



Yavapai Signal

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club – Prescott, Arizona – DM-34 – Volume 31 – No. 12 – Dec. 2016

Upcoming Club Events				
Event:	Date:	Time:	Place:	Contact/Info:
General Meeting	TH 12/01/16	1900 MST	PMHMS	Club Website
Fox Hunt	SUN 12/04/16	1300 MST	OneAZ Credit Union Parking Lot, GG Wy. & WC Rd.	Pete K6VVR or John WB9VGJ
YARC Breakfast	TH 12/15/16	0800 MST	BackBurner Restaurant, Prescott Valley	Don WB7TPH or Jeff WB7RFY

YARC:	Badges	Patches	Shirts
Features:	Name & Call	Club Name & Logo	With or Without Name & Call
Contact Person(s):	Dan Simpson AE7IH or Erica Simpson KF7MAU	David Hanson W7BJ	Pete Morrison K6VVR
Cost:	\$7.00 each	\$3.00 each	Without Name & Call \$20.00 — With Name & Call \$24.00 each

Share Your Surplus Items
Bring any ham related surplus items that you no longer have a need for and place them on the table outside the meeting room on club meeting nights. Let your fellow club member take those things with them that they feel might be useful to them. The table will be available at each monthly meeting.

Welcome to the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club (YARC) is an ARRL affiliate Special Service Club. The club participates in many activities in the quad-city (Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt) area by providing communications for local events, emergency communications, and promotion of the hobby throughout the community.

Membership in YARC is open to any interested amateur or non-amateur alike. Dues are \$20.00 per year (full-time students \$15). YARC meets at 1900 MST on the first Thursday of every month in the technology classroom at Prescott Mile High Middle School, 300 South Granite Street in Prescott. Vehicular access to the school parking lot is via the entry at the intersection of South Montezuma Street and Carleton Street. Programs of interest are included as part of the meeting.

www.w7yrc.org

YAVAPAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – PO BOX 11994 – PRESCOTT AZ 86304-1994

Club Nets

Band	Mode	Frequency	PL	Night	Time
2M	FM	147.260 MHz	+103.5 Hz	Wednesday	1900 MST
2M	SSB (USB)	144.250 MHz	N/A	Wednesday	2000 MST
10M	SSB (USB)	28.440 MHz +/- QRM	N/A	Thursday	2000 MST
1¼M	FM	224.080 MHz	-156.7 Hz	Wednesday	1930 MST

Yavapai County ARES/RACES Nets

2M	FM	147.260 MHz	+103.5 Hz	Monday	1830 MST
2M	FM	145.290 MHz	-127.3 Hz	Monday	1900 MST

Club Repeaters

2M	FM	146.880 MHz	-100.0 Hz	Open Use 24/7	Open Use 24/7
¾M	FM	447.650 MHz	-100.0 Hz	Open Use 24/7	Open Use 24/7

Club Mentors ("Elmers")

Name	Call Sign	Telephone Number
Art Protas	KG6AY	928-227-2954
Jim Zimmerman	N6KZ	928-713-0542

ask.elmer@w7yrc.org

Club Website Registration

Please register to get on the club's email distribution list and also gain access to the members'-only area of the website. The members'-only area contains the club roster and detailed club treasurer's reports. To register, go to www.w7yrc.org, click "Join Us" and then select "Registration." Fill out the requested information, and then click "Register." The webmaster will then verify your membership and authorize your account. His response is not immediate in real time.



From the President's Desk ...
by Frank Bender, K8FB

I am very proud of our club members who participated in the discussion of a potential club meeting format change at the November general meeting. Everyone was respectful of other members' opinions. The discussions were thoughtful and without emotion. A survey from the board is forthcoming to be used to determine what meeting format the membership desires going forward.

Congratulations to your new Officers and Board members who will take office on January 1, 2017:

Kathy Laing	KJ6KMK	President
Ted Bishop	KI7FWZ	Treasurer
Art Jackson	KA5DWI	Board Member
Rex Mauldin	N7NGM	Board Member
Art Protas	KG6AY	Board Member
Frank Bender	K8FB	Past President Board Member
John Stevens	AB9JS	Continuing Vice President

Note: With Kathy Laing KJ6KMK, our former Secretary, becoming our President, the club's Secretary position is open to any member wishing to serve in the capacity.

Thanks go to retiring board members for their service to the club:

Don Bauer	WB7TPH	Past President Board Member
Randy Dashiell	W6TYV	Board Member
Bill Noe	W7PVA	Board Member
Chuck Zappala	KE7SA	Board Member

My term as president is coming to a close. It has been an honor to serve as the club's president for the past two years. We have been successful because so many of you members have stepped up to help the club in one way or another. Thanks to everyone for their support. I intend to remain active in the club, so hope to continue seeing you at the club meetings and club events.



David W7BJ

	TREASURER'S REPORT	General	Repeater	Prescott Hamfest
	October 2016	Fund	Fund	Fund
	CASH – September 30, 2016	\$10,702.73	\$2,353.16	\$714.61
	Dues	\$324.00	\$36.00	
	Donations	\$50.00	\$40.00	
	50/50 Raffle - net	\$79.00		
	Tech License Manuals	\$355.00		
	Misc. < \$50	\$0.96	\$0.06	\$0.01
	TOTAL INCOME	\$808.96	\$76.06	\$0.01
	Elmer's Radio Equipment	\$675.00		
	Wireless Microphones	\$127.95		
	Posse Bldg. Quarterly Utilities	\$120.00		
	Website Domain & Host			\$82.22
	Misc. < \$50	\$98.07		
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,021.02	\$0.00	\$82.22
	CASH – October 31, 2016	\$10,490.67	\$2,429.22	\$632.40
** Detailed statements are posted on www.w7yrc.org				
Respectfully submitted by David B. Hanson, W7BJ — Treasurer, Yavapai Amateur Radio Club				

Minutes of the October 27, 2016 YARC Board of Director's Meeting

Present at Meeting: W7PVA, KJ6KMK, W6TYV, WB7TPH, W7BJ, K8FB
Meeting called to Order by K8FB at 1800 MST

Old Business:

Prescott Hamfest at ERAU – 06/09-10/2017

- October 12 planning meeting – 12 attendees (5 Eagle ARC members)
- Frank announced that the Hanger at ERAU is not available until 1500 MST on Friday. Because of this we need to plan an alternative for the Friday program.
- The hamfest has been approved as an ARRL sanctioned hamfest.
- Request send to ARCA for co-sponsorship
- Flyer approved and sent to ARCA after the meeting for distribution beginning at the Maricopa Hamfest.
- Separate hamfest website: www.prescotthamfest.com
 - Getting ready to put up website (cost \$82.22 for domain name and one year of hosting by Go Daddy).
 - Steve La Vigne (no call sign) has agreed to help with the design of the 2017 website (AD7YR has agreed to be back up).
 - Steve is looking at Go Daddy tools and should get the first phase of the website build done soon.
 - K8FB will discuss the ideas the board presented with Steve, including a possible redirect from Prescotthamfest.com to our YARC web page. Steve to get with W6TYV about this option.
- Major expenditure form for hamfest distributed to board members for board recommendation. If recommended by board, would be submitted to membership at the November meeting. W7PVA has suggested a bigger major prize such as a Yaesu FTDX-1200 HF Transceiver at approximately \$1200 cost. Sell grand prize tickets beginning in November – through hamfest web page.
- The board recommended the expenditure to be presented to the membership at the November general meeting. Next planning meeting on November 16.

Upcoming Programs – WB7TPH

- November – Lloyd Halgunseth Memorial Month (2016 Public Service Award) and officer and board elections (president, treasurer, and three board members), plus consideration of the hamfest major expenditure form. Have received the Public Service Award Plaque.
 - W6TYV – printed the ballots to be provided at the November YARC general meeting.
- December – Appreciation Awards/ Year in Review plus SIG breakouts. Year-in- review slide show and celebration refreshments. Two lifetime membership awards – W6CCD has the award certificates prepared. K8FB is preparing the slide show to honor the volunteers and show pictures of the year's activities. W7PVA and WB7TPH offered to review the slide show. Refreshments will be limited to a sheet cake from Costco.

440 MHz Repeater Move and Improvements

- Repeater Committee and helpers moved the repeater to the ARES/RACES shed and installed the antenna on the ARES/RACES tower. After installation, it was discovered that there is a problem probably in the feedline. The antenna has to be brought down from the tower to fix. Repair scheduled for October 29.

Wireless Microphone for General Meetings – Options

W6TYV presented the results of his research. He recommended the microphone set in-stock from Amazon.com for \$128 with free shipping. After a brief discussion the Board approved the purchase. K8FB said he would place the order.

Website Blog Capabilities

W6TYV reported the blog is "live" now on the website. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to test run the blog. It was agreed that guidelines need to be developed for the blog.

Member Suggestions – None received.

Board and Officer Nomination Update – Current nominees:

N7NGM – board member - 1 year; WB7TPH – board member (asked that his name be withdrawn); KA5DWI – board member -- 1 year; KG6AY – board member - 1 year; KI7FWZ – Treasurer - 2 year; KJ6KMK – President (would need secretary replacement for the remainder of her term) - 2 year. Draft ballot distributed to board members with the meeting agenda. Adjustments will be made to the ballot prior to the election, if needed.

Technician Class License Study Sessions: There were 37 students who attended the October 22 session at ERAU. Next session is October 29. There are only a couple of study guides left to sell.

October 1 Man/Horse Race: Very successful public service event. Thirteen (13) YARC members/spouses worked the event. The 447.650 MHz repeater performed extremely well.

Board Approval of Tower Base Purchase – K8FB was not assigned with Jeep Posse Captain Graham Bachelor during the October 1 Man/ Horse Race. K8FB sent an email to Graham asking for permission to install a permanent tower at the Jeep Posse building. K8FB reported that we now have approval to install the tower from YCJP. We need to determine the exact cost of the installation as well as the exact location at the Jeep Posse building. N6KZ suggested a crank-up, fold over tower. K8FB, N6KZ, KG6AY, and W6TYV to meet with Jerry Kimmet regarding the placement of the tower.

Public Service Events Chairperson Update – ARES/RACES will supply MARC and net control operator at most YARC public service events. The MARC was not available for the Diabetes Walk on October 15, as it normally is. Club website now has page under Public Service Events listing all events, their websites, dates (where known), and whether or not the MARC is usually provided. K8FB is working to coordinate and organize the early February Sedona Marathon public service event. Looking to get volunteers to organize one or two events each.

YARC is still actively looking for several members to coordinate 1 or 2 of the Public Service events. There are approximately 9 to 10 remaining events to coordinate and organize.

October 8 VE Exam Session – WB7TPH – It was our smallest testing session only 5 people tested. All passed.

October 15 Community Preparedness Fair – WB7TPH – Good public exposure. Will look to participate next year.

October 15 Digital Mode Demonstration – K8FB – Small participation (4 visitors) mostly due to the number of other events on the same day.

November 12 VE Exams – WB7TPH (practice session November 9)

NRA Birthday November 17 - K8FB

New Business:

Possible Club Meeting Format Change – Review of October meeting events. There was a lot of discussion. The board recommended that a survey of all the membership to gather a wider voice of how the meetings should be structured. K8FB will present the idea at the club meeting.

YARC Party – January 21, 2017: KJ6KMK has offered to organize. KG7PAK had gotten Centennial Center information and has offered to help with the planning. Spreadsheet distributed to members with meal and hall costs and possible member meal costs.

Elmer Group Assisted with Check of YCJP Mobile Radios – N6KZ and KG6AY were asked by the Jeep Posse to come out one recent evening to help check out the installations of radios and antennas in posse member vehicles. This was very successful and the Jeep Posse has requested that another be held in November. In addition they requested that this become an annual event.

November Board Meeting – Last Thursday of November is Thanksgiving. Early in the year, Jeep Posse building had been reserved for Tuesday, November 22. Board agreed.

Club Acquired Deep Cycle Battery – At the October member swap table, N7PJM was giving away a fairly new 95 amp-hour deep cycle battery. The battery was claimed by the club and is now in the possession of our equipment manager K7TSY. K7TSY is in the process of acquiring a trickle charger for the battery. The battery can be used for Field Day, hamfest talk-ins, other portable club special operating events and emergencies.

Hotshot Trail Opening November 29 – KV8TD is looking into a special operating event using N7GMH at the opening of the new trail in Yarnell. The operating event would be at the Jeep Posse club station, if it is available. KV8TD to discuss at the November general meeting.

November 5th is the Congress Hamfest – 0800-1200 MST. Free tailgating is available. W7RAP, ARRL assistant section manager for Arizona has requested time (around 7 minutes) at the December general meeting. His focus is mentoring new hams. He is also a candidate for Arizona section manager.

ARCA — There was an editorial in the ARCA newsletter which discussed combining the YARC and Williams Hamfests in 2018. WB7TPH is planning to attend the December ARCA meeting to try to gain additional information. The ARRL is looking for a sponsor for the 2017 ARRL Section Convention. This is something we may want to discuss for 2018 or beyond.

November 13th FM Simplex Contest – information on the website under Events. Contact WB7TPH.

Miscellany: WB7TPH mentioned that \$1 is taken from each VE exam fee for coffee and sodas. A check for this money will be given to the Jeep Posse for the beverage fund. K8FB will request that the Jeep Posse building still be reserved on Fridays for the club in 2017. Possible topics – new ham sessions, build sessions, SIG meetings, and social events. W6TYV and W7BJ reported that the Jeep Posse normally reserves the Jeep Posse building for training on the Thursday after the third Saturday of the month.

Adjournment: 2000 MST.

Yavapai Amateur Radio Club, General Meeting

Date: November 3, 2016

===== MINUTES =====

Called to order: 1900 MST.

Pledge of Allegiance: K8FB.

Welcome visitors: Jan Halgunseth, widow of WA6ZZJ Lloyd Halgunseth.

Meeting minutes and treasurer report: Motion to approve the September 2016 treasurer's report and October meeting minutes, as published in the November 2016 Yavapai Signal.

Motion was made by AB9JS to accept the treasurer's report and the October minutes. Motion was seconded by KE7BSY. Motion passed.

November WA6ZZJ Lloyd Halgunseth Memorial Month

Remembering WA6ZZJ – N7CW, ARES/RACES DEC; 2016 WA6ZZJ Lloyd Halgunseth Public Service Award Presentation AB7NK. Award was presented to W6CCD for his years of public service to both ARES/RACES and the club's public service events. An award of appreciation was also presented to his wife Vi for her support of his public service and ARES/RACES activities.

New Members – no applications for new members were received.

HT Programming - K8FB announced that KG7BAM will be available at the meetings with his laptop to program HTs for members. Bring your programming cable, if you have one.

Jim Ball WB7UZV Silent Key - K6VVR announced that WB7UZV is now a silent key. WB7UZV was a long-time and active club member who will be missed.

Club Elections: No additional nominations from the floor.. Ballots and voting. Ballot counting during the break. Since there were no additional nominations and only 1 candidate for each position, a motion was made by WB9VJG to accept the ballot nominations as presented without holding a formal written election. KG7YVQ seconded the motion. The motion passed and the new officers and board members were accepted by acclamation as follows, with terms beginning January 1, 2017: KJ6KMK – President; KI7FWZ – Treasurer; KA5DWI – Board Member; N7NGM – Board Member; KG6AY – Board Member. K8FB, current president, automatically becomes the Past President Board Member for a two year term.

Club Meeting Format Change Discussion: K8FB presented the board's recommendation of sending a survey to all members to get an understanding of how our general meetings ought to be structured. The board also recommended that any meeting format be stable and not be frequently changed. KJ6KMK offered to draft the survey questions. There was a lot of discussion both pro and cons of surveying the members as well as suggestions on how the meetings should be structured. KF7PQV made a motion to cease discussion and vote. This motion was seconded by N7IEP. The motion passed and discussion was closed.

— WB9VGJ made the motion to have the survey drafted but to include the various suggestions in the survey. Motion was seconded by KG7YWC. The motion passed.

— KJ6KMK will draft the survey questions and first send them to the board for review. The survey will be available to members sometime in early 2017.

2017 Hamfest Major Expenditure Form – K8FB presented the budget expenditure request to increase the 2017 Hamfest funding to \$2700 to provide for better door prizes. A motion was made by AB9JS to accept the proposed increased request and seconded by W7HAM. Motion passed.

Break: At 2010 MST a 15-minute break was announced.

50/50 Raffle: \$64 Winning number 2476861 – WI7E. In addition, the DX Store provided 6 hats to raffle off and the same 50/50 tickets were used for this raffle. K8FB also announced that the DX Store had a specialcode for on-line purchases for club members for free shipping – the code is “YARC”.

Committee Reports:

YARC Event Communications – K8FB – Sign up sheet for the February 4, 2017 Sedona Marathon was available.

Club Repeaters – K6VVR/NO1D

Fox Hunt – K6VVR/ WB9VGJ

Elmer Group – N6KZ

School Events – KB7TRE

Upcoming VE Exam, WB7TPH – November 12; practice session November 9 at the YCJP 1800 MST.

Club Station – K8FB

2017 Hamfest – K8FB – November 16 planning meeting

Old Business:

YARC Local Operating Contest, November 13 - WB7TPH – Information is available on the YARC website under “Events”. The contest from 1400-1500 MST, 2 meter simplex and 1500-1600 MST, 440 MHZ simplex.

NRA Birthday November 17 Special Event – WB9VGJ. A motion was made by KB7TRE to provide \$75 for food for the event volunteers. Motion was seconded by AD7WW. Motion passed.

Technician Class License Study Sessions – 37 students. Instructors K7TSY, KJ6KMK, and AD7YR.

New Business:

November 5 Harkfest – in Congress 0800-1200 MST.

Hotshot Trail Opening - Special Operating Event November 29 – KV8TD

VVARA Christmas Party - KA7LKW announced that the VVARC Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at Stone Ridge Country Club. YARC members are welcome to attend. Cost is \$22 and flyers are available.

YARC Party, January 21, 2017 – KJ6KMK - Flyers were provided with details of the event. Members can sign up on the YARC website (Select menu “Join Us” and then “Shopping Cart” or by giving their reservation and a check to KJ6KMK. All details are on the YARC website under “Events” and then “YARC Party”.

Public Service Events - WB9VGJ volunteered to organize the Diabetes Walk and the Whiskey Row Marathon Public Service events. Organizers are still needed for the remaining events in the Spring and the Fall of 2017.

Adjourned: 2050 MST.

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Silent Key — Jim Ball, WB7UZV

Thanks to Ken, KE7KWH for the following (October 29, 2016) —

James (Jim) Craig Ball died Thursday, October 20, 2016 at his residence in Prescott, Arizona.

Jim was born December 16, 1947 in Mansfield, Ohio. He spent many years in Casper, Wyoming before settling in Prescott.

Jim worked as a pipe-fitter for many years before retiring. He enjoyed spending time on amateur radio. He was a member of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada; Yavapai Amateur Radio Club; Mingus Mountain Repeater Group; Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association; and the ARES/RACES. He was also an Extra Class Accredited Volunteer Examiner for The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Donald D. Ball; his mother, Dorothy (Shrigley) Ball; and his girlfriend, Roseanne.

He is survived by his sister, Kathleen DiBona and her husband Richard DiBona of Lorain, OH; nephews, Ross Vandersommen and his wife Amber and children Will and Owen, of Collierville, TN; and Dale Vandersommen and his wife Pam and children Mia and Nathan of Lorain, OH.

Services have not been planned at this time.

447.650 MHz Repeater Fix Made 10/29/2016

Doug NO1D, Bud N7CW, Art KG6AY, and Rex N7NGM went up to Mt. Union on Saturday, October 29th to replace what turned out to be a defective piece of hard line coax. The repeater now appears to be functioning well and is putting out around 70 watts. The repeater will operate in either the analog FM or the C4FM digital mode. The repeater will automatically switch between modes. Let Doug NO1D (no1d.doug@gmail.com) know of any comments regarding the performance of the repeater. Many thanks to Doug, Bud, Art, and Rex for the considerable work that they did fixing the repeater.

2017 Hamfest Expenditure Authorization

During the November general meeting, the membership authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,700 to be spent by the hamfest committee on the 2017 hamfest. The plan is that all expenses incurred would be recovered and returned to the YARC treasury from revenues received during the hamfest that is scheduled for June 9 and 10, 2017.

Meeting Format Change

During the October and November general meetings, there has been much discussion regarding possibly changing the meeting format. During the November meeting, a number of possible meeting format changes were discussed. The board recommended that a member survey be created by the board to get everyone's opinion as to what the ultimate meeting format should be. The membership voted and agreed with having a survey be conducted that would provide direction for taking action regarding the meeting format. The survey should be ready for submission to the membership sometime in early 2017.



Recent and Upcoming General Meeting Programs

November Program - Thanks to Bud Semon N7CW for providing background and stories about Lloyd Halgunseth WA6ZZJ for our observance of the Lloyd Halgunseth WA6ZZJ Memorial Month.

The 2016 Public Service Award was presented to Dick Hughes W6CCD by Mary Vince AD7NK, with a special certificate of appreciation going to Vi Hughes, Dick's XYL. Congratulations to Dick and Vi.

December Program – We will have a 2016 volunteer appreciation party, with cake, and a slide show about “The Year 2016 in Review”. After the break there will be Special Interest Group (SIG) breakouts.

January Program – Suriname DXpedition – by Bud Semon N7CW.

New/Beginning Hams

HT Programming Assistance – Terry Schultheiss KG7BAM will be bringing his laptop to our monthly meetings to program most handi-talkies (HT) with local repeater and simplex frequencies. If you happen to have the programming cable for your HT, please bring it along.

Breakout Session – At the December 1st club meeting, there will be Special Interest Group (SIG) break out sessions. For those interested in new/beginning ham topics, there will be a Basic Amateur Radio SIG breakout. One of the things that the SIG will do is to determine what activities we want to take place to support our new and beginning hams in 2017. Please come and express what you would like to see us do.

Public Service Events

The next public service event is the Sedona Marathon on Saturday, February 4, 2017. We are now taking sign-ups at the club meetings or contact Frank Bender K8FB at fhb47@hotmail.com .

For more information regarding public service events, select “Public Service” from the main menu of the club's website. The schedule of public service events is listed on one of the sub menu pages.



YARC Winter Party – January 21, 2017

The 2017 YARC Winter Party is scheduled for January 21, 2017 at the Centennial Center at 1989 Clubhouse Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301 - at the Antelope Hills Golf Courses. The luncheon will begin at 1100 MST. We are now taking paid reservations.

Here are the dinners available and meal prices, which include complementary beverages, dessert, tax, and tip. There will be a cash bar available. The quoted price includes a \$5 discount paid for by YARC:

Vegetarian Pasta Toss - \$20	Grilled Fillet of Salmon - \$25
Chicken Parmesan - \$20	Prescott Prime Rib - \$25

Please give a check and your meal choices to Kathy Laing KJ6KMK at the general meetings or select menu choice "Join Us" from the club website and then select "Shopping Cart" to choose and pay for your meals using PayPal.

Each attendee is asked to bring a wrapped "white elephant" gift for a gift exchange. No non-working or gag items, please.

License Testing
by Don Bauer, WB7TPH

Our next test session will be Saturday, January 14, 2017.

On Saturday November 12, 2016 our test session had a determined group of candidates. We now have some happy new hams in our midst! Congratulations to all for a very successful test session. And a big "Thank you!" to all of our volunteer examiners for their dedication and service—without whom we would not have our wonderful testing program.

Upcoming License Testing

Date	City	Location	Time	Sponsor	Contact	Walk-in
01/14/17	Prescott	Jeep Posse Building	0900 MST	YARC	Don Bauer 928-775-4690	Yes



November 2016 Foxhunt
by John Broughton, WB9VGJ

The monthly foxhunt was held Sunday, November 6th. Jeff, WB7RFY, and I were the foxes. We were accompanied by Mark, N7KKQ, a fellow ARCA member with Jeff, who was up from Glendale visiting. Jeff chose the location for hiding the transmitters, Petroglyph Point in the Prescott Lakes subdivision. It was a great location as it offered a fantastic a 360-degree view. One can see Mingus Mountain; Mt. Francis; the San Francisco Peaks; Bill Williams Mountain; Thumb Butte; Granite Mountain and many others in all directions. He hid the primary transmitter and I hid the secondary one.

There were three teams for this hunt. 1) Dale KL7R and Chris NL7DU; 2) Pete K6VVR and Patrick KG7EWD; and 3) Bob WB6ODR and Robert WA6FBA.

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	Dale and Chris	43 min.
2	Pete and Patrick	54 min.
3	Bob and Robert	1 hr. 10 min.

I had thought — due to the location and the winding streets and less than straightforward access — that not all the teams would find our location. I was wrong. All the teams did find the location and the transmitters. That is the best way for a hunt to end. A great benefit for all participants was that the weather was just perfect.

You can see pictures of the hunt here:

<http://tinyurl.com/YARCFoxhuntNovember2016>

We had our usual after hunt socializing session at the Prescott Junction restaurant. We would encourage more folks to get involved in the hidden transmitter hunts. They are really fun and help develop direction-finding skills.

For Sale

ICOM IC-7200 HF/ 6M Transceiver with Astron RS-20M power supply - \$725
John Conrad NO7N
(928) 778-4810



2016 Lloyd Halgunseth Memorial Award
by John Broughton, WB9VGJ

The Lloyd Halgunseth (WA6ZZJ) Memorial Award was initiated to honor Lloyd by recognizing those club members who exemplify his dedication to emergency and public service communications. It is a high honor and those who receive it have met demanding criteria and truly represent the best in amateur radio service to the public. Bud Semon N7CW, ARES/RACES District Emergency Coordinator, presented a background on the award and a brief history of Lloyd's dedication and contributions to emergency and public service communications.

Mary Vince AB7NK had the privilege of presenting this year's award to Dick Hughes W6CCD. Dick has been involved in emergency and public service communications for many, many years both in California and here in Arizona. Just a few of Dick's contributions are:

- Former ARES/RACES Assistant Emergency Coordinator
- Assisted designing and formulating many of the policies, procedures and forms used by ARES/RACES
- Numerous hours as net control on the weekly ARES/RACES net
- Created the ARES/RACES website and maintains it to this day
- Has worked every public service event, except the Prescott Rally, at one time or the other

Dick is truly a well-deserved recipient of this award. In addition to this award, Dick's wife Vi was presented an award "in appreciation of her consistent support of Dick Hughes (W6CCD) during his deployments for ARES/RACES exercises and YARC public service events."

Shown in above photos: Mary Vince and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hughes.
(Photos courtesy of John Broughton WB9VGJ; Joseph Oliver AC6AA; and Richard Hughes W6CCD)



This Month's Featured Ham: Bill Noe, W7PVA
by Pat Oliver, K7DUC

Bill Noe first received his licenses in March 2012 — both Technician and General. He upgraded to Extra Class in May 2013. Both his son Anthony KG7DKB and wife Shari KG7DKD received their Technician licenses at that time. He was on Citizens Band radio in the late 1960s and for years wanted to have an amateur radio license.

Bill operates on several bands, but prefers SSB on 40 meters, and sometimes 2 meter FM on the Wednesday night YARC net. He does not use CW, but is trying to start operating using digital modes such as JT-65. He has a Flex-6300 SDR transceiver; a Yaesu FTDX-1200; and a Yaesu FT-8900. However, he is presently restricted by his HOA and tenant restrictions. His antennas are a DX Engineering vertical and an off-center-fed dipole for 80 and 160 meters.

Bill's cousin gave him an old Drake TR-4C, which he has refurbished. His most memorable contact was his first QSO with the Drake TR4C on 40 meters, when he worked Bob Heil K9EID. Another memorable contact was with E51AND in the South Cook islands.

His most memorable mail probably was his ham license and QSL cards.

Bill began his life in northern Illinois, and later his family moved to Phoenix when he was thirteen years old. He was a police officer for 21 years, then retired and worked for the school district (where his kids attended) for 7 years. He went back to the police department for seven years and became a zoning enforcement officer for Maricopa county until he retired in 2010. He moved to Prescott in 1999 and commuted to Phoenix.

Bill is active in several organizations and is an officer in the local Blue Knights Motorcycle Club. He currently is a YARC board of directors member, and co-chaired the successful YARC Hamfest at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is also a volunteer mentor for new hams and has been a speaker at some of the new ham classes. He is the moderator for the club's 10 meter net.

Bill would like to encourage more of YARC's social activities, such as the recent ice cream social, as well as more use of the Jeep Posse building. He also believes that it is beneficial for club members and their spouses to participate in YARC activities.

YARC Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Frank Bender, K8FB (president@w7yrc.org) if you are interested in helping out in any of these or other areas.

Opportunities	Descriptions
Public Service Event Coordinator	The club needs someone to coordinate the public service events.
Yavapai Hamfest Chairperson and Committee Members	We are looking for a chair person and committee members for the 2017 Prescott Hamfest.
Elmer Group Helpers	The club has a very active Elmer Group consisting of core members Jim Zimmerman N6KZ and Art Protas KG6AY. If you would like to help out Jim and Art and have antenna installation skills, contact Jim N6KZ. You can also be of help if you have a specialized skill such as programming frequencies into radios, digital communications, or other similar skill. You can help out on a regular basis or be called upon when your specialized skill might be needed.
2017 Field Day Chairperson	We are looking for someone to coordinate our 2017 Field Day weekend operating activities. We usually have lots of helpers for this operating event on the last full weekend of June.
2017 Picnic Chairperson	Our annual club picnic is held on the Saturday of Field Day (last full weekend of June). We are looking for someone to coordinate this event and see if we can find a "chef" to equal or top the 2016 picnic menu.

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Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others

by Daniel Romanchik, KB6NU

Sam W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an "Elmer". In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however that's only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK, we've created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>. for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the website, this list is rather short. If you're willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hzz@arri.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc.; oh well, you get the idea.

"You don't need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. It's OK to be a new ham and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but you'll have infinitely more knowledge than the person who's been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the "ARRL Elmer Award" page of the American Radio Relay League's website. Here, you can enter your favorite Elmer's name and call sign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for FREE! This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, we've got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. I've already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels through the hobby. We'd love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.

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When he's not Elmering new hams, you'll find Dan building kits and working CW on the HF bands. He is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. You can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com.



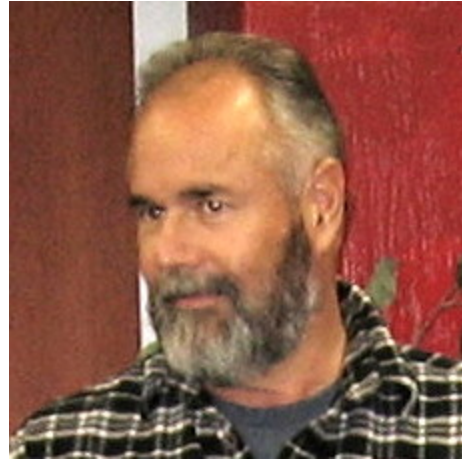
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K7DCT	Andrew	x		x	x
KA5DWI	Art		x	x	x
KF7ANX	Frank		x		
KF7FPD	Jerry	x	x	x	x
W7OTB	Vince	x	x		x
KF7PQV	Dan		x	x	
KG6AY	Art	x		x	
KG7EWD	Patrick				x
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WA6AQK	Ken		x	x	x
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W4LTX	Pudge		x		
KG6IDN	Joe	x	x	x	x
W7PVA	Bill		x		
NO1D	Doug	x			
NØSCA	Frank	x	x		x
KG7VJL	Mathew		x		
N7HVC	Chris		x		
KG7YVM	Kenny		x		
WA7GQN	Clyde		x		

Newly Elected Club Officers:



Kathy Laing KJ6KMK, President



Ted Bishop KI7FWZ, Treasurer



Art Jackson KA5DWI

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(Photos by Loren Singh AE7CG)

Art Protas KG6AY



Summits On The Air
Mount Humphreys, Coconino County, Arizona
October 19, 2016



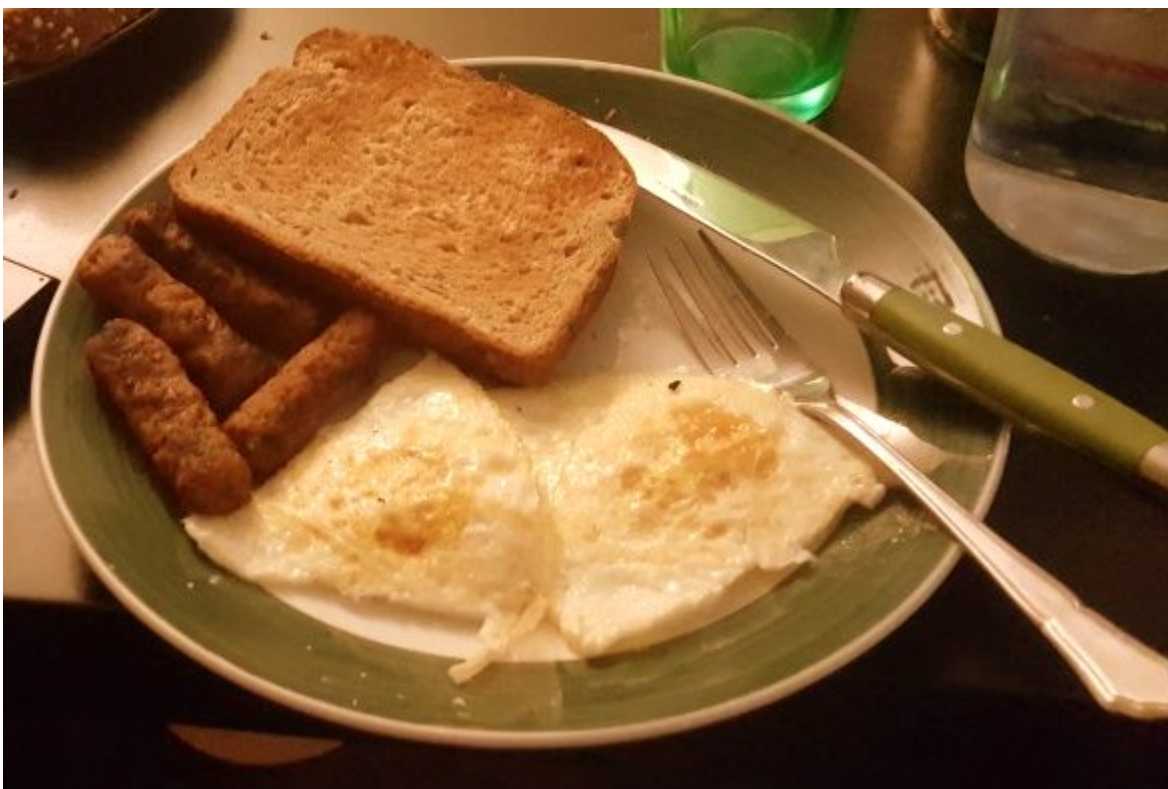
Joann Schultheiss KF7WOT



Bud Semon N7CW

(Photos courtesy of Jim Zimmerman N6KZ)





Breakfast and Lunch Gatherings

There are a number of lunch and breakfast gatherings in the area that are open to all radio amateurs and interested persons. Please let us know of any updates or corrections at info@w7yrc.org .

Third Thursday of the Month – **YARC** holds an informal **breakfast** gathering at the **BackBurner** Restaurant at 0800 MST. The restaurant is at 8400 Long Mesa Drive in Prescott Valley. Contact Don Bauer WB7TPH or Jeff Hanna WB7RFY.

Second Tuesday of the Month – **Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA)** brunch gathering, 1030 MST to 1230 MST at the **Golden Corral** Restaurant in Frontier Village in Prescott, off Highway 69. You do not have to be a QCWA member to attend.

Every Monday – **Dan Nichols Memorial Lunch**, 1100 MST to 1230 MST at **roving locations**. Contact Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ, 928-458-7830, rosevear520@cableone.net; or Bob Smith WB6ODR, 928-443-9321, lrsmith@cableone.net for the next location.

Every Wednesday – **Breakfast** at 0700 MST at the **Manzanita Grill** at the Antelope Hills Golf Course, near the Prescott airport.

Every Wednesday – **Lunch** – 1100 MST at **Costco** — “The Umbrella Club”

Club Officers, 2016

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