

# THE YAVAPAI SIGNAL

**THE YAVAPAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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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. Dues are \$20.00/yr. 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.



### YARC OFFICERS for 2003

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WEEKLY NET CONTROL - Dale Leslie-N7XFD  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR - John Wilson-KM6BF

seasons  
greetings



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### W7FQM-Phillip "Sonny" Lawrence

Sonny lives in Prescott Valley and says his favorite aspects of the hobby are building "gadgets" antennas, and test equipment.

#### KC6ZHG-David G. Hoffman

Davis lives in Prescott and is involved in Public Service and Emergency Communications.

Welcome to the club!



### FROM YOUR PRESIDENT ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN!

A nominating committee was formed comprised of Terry-KB7TRE, Tony-W7PCU, and Bob-WB6ODR. They submitted names for those members and were voted on by the members present at the November meeting. Since the positions were "unopposed", they were confirmed by proclamation. The club's by-laws state that a club officer can hold a position for no more than 2 consecutive terms, or 2 years. The new officers will assume their position at the December meeting. We would like to extend thanks for those outgoing officers who have done their part in helping take care of club business. Good job!

We may also need to make a few new committee assignments. We encourage all members to do their part and volunteer for these assignments. What can you do for the club?

With the onset of colder winter weather, many of us change our activities to more of an indoor nature. One of mine, of course, will include amateur radio. Since I will be working nights, I usually keep the same schedule on my days off. This means there are many nights available for SWL'ing. While I'm not really looking for that elusive station from the mideast or Africa, there is always something to listen to. The BBC always has world news, along with CBC, Radio Moscow, and others. You can always get a little "slant" on their perception of our news, as well. If you're bored with TV, turn on your HF rig and tune in something different. (See Highlight article for a good source of SWL information) →

Several suggestions were given for future programs and we will do our best to accommodate them. If you would like to give a program at one of our meetings, please let us know and we will schedule you as time permits. Remember to keep sending me your QSL cards and a short story about them for future newsletters. If you can't can and e-mail, then send me the card and I scan it for you.

Remember, there's always room in the newsletter for your stories and contributions as well. Keep 'em comin! 73!

**John Wilson-KM6BF**  
YARC President

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## THE YARC WEEKLY NET-AN OBSERVATION.



The YARC weekly net on Wednesday evenings has become a tradition for many of us. It is a good way to be up to date on what's happening and hear what members are up to.

Funny thing, though. We have around 75 members in the club, but we only have 20-30 members checking in on the weekly net. Even taking into consideration personal schedules, vacations, working, etc. the numbers should be higher. The same goes for the monthly meetings, where we usually have 25-35 members attend. Where is everyone?

The same goes for events that the club is involved in. Many times there are only 7-8 people willing to participate in these events and the organizers end up begging for help.

Remember, the weekly NET is every Wednesday evening at 1900 on the 146.880- (100.0PL) repeater, and the monthly meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 1900 HRS. We encourage everyone to participate whenever they can. Check into the net and attend the meetings. There's always some good information, news, updates, etc. You'll be glad you did. (Ed.)



Speaking of club activities, let's not forget those who have done their part for the club. As the baton is passed to some new officers, we shouldn't forget those "other" jobs we sometimes take for granted.

First, we should thank Dale Leslie-N7XFD for doing the weekly net on Wednesday evenings. I can't remember how many years he has been doing it, but everyone should appreciate his willingness to do his part for the club. Good job, Dale!

Next, would be Lloyd Halgunseth-WA6ZZJ and Lee Cunningham-KC7CBK for their work in coordinating Emergency Services activity and several events throughout the year. Lee has also given us excerpts

from the ARRL Letter, along with bulletins and photos displayed at the meetings, and provided many of the programs for the meetings..

Of course, we can't forget Bob Rosevear-WB7RRQ, who handles the enormous task of putting together communications for the Prescott Forest Road Rally every year.

Our Treasurer, David Passell-K6UWV has doubled as the refreshment provider. Without David, the coffee, sodas, and cookies may not have been available. Along with keeping the "books" for the club, David has gone beyond doing his share for the club.

Terry Pemberton-KB7TRE has provided us with a meeting place and helped promote amateur radio through the school and students, among other things. Big thanks!

We can't forget Bob Kane-K7KOL has given us many chuckles with his ability to put together many great stories featured here in the newsletter.

I don't want to hurt myself by reaching around and patting myself on the back, but remember-as Club President, I have also been your newsletter editor and publisher, and handled the VE testing.

If I have forgotten anyone, it's not because I wanted to, but probably due to my lack of clear thought processes sometimes.

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to everyone for supporting the club and look forward to another great year for the YARC in 2003!

John Wilson-KM6BF

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## YARC HIGHLIGHT

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD SWL & DX RESOURCE?

Here's one...

 **hard-core-dx.com**

### The HCDX Story

A **hard core DXer** is a shortwave and mediumwave listener who tries to listen to rare, weak, and normally unheard broadcasting stations. This kind of radio listener has been around since radio was born in the early 20th century. And since the early days of the Internet, Hard-Core-DX.com has been around, trying to cover the information needs of these specialized listeners.

**From the very start**, Hard-Core-DX.com has offered provided a very active and high quality, and moderated, email list for all DXers seeking up-to-date information. And it has all been in the spirit of old time radio: freely given by its members, freely given by the HCDX staff.

**In March 2000**, Risto Kotalampi's hard-core-dx email list joined with Hermod Pedersen's Nordic Shortwave Center's web site, trying to offer an even better one stop shop for DX information on the web. →

In October 2002, we made a complete redesign of the Hard-Core-DX.com web site, in order to bring DX content providers even closer together, so that a unique portal for all DXers is available on the Web.

We don't want this site to be the only site for you to visit. On the contrary. We simply don't have the resources to maintain everything on one site, and our charter has never been one of an ego trip.

Instead, we want all DXers to have a starting point, where numerous DX content provider and HCDX partner bring you the news you want. In lots of different channels you will find information on all aspect of our fascinating radio hobby:

**SRSnews** brings your pirate radio news.

**Andes DX** brings you the latest info on the radio scene in Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru.

**@tividade DX** keeps you informed on what happens in Brazil.

**Clandestine** news tells you all about secret transmissions.

**Propagation** will tell you what happens on the Sun, offering down to earth bulletins on what effect that has on our radio listening.

And, most important, all HCDX members will send you instant DX news when it happens. We believe that the new Hard-Core-DX.com will be a win-win for everyone. Please use it. And please take part. Together we can make this the best DX site in the world. And, yes, it will still be free for all to use; just like in the old days, when radio pioneers freely supported one another.

## Conversion Chart-kHz to Metres

3900 kHz-4000 kHz	75 M	11650 kHz-12050 kHz	25 M
5950 kHz-6200 kHz	49 M	13600 kHz-13800 kHz	22 M
7100 kHz-7500 kHz	41 M	15100 kHz-15600 kHz	19 M
9400 kHz-9900 kHz	31 M	17550 kHz-17900 kHz	16 M
585 kHz-1548kHz		512-194 M	



### UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

- ▶ Happy New Year!
- ▶ January 1, 2003 Straight Key Night
- ▶ January 4 – 5, 2003 ARRL RTTY Round-Up
- ▶ January 11, 2003 – North American QSO Party HF-CW
- ▶ January 16, 2003 – Next YARC Meeting

- ▶ 2003 - January, 18 - 20ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
  - ▶ January 18-19, 2003 – North American QSO Party HF-SSB
  - ▶ January 25, 2003 – CQ 160 Meters CW
  - ▶ February 2, 2003 – North American Sprint 80/40/20M SSB
  - ▶ Saturday February 8, 2003 – VE Testing, Prescott
  - ▶ 2003 - February 15 - 16ARRL International DX Contest (CW)
- More detailed information on Contests and Special Events can be found in most amateur publications such as QST, Worldradio, and others.*



### NOVEMBER MEETING

Meeting came to order at 1901 with Mr. Wilson in charge. Visitors: Dave KC6ZHG and KAZ-TV's Rich Howe. Minutes read and approved at corrected. Treasure report: \$1614.93. Reports: Lee: Vests are in. Cost \$11.00 each. A few words on the new Homeland Security Bill just passed in congress.

V. E. tests, 3 new hams made the grade. Christmas parade December 7th in Prescott. The Emergency Services van will be in it. The following weekend the van will be in Chino Valley parade. Old Business; Rex: on the hams balloon launch Saturday; the 16th went up to 70,000 ft. with a cross band repeater on it. Next launch will be Dec. 7th. Fred: put in a good word for Bob (WB7RRQ) for his work on the road rally. Repeater: Bill Kafka says everything is still in good shape. He plans to keep it that way. New Business: Door prize donated by Dick which is two key boards with a build in scanner attached to them. Plans to raffle them off next month. Elections: No new nominations from the floor. Those running President John Wilson, Vice-president, Bob Smith Secretary, Tony Masvidal, Treasurer Al Crook. Board members Lee Cunningham, Bob Kane, Bob Rosevear. Motion by John (WB7VGJ) to vote all notated members unanimously Approved. Jim, (KD7AOI) is going to try Smoke Signals like the Indians used. Need Help. Took a break at 1925, back at 1937. 50/50 drawing winner 80875, won by Frank. \$13.00 to winner. \$26.00 total donated.

Program: By Rich Howe talked about Prescott TV station KUSK now KAZ-TV. It was very interesting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Tilman-K7CJW YARC 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!

With the announcement of the ARRL's decision to drop the Section Manager's News (remember that little paragraph in real small print in the back of the magazine?) from OST, we will attempt to publish it here in the newsletter for you. It may be a month late, but it will be here, and in a little larger print! 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@cabl Leone.net](mailto:km6bf@cabl Leone.net)



## FROM THE MAILBOX

More than price matters.



I had an embarrassing and bad experience with Texas Towers I wanted to share with the club. I'm sharing it for no other reason than to make people aware of a policy I consider unjustifiable. I'm hopeful that folks reading this will give it some consideration when they decide to buy amateur products or equipment and consider other suppliers than Texas Towers for said purchases.

I called Texas Towers 12/06/02 to order a mobile antenna and antenna mount. I talked to Gerald (he gave no last name). I gave him the order, my debit card number and expiration date and my physical (shipping) address. I started to explain I had a mailing address I wanted to give him, but he didn't want to hear it. I explained the USPS does not deliver to folks living on private roads, as do I, so I have to have a P.O. Box. He said he runs into that a lot, but still was not interested in my mailing address.

He said I should make sure my bank's customer service folks had the physical address to verify as he would call to verify it as he has been victim of a lot of fraud. I called the bank's customer service folks and the rep. verified that they had both addresses; I told the rep. the vendor was going to call to confirm the shipping address.

I notified Gerald I had done that and in a bit he called back and said the bank would not verify the address. I called the bank again and another rep. told me that the policy was to only verify the address associated with the card, my mailing address, naturally. I asked why they wouldn't verify the shipping address as I had called to ensure they had it. I was told they limit info. they give out to third parties. The rep. said the bank could verify the address to me in a conference call with the third party so he could hear it.

As Texas Towers was closed by this time, I called Gerald the morning

of 12/07 to inform him of the new info. from the bank. He immediately told me that my order was refused and he would not fill it and was not set up to make a conference call as the bank offered.

I tried to explain to him there were other, easy ways to verify that I was who I said I was and lived where I said I did: 1) E-mail him a scan of my drivers license with the address; 2) Let him look at the Yavapai County on-line property map info. that shows the address for me; 3) Look me up on infobel.com to see the listing with my phone number and address (he knew it was my phone number as he called me back on it). He refused to even listen to the options, let alone consider any of them and again informed me that my order was being refused.

I asked to speak to his supervisor hoping to be able to reason with someone having influence on the policy. Gerald informed me he was the company owner and that his policy was firm.

I sent him e-mail expressing my displeasure at being treated like a crook with no chance to easily verify my street address. As a follow-up, I did file an on-line complaint with the Metropolitan Dallas, TX, Better Business Bureau and one with the Attorney General of Texas, consumer division, and sent e-mail to ARRL informing them of this business practice of one of their advertisers.

The experience was totally alien to me and rather humiliating. While I can fully understand the company's need to verify information due to a large amount of fraud, I also believe a customer ought to have the chance to verify information about him/herself. It seems like both customer and business profit if they work together and use a little common sense. I don't think people have to take being treated like this by businesses and remain silent about it.

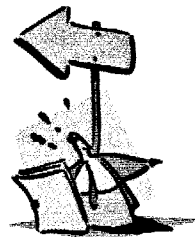
I did call Amateur Electronic Supply shortly after Texas Towers refused my order. I was able to order the items with absolutely no hassle using the same debit card. And, AES was interested in having both my mailing address and physical address. While Texas Towers' price on the items is less than other suppliers charge, it turns out saving a few bucks is not always a bargain.

Sincerely,

John Broughton, WB9VGJ  
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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 THE WAY PAST-PRESIDENT**  
K7KOL (Bob Kane)

Bob's enjoying the Holiday's, contemplating his next article.



73 Bob Kane K7KOL



**OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST**

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



**INTERNATIONAL – N. KOREA: LAST HAM FORCED OFF THE AIR**

The Peoples Republic of Korea appears to no longer want Amateur Radio operating from its soil. It made its intention clear when it asked its only ham to pack his gear and send it out of the country.

Ed, P5/4L4FN, the only radio amateur operating legally from North Korea, has had to close down. On the evening of the 22nd of November, Ed was called into a meeting with the North Korean Radio Regulation Board. Without any explanation he was politely asked to stop all transmissions and to pack up all his radio equipment.

Ed spent the following day disassembling his antennas and packing boxes. That afternoon government officials sealed all the boxes and Ed has been told to take everything out of the country when he leaves North Korea for a two-week holiday on the 10th of December.

Jeremy Boot, G4NJH



**Herb Schoenbohm returns to ham radio** (Dec 4, 2002) --

After nearly two years off the air, Herb Schoenbohm, ex-KV4FZ, has made good on his promise to one day return to the Amateur Radio ranks. The FCC on December 4 issued Schoenbohm a new call sign, NP2MJ, as a General-class licensee and was expected to act quickly on his Amateur Extra-class application. In 1994, the FCC put Schoenbohm's renewal application for KV4FZ up for hearing following his 1992 felony conviction on federal fraud charges. The Commission finally turned down his renewal application in 1998, the US Appeals Court upheld the FCC's decision in 2000, and the US Supreme Court declined to hear the case later that same year. After losing his renewal bid, Schoenbohm applied for a new license in 2001, first passing the General and then the Extra exams. The FCC subsequently designated Schoenbohm's General application for hearing on the basis of character issues stemming from his 1992 conviction as well as his alleged lack of candor during subsequent FCC hearings on the matter. Following a hearing last spring, Administrative Law Judge Arthur I. Steinberg in October cleared the way for

Schoenbohm's return to ham radio by declaring that Schoenbohm appeared rehabilitated and qualified to again become a Commission licensee. Schoenbohm has said he may apply for KV4FZ as a vanity call sign. (From the ARRL's ARRL LETTER)

**INTERNATIONAL: GETTING ON THE AIR DOWN UNDER**

Still in that region of the world, were you aware that New Zealand is one of very few countries in the world where licensed amateurs visiting from overseas can immediately operate?



Well it is and a visiting amateur can get off an airplane, walk into the terminal building and start operating on 144 MHz and above by simply signing his own call sign portable Zed-L. This, without the hassle of getting a license and without paying a license fee.

For more information on operating in New Zealand as a tourist or visitor take your web browser over to [www.nzart.org.nz](http://www.nzart.org.nz) (NZART) [From Newsline #1321 12/06/02]



**ARRL Arizona Section (AZ) NEWS**

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The ARRL Board of Directors made the decision to delete the SM articles and contesting results in QST with effective date of 01 January 2003. This was to give QST editors more room for other articles. The best part of this is that I can now include pictures of special events as part of my article. Have you completed the Communications Level 1 Class? This class is very good and it teaches the basic art of emergency communications. If you are not presently taking this class and want to do so, call ARRL Headquarters and get all your questions answered. Course cost is \$45.00 (cost is reimbursed through federal grant funds after completing the Level I course). During an emergency condition, we want to be prepared and have the necessary training skills to help. Training must take place prior to emergencies, not during the emergency. Many RACES organizations across the country are requiring its members to take this course as part of their membership requirements. Check with the ARRL for the next course starting date. Another issue that has surfaced is community support. Here in Arizona, we have many people who work with local governments on community activities and emergency support. If your city/county is not included in this type of activity, give me a call, and I will help you work with your local officials to set up a working RACES/ARES organization. If your club or organization has a special event or function coming up, please let me know so I can make sure it gets into this article and on the Web sites. We need to advertise to ourselves as well as promoting the good parts of amateur radio to others whenever possible. ➔

The Fall EST Hamfest in Glendale is back in operation for the 11th of January. Also start planning for the Fall Hamfest at Mesa Community College on 7 December 2002. See you in December. Clifford Hauser, KD6XH; E-mail is kd6xh@arrl.org. ATEN: 1103 QNI, 70 QTC, 30 Sess. Tfc: K7POF 52, W7EP 43.



**ARRL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The ARRL no longer allows clubs a portion on renewals. However, a new program effective October 1, 2001 allows clubs to keep a larger portion of NEW ARRL applications. If you are not

a member of the ARRL, join now through the club. Submit your application to me or at any meeting. Remember to include the envelope too. It will save us a few cents on postage. Thanks. David Passell-K6UWV-Treasurer



**ARES/RACES NEWS**

Last month's article was "Because when nothing else can get the message through, Amateur Radio can". This month we will pose the question, "BUT..... does it always have to be on Amateur Radio frequencies?".....

Let's look at an example: A localized flash flood hit an area a few years ago, prompting the evacuation of low-lying neighborhoods. A shelter was opened in a school several miles away from the affected area. The local ARES was mobilized to provide communication support.

In spite of the weather, the shelter's electricity and phone service was still in operation. When the local Emergency Coordinator stopped by the site, the ARES operator on duty in the shelter was using his battery-operated 2-meter hand-held radio and the wide-area repeater to talk to Red Cross HQ across town. The ham was reading a three-page list of names and addresses of evacuees who had checked into the shelter. To ensure the information was being copied correctly, he was spelling each name phonetically, pausing after each name to see if the station at headquarters needed fills. Needless to say, this was a time-consuming process. The operator had been reading for almost 20 minutes and was still on the second page of the list.

Less than 10 feet away from his operating position sat a fax machine. The Emergency Coordinator turned on the machine, dialed the Red Cross fax number, and fed in the remaining page of the list. The ham on duty had used over 20 minutes of air time and precious battery capacity to read two pages. The third page was faxed in less than 20 seconds. In addition, it was later discovered that the sending of evacuee's names and addresses over non-secure communication channels violates Red Cross policy.

Neither the operator at the shelter nor the one at the headquarters station had thought of using the telephone or fax machine, even though these alternate communication options were available and functioning. In all fairness to the hams in this situation, their training and practice had possibly led them to concentrate on using 2-meter voice instead of other modes of communication. So, instead of using an efficient, point-

to-point communication channel ( the telephone line), they had used a busy multi-point channel (the wide-area repeater). Instead of using a mode that generated an automatic printed copy, they used one that required the message to be hand copied. Instead of a fast transfer (fax), they had used a low-precision one (voice) which required spelling and phonetics. The situation was especially distressing because the repeater had been needed at the time for a different type of communication – the transfer of mobile operator's reports, which could not be done over the telephone.

Of course, telephones and fax machines will not be available in every emergency. Sometimes only radio will be available, especially when the emergency is totally unanticipated and utility service is knocked out over a wide area. There are times when we may be called upon to use 'served agency' radio equipment or other methods to get the message through, but the point to remember is, even though we are 'Amateur Radio operators', we should use all means at our disposal to get the message through efficiently and rapidly.

At this time I would like to thank all of the operators that assisted us in our activities throughout the year. It cannot be done without a 'team' effort. In this ever changing world our services may become more important than ever. Here's looking forward to a New Year with more Amateur Radio operators taking an active part in our effort to provide the people of Yavapai County with a well equipped, well trained emergency communications response organization. Seasons Greetings to All.....

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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.



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

- "All I want for Christmas is a new radio and an upgrade!"
- "I want to get on HF, but only with a 'one-wire' antenna."
- "If I can't work that repeater with an HT, then I don't want to work it!"
- "I need a bigger antenna so I can tune the whole band!"
- "I'm using a dual-frequency antenna!"



"I don't know what happened to your radio, but you're throwing out one heck of a harmonic!"

"Where do all the old radios go?"

# ARRL VEC

## Volunteer Examiner Testing



The scheduled test dates for

2003 are 2/08, 5/10, 8/09, and 11/08. Time is 1000AM and the location is the Masonic Lodge at 1028 Willow Creek Rd., Prescott.

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 ARRL has announced that the test fee will increase to \$12.00 beginning January 1, 2003. Further information can be obtained by contacting John Wilson-KM6BF at 636-1228.

### YOUR LOCAL PRESCOTT AREA VE's

AB7KE	Joan Tremper	AB7KF	Bob Nichols
K7KOL	Bob Kane	K7NGK	Don Broadston
KC7AGL	Don Muller	AB7SK	Sasha LeGendre
KJ7KL	Pen Brown	N6LIK	Bob Hoffa
KM6BF	John Wilson	W2YAV	Bill Kafka
W7DC	Bob Harkey	W6CCD	Dick Hughes
W6HDP	Bill Jackson	WB6ODR	Bob Smith

**QSL CARD'S WANTED!**  
**MORE THAN JUST A QSL CARD!**  
 From Hans-KB6AH

**Middle Village L.I. N.Y.**  
 69-16 61st Drive

# W2FKE

Radio D.L.9.R.I. Confirming QSO AUG 23 1955 at 4:45 PM EPST.  
 Cr. 14 mc. sigs. RST 569 Conditions. FAIR + G5B  
 Xmitr. 53.827.100TH FINAL 200. watts input Revr. H.Q. 129 X  
 Remarks TKS QSO-REPT HANS -CWAGN-VY 73-BEST LUCK-DX OM.

**Pse Qsl Txn** **ARRL** **Joe Matvsewich**

QSL Pres. - Presck. N. J.



The card may not look like much but it has some memories attached to it. It reflects my first transatlantic QSO from Germany. In those days we all used AM for modulation and either war surplus or home brew equipment, or a combination of both. Big Antennas at least at my end were unknown. I used a dipole in the attic. To add some spice to the story: After having chased US stations for hours my final blew. At that time in Germany allowable transmit power was limited by the listed plate dissipation of the final tube(s). I do not recall the exact number but it was somewhere around 70 watts. This allowed for a pair of popular German army surplus tubes. Needless to say we tried to squeeze every last watt out of them, so there were casualties. To make that long story short I hooked the antenna to the driver, and, voila, I got my first transatlantic QSO. The input power could not have been more than 15 watts.

73, Hans-KB6AH

*Remember, if you have a favorite QSL card that you would like to share, send it to me with a short story about it. If I don't get any, I'll continue boring you with mine! Ed.*



### AREA REPEATERS

FREQ	PL	Location	Notes
52.560-	100.0	Mt. Union (-500Khz)	CARS-N7NGM
53.040-	C/S	Prescott Airport	KC7WBE (-1 Mhz)
145.350-	162.2	Wildflower Mtn.	DAWN
145.370	162.2	Towers Mtn.	MMRG
146.780-	91.5	Bill Williams Mtn.	BWARC
<b>146.880-</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>Prescott</b>	<b>W2YAV-YARC</b>
146.980-	100.0	Flagstaff-Elden	CARC
147.000+	162.2	Mingus Mtn.	MMRG
147.040+	100.0	Prescott Heights	W2YAV
147.140+	162.2	Flagstaff-Elden	ARA Link to Ord
147.220+	162.2	Mingus Mtn.	VVARA
147.260+	103.5	Mt. Union	YC EmergSvcs
223.960-	156.7	Mt. Union	NOWARE-NW7AZ
224.600-	156.7	Mingus Mtn.	CONDOR
442.150+	100.0	Mingus Mtn.	Northlink
442.350+	100.0	Glassford Hill	N7KPU
448.475-	100.0	Flagstaff-Elden	ARA
448.500-	100.0	Prescott	KB6TWC
448.875-	100.0	Flagstaff-Elden	Northlink
449.175-	100.0	Towers Mtn	Northlink

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS APPRECIATED



**WEEKLY INFORMATION NET** - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00 PM  
146.880- (100.0 PL) IF YOU DON'T HAVE PL, TRANSMIT ON  
146.880 SIMPLEX WHEN THE REPEATER DROPS OUT. ALL  
AMATEURS WELCOME.

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

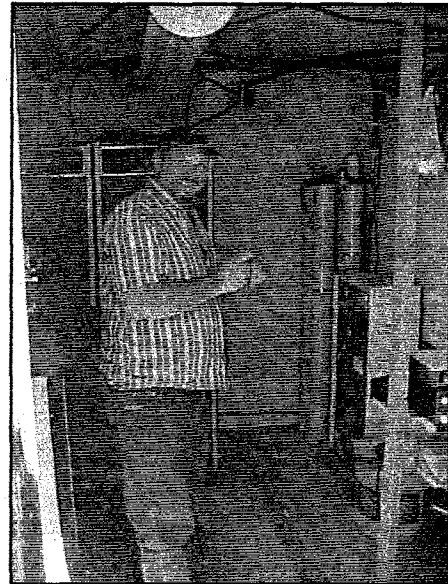
**NEXT MEETING THURS, JANUARY 16, 2002 @ 7:00pm**

Wednesday Morning Breakfast-Iron Horse Café, S. Hwy 89 in Chino  
Valley (N 34° 43' 56.5" W 112° 27' 15.4"). 7:00AM. Informal-All are  
invited.

Thursday Morning Breakfast-Michael's Restaurant in the Safeway  
Shopping Center, Hwy 69 Prescott Valley. 7:00am. (N 34° 35' 13.3" W  
112° 19' 44.6") All are invited.

*Location data provided by Fred Zimmermann-N7PJN, per WSG84 Datum*

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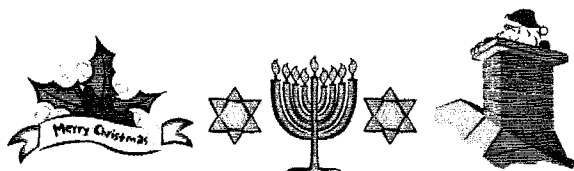
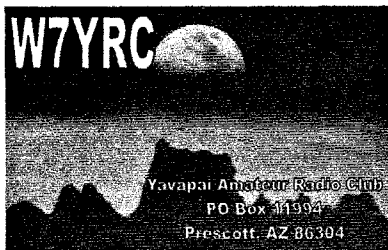


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