

1 L-Tronics Monitor/Paging  
Receiver 147.220 Mhz Litz decoder

1 Radio Shack Model 22-506 10  
amp 12 volts Power Supply

1 Diamond Model SX-40C  
144/440 Mhz SWR/Power Meter

1 Portable 12 volt 3 amp hour  
External Battery Pack in Belt Case

1 Diamond Tri Band (50/144/440  
Mhz) antenna with UHF Mount

1 GE Model 3-5375 Mini Cassette  
Recorder

1 NATCOM Tri Band Rubber  
Duck Antenna

1 Larson Mag Mount w/Antenna  
(144 Mhz ?)

1 144 Mhz Mag Mount Antenna

1 Motron Auto Kall ??

### **Assorted Books**

1 Beam Antenna Handbook by Bill  
Orr W6SAI

1 Practical Antenna Handbook  
published by TAB Books

1 ARRL Antenna Handbook 19th  
Edition

1 ARRL Operating Manual 19th  
Edition

1 ARRL Hints & Kinks Book 14th  
Edition

73....Lloyd, WA6ZZJ

## ARES/RACES



The next ARES/RACES training meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 at the Cottonwood Public Safety

Building located at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Aspen in Cottonwood. Please plan to attend. Training is a very important part of your commitment to ARES/RACES.

### PUBLIC SERVICE

Our next Public Service Communications event will be the Whiskey Row Marathon on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. 18 to 20 operators are needed for this event and 4 of the positions require a high clearance vehicle. We are still in need of a few more operators so the sign up sheet will be out again at the April YARC meeting. Please plan to assist on this event. Nest to the road Rally in the Fall this is the largest event we provide communications for and the YMCA greatly appreciates our help..

*Lloyd, WA6ZZJ*

## A Fable For Our Time

A modern day cowboy has spent many days crossing the desert without water. His horse has already died of thirst, and he's crawling through the sand, certain that he has breathed his last. All of a sudden, he sees an object sticking out of the sand several yards ahead of him. He crawls to the object, pulls it out of the sand, and discovers what looks to be an old brief case.

He opens it and out pops a genie. But this is no ordinary genie - she is wearing an Internal Revenue Service ID badge and a dull gray dress; there's a calculator in her pocketbook, and she has a pencil tucked behind one ear.

"Well, cowboy," says the genie... "You know how I work. You have three wishes."

"I'm not falling for this," says the man. "I'm not going to trust an IRS Auditor Genie."

"What do you have to lose? - You've got no transportation, and it looks like you're a goner anyway!"

The man thinks about this for a minute, and decides that the genie is right. "OK, I wish I were in a lush oasis with plenty of food and drink."

POOF! The cowboy finds himself in the most beautiful oasis he has ever seen, surrounded with jugs of wine and platters of delicacies.

"OK, cowpoke, what's your second wish?"

"My second wish is that I was rich beyond my wildest dreams."

POOF! The man finds himself surrounded by treasure chests filled with rare gold coins and precious gems.

"OK, cowpuncher, you have just one more wish. Better make it a good one!"

After thinking for a few minutes, the man says, "I wish that no matter where I go, beautiful women will want and need me."

POOF! He is turned into a tampon.

The moral of the story:

If the government offers you anything, there's going to be a string attached.

## Ham Radio Classes Started by K7QO

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The classes will run for 8 weeks until the end of March. The students will then be able the following week to take Morse and written exams for any or all of the license classes issued by the FCC. A follow up report will be given on the high success ratio and hopefully a low dropout rate.

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can be generated for Jr. High or Sr. High kids interested in electronics, instead of computers.

Thanks to all the Sheriff's people who opened and closed the facility and thanks to the students for helping to keep the facilities clean and tidy. All the hard work behind the scenes is appreciated by the instructor and the students.

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*73 de K7QO*

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From: Onenewadventure@aol.com  
Date: March 7, 2005 1:47:29 PM MST  
To: htritel4@mac.com  
Subject: Newsletter Item

Hal;  
Here is the info for the newsletter I spoke with you about:

I joined the club at last month's meeting and will be attending the upcoming class for my upgrade to General. I live in a restricted neighborhood and need help in the following areas:

- Information on antennas that can be used where visibility is restricted. Attic antennas are almost out of the question because of limited room to move about up there.
- If anyone has a Heath SA-2060 antenna tuner, I would like to come by and look it over. I have a chance to get one but am not familiar with this particular model.
- I'm interested in picking up an HF transceiver. It doesn't need to have a lot of bells and whistles but does need to be in good operational condition and contain a built-in antenna tuner.

Please contact me at the club meeting or by phone or e-mail. 775-6592, [onenewadventure@aol.com](mailto:onenewadventure@aol.com)

Thanks,  
Roy, KF4IVG



### Watch for these Upcoming events

April - John Markham will give a presentation on the Linux operating system

May - Ray, K6CMU, will give a presentation on radio control airplanes

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### VE Testing Schedule

May 6, 2005

July 15, 2005

September 9, 2005

November 4, 2005

All sessions are on a Friday night and the time is 7:00 p.m. They are held at:

Montezuma Rimrock Fire Department  
1240 E. Beaver Creek Road  
Lake Montezuma AZ 86335

For details, contact Mark at  
(928) 567-5446



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*Chuck Adams, K7QO CP-60 and RUFZ 109 WPM*

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## A Child's Wisdom

Ya gotta love this little girl...

Little Melissa comes home from first grade and tells her father that they learned about the history of Valentine's Day.

"Since Valentine's Day is for a Christian saint and we're Jewish," she asks, "will God get mad at me for giving someone a valentine?"

Melissa's father thinks a bit, then says, "No, I don't think God would get mad. Who do you want to give a valentine to?"

"Osama Bin Laden," she says.

"Why Osama Bin Laden?", her father asks in shock.

"Well," she says, I thought that if a little American Jewish girl could have enough love to give Osama a valentine, he might start to think that maybe we're not all bad, and maybe he'd start loving people a little bit.

And if other kids saw what I did and sent valentines to Osama, he'd love everyone a lot. And then he'd start going all over the place to tell everyone how much we loved them and how he didn't hate anyone anymore."

Her father's heart swells and he looks at his daughter with newfound pride. "Melissa, that's the most wonderful thing I've ever heard."

"I know," Melissa says, "and once that gets him out in the open, the Marines could blow the shit out of him."

## Lesson To All Employees Who Work With Rude Customers.

Indeed, an award should go to the Virgin Airlines gate attendant in Sydney some months ago for being smart and funny, while making her point when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo. A crowded Virgin flight was cancelled after Virgin's 767s had been withdrawn from service. A single attendant was re-booking a long line of Inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. Slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it HAS to be FIRST CLASS." The attendant replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these people first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The Passenger was, unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?" Without hesitating, the attendant smiled and grabbed her public address microphone: "May I have your attention please, may I have your attention please," she began - her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal." We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to Gate 14." With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the Virgin attendant, gritted his teeth and said, "F... you." Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to get in line for that too."

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## FOR SALE

Kenwood TS430-3  
H.F. Radio 10-160  
Good Shape  
\$400  
Frank Horneff WA6JBV  
778-4814

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Here is a URL that we should keep in front of our members. I have added it to the web site under other links.

<http://www.arca-az.org>

We, YARC, are member of ARCA and should look at it from time to time. They have information about VE test and just a bunch of other neat stuff.

*Bob WB6ODR*

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## A Word From Chris Bearscope

Hello! Well, Albany is an alright place to fly out of. I've settled in nicely. I still "live" in Maine, so that's where I am on my days off... although I don't have a place of my own and live with my best friend while there.

Here is my March work schedule on my website. Click or copy the link below. It's a duzy of a schedule... a LOT of flying. Check out everywhere I'll be!! I'll be one tired puppy. But it will get me closer to the flight time I need to be eligible for upgrade to Captain. And the paycheck will be nice. Wehee!! God Bless everyone! Remember, my phone number is now my cell. 207-319-2036  
<http://home.midmaine.com/~bearsck/workschedule.html>

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## For Sale

Windom "Short 80"  
antenna with 4:1 balun.  
Need to sell to finance  
other equipment. \$39 Firm

[jimc76@cableone.net](mailto:jimc76@cableone.net)

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the call listed on the list of repeater has my call incorrectly, please change to KB 6 TWC

448.500 - PL 100 / Irun a remote base to it and takes a touch tone command to bring it up the connection to the Phoenix White Tank 2m repeater 146.940. (which offers excellent Phoenix coverage) and I do have the ARA permission for this connection from the President of the ARA Jim Pierce. I am also a member of the ARA.

This repeater of mine is also phone patch capable. \* up (star plus phone number up) and # to bring autopatch down.

A YARC member wishing to know how to bring up and down the connection commands to the White Tanks repeater can just email for the instructions. I run my repeater as a "closed" repeater to keep the knuckle heads off it. my email [douglasnicholson@yahoo.com](mailto:douglasnicholson@yahoo.com) OK to public publish.

Another correction

Also the 6m Prescott Airport repeater should be listed as belonging to WB7BYV Steve Crumley  
WB7BYV also has 440 machine at the Prescott airport. 449.675 - pl 77.  
WB7BYV also has a 900 repeater in Prescott, P mtn, / 927. 3875 - pl 151.4

Also another good repeater to list. On Williams Mtn.  
449.750 - pl 110.9 N9CZV "Navocom system" Owner Dave Epley

Thanks  
Douglas Nicholson KB6TWC

**Weekly Information Net**

Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm 146.880 (100 PL)  
*If you don't have PL, transmit on 146.880 simplex when the repeater drops out.*  
*All amateurs welcome*

**Monthly Meeting**

First Thursday at Granite Middle School @ 7:00pm  
 (N 34°34'22.6" W 112°29'45.1")

**Next Meeting Thurs. April 7, 2005 @ 7pm**

Wednesday morning breakfast–*Iron Horse Cafe*  
 S. Hwy 89 in Chino Valley  
 (N 34°43'56.5" W 112°27'15.4")

*Informal –All are invited*

Thursday morning breakfast–*Michael's Restaurant*  
 in the Safeway Shopping Center,  
 Hwy 69 Prescott Valley  
 (N 34°35'13.33" W 112°19'44.6")

*Informal–All are invited*

Location data provided by Fred Zimmermann N7PJN, per WSG84



**AREA REPEATERS**

Frequency	PL	Location	Notes
52.560-	100.0	Mt. Union (-500 Khz)	CARS N7NGM
53.040-	C/S	Prescott Airport (-1Mhz)	WB7BYV
145.350-	C/S	Wildflower Mtn.	DAWN
145.370-	C/S	Towers Mountan	MMRG
146.780-	91.5tt	Bill Williams Mtn.	BWARC
146.880-	100.0	Prescott	YARC
146.980-	162.2	Flagstaff-Elden	CARC
147.000+	162.2	Mingus Mountain	MMRG
147.040+	100.0	Prescott Heights	W2YAV
147.140+	162.2	Flagstaff-Elden	ARA Link to Ord
147.220+	162.2	Mingus Mountain	VVARA
147.260+	103.5	Mt. Union	YC Emerg.Svcs.
223.960-	127.3	Chino Valley	NW7AZ*
442.150+	100.0	Mingus Mountain	Northlink
442.350+	100.0	Glassford Hill	N7KPU
448.475-	100.0	Flagstaff-Eldon	ARA
448.500-	100.0	Prescott	KB7TWC
448.875-	100.0	Flagstaff-Eldon	Northlink
449.175-	100.0	Towers Mountain	Northlink
448.5250-	127.3	Payson	K2YAW
449.675	77.0	Prescott Airport	WB7BYV
449.750	110.9	Bill Williams Mtn.	N9CZV
927.3875	151.4	'P' Mountain	WB7BYV

**YAVAPAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**P.O. BOX 11994  
 PRESCOTT, AZ 86304**

*Visit us on the web at: <http://www.w7yrc.org>*

*Many thanks to Bob Smith, WB6ODR, our Webmaster*

