



# Yavapai Signal

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club – Prescott, Arizona – DM-34 – Volume 41 – No. 1 — January 2026

Upcoming Club Events				
Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact / Info:
General Meeting	January 8, 2026 Thursday	1900 MST 7 p.m.	Freeman Building, Prescott Rodeo Grounds	Club Website
YARC Breakfast	January 15, 2026 Thursday	0800 MST 8 a.m.	Backburner Restaurant, Prescott Valley	Don WB7TPH or Jeff WB7RFY
Transmitter Hunt	January 10, 2026 Saturday	1300 MST 1 p.m.	OneAZ Credit Union parking lot, Gail Gardner Way & Willow Creek Rd., Prescott	Pete K6VVR or John WB9VGJ
<b>General Meeting Programs — See page 4.</b>				
<b>Public Service Communications — See pages 4 and 5.</b>				

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## 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 general meetings are usually at 1900 MST (7 p.m.) on the first Thursday of every month at the Danny Freeman Building, Prescott Rodeo Grounds, 840 Rodeo Drive in Prescott

[www.w7yrc.org](http://www.w7yrc.org)

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

## Club Nets — Revised, July 27, 2024

Band	Mode	Frequency	PL	Day or Night	Time
2M 70cm	FM	146.880 MHz 447.650 MHz	– 100.0 Hz	Monday	1200 MST 12:00 noon
2M 70cm	FM	146.880 MHz 447.650 MHz	– 100.0 Hz	Wednesday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
2M	SSB (USB)	144.250 MHz	N/A	Monday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
6M	SSB (USB)	50.140 MHz	N/A	Friday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
10M	SSB (USB)	28.444 MHz +/- QRM	N/A	Thursday	1900 MST 7 p.m.

## Yavapai County ARES/RACES Nets

2M	FM	147.260 MHz	+103.5 Hz	Monday	1830 MST 6:30 p.m.
2M	FM	145.290 MHz	–127.3 Hz	Monday	1900 MST 7 p.m.

## Submission Deadline for the Yavapai Signal

from editor Loren Singh, AE7CG

The usual deadline for submission of articles and photos to appear in the Yavapai Signal is the 18<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month. That gives me time to edit and format submissions, and to have the newsletter available for distribution to the club membership by the 20<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month. The aim is to have the newsletter in the hands of club members approximately 10 days or so before the holding of the general meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

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## Share Your Surplus Items

Bring any ham related surplus items that you no longer need to the next club meeting. There will be a table at the meeting where your items can be placed. Let your fellow club member take those things that they want. The table will be available at each monthly meeting.





**From the President's Desk**  
by Byron Wilkinson, WD7J  
[president@w7yrc.org](mailto:president@w7yrc.org)

**Meet the 2026 YARC Board Members**

At the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club, we always appreciate it when members are available to participate in our various activities. Entering my second year as club president, I am thankful that we have board members who are interested in the club's success and engaged in our programs. I wanted to let you know some of the things these members are doing to help keep our club going.

**Dwight Savage KK7SGC** has graciously stepped up to be our next vice president. Dwight has been involved with our public service events since he first got licensed. He has also helped to record our events with pictures.

**Tim Norton K7PVY** has been willing to be our club secretary for another term. He brings with him several years of experience in this post. He also participates in public service events and our yearly hamfest.

**Matt Williams KK7QZB** continues as our treasurer. He brings with him training in accounting which is a perfect fit for his role. He also participates in public service events and our yearly hamfest.

**Ray Kolman KD7RK** holds a position as our past president. He brings valuable experience to help me in my current role. He has led and supported our Wednesday Night Net. He also supports our yearly hamfest.

**John Snedden KT7P** is a board member who brings a rich experience as past president and past vice president. He participates in public service events often as net control and supports our yearly hamfest. He regularly participates in our Wednesday Night Net. He helps with our license classes and supports our license testing as a Volunteer Examiner. He is also one of our Elmers. John does a number of other important things for the club.

**Bernie Sakowicz W1RAD** starts another term as board member with the benefit of his prior experience. He supports our license testing as a Volunteer Examiner. He also participates in public service events and our yearly hamfest. He oversees our mentoring program.

**Dave Erlach N5MB** starts another term as board member and brings prior experience. He also participates in public service events and our yearly hamfest. He supports our licensing efforts as our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator scheduling testing each month. Dave is also one of our Elmers.

**Jon Mahler KK7OKE** continues his current term as board member. He also participates in public service events and our yearly hamfest. He participates in the Wednesday Night Net.

I look forward to working with these committed and hard-working board members in the next year to continue the work of the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. (And if you're curious, I participate in public service events, our hamfest, our Wednesday Night Net, our license classes, and help update the club website.)

**New Membership Website**  
by Dwight Savage, KK7SGC

When directed to <http://hamclubonline.com/> you may need a new password — just click on "Forgot Password" and enter your call sign. If you don't have a call sign yet, use your appropriate email address. An email with instructions will be sent to you which may be the email address that the FCC has for you.

Send replies to [VicePresident@w7yrc.org](mailto:VicePresident@w7yrc.org) .

**Mentor Buddies — Revised July 31, 2024**

by Bill Noe, WG7W

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**Upcoming General Meeting Programs, 2026**

by Dwight Savage, KK7SGC

<b>Month:</b>	<b>Program:</b>
January 8	"HF Propagation," Frank Bender K8FB
February 5	"Public Service Training Highlights" and sign-ups, Joe Thomas KG6IDN
March 5	"ARES / RACES Presentation," Bud Semon N7CW
April 2	"AED Presentation," Jarime Sarge, Prescott Fire
May 7	"RVing with Ham Radio," Joe Thomas KG6IDN

**January 8, 2026 General Meeting Program**

by Frank Bender, K8FB

The January 8, 2026 YARC general meeting presentation will be about the basics of HF propagation, given. The target audience for this presentation will be anyone who has an interest in HF communication. The beginner and even the experienced ham will learn new and practical information.

**Public Service Training**

by Joe Thomas, KG6IDN

YARC is pleased to announce its first public service training. It will be held at the Jeep Posse building ([1200 Commerce Dr., Prescott, AZ 86305](#)) on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The 2-hour session is tentatively scheduled to start at 2 p.m. Training will address the question, "What is Public Service, and Why?". Information about prior preparation and required equipment will be forthcoming. If you are interested in volunteering for this activity, sign-ups will be available at our YARC general meetings on January 8 and February 5, 2026.



**New Public Service Event Coordinator**  
by Frank Bender, K9FB

I am pleased to announce that Pam Witherspoon AJ7CU will be taking over organizing the 2026 Whiskey Off Road Bike Event in April and the 2026 Groom Creek Classic in September. I will be retiring from organizing these two events, but will be assisting Pam with the transition during the upcoming year.

Pam and her husband Stan AI7IT moved here a little over a year ago from Marin County, California. While there, Pam and Stan participated in public service events and Pam even organized a number of public service events. Pam explained that the reason they got into amateur radio was to be involved with public service events. Since moving to Prescott, Pam and Stan have volunteered for most, if not all, YARC public service events.

Pam is a great addition to the other public service event coordinators, Don Sears N7PLL and John Snedden KT7P. I greatly appreciate her stepping up to fill this position. Pam's husband Stan will naturally be supporting her efforts.



YARC Fox Hunt ▲ Prescott, Arizona ▲ December 6, 2025 ▲ Top Row, Left to Right: K7JRL, KJ7QHI, KK7NNK, W9MDS; Bottom Row, Left to Right: WA6FBA, WB7NRM, WB7RFY, WB9VGJ. (Photos courtesy of Fernando Mendigutia KJ7QHI)



## The DX Store

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### Breakfast and Lunch Gatherings

There are a number of breakfast and lunch 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](mailto:info@w7yrc.org).

**Third Thursday** of the Month – YARC holds an informal **breakfast** gathering at the **BackBurner** Restaurant at 0800 MST (8 a.m.). The restaurant is at 8400 Long Mesa Drive in Prescott Valley. Contact Don Bauer WB7TPH or Jeff Hanna WB7RFY.

**Every Wednesday – Lunch** – 1030 MST (10:30 a.m.) at **Costco** – “The Umbrella Club,” now **with** the umbrellas!

### Club Officers, 2026

Officer	Name	Call Sign	Email Address
President	Byron Wilkinson	WD7J	<a href="mailto:president@w7yrc.org">president@w7yrc.org</a>
Vice President	Dwight Savage	KK7SGC	<a href="mailto:vicepresident@w7yrc.org">vicepresident@w7yrc.org</a>
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**Yavapai Amateur Radio Club — W7YRC Club Station Access List — Revised August 28, 2025**

**Permanent Station Access (defined by YARC role) —**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Call:</b>	<b>Lic. Class</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>
Byron Wilkinson	WD7J	E	YARC President	949.322.6221 – Do not contact for access
John Snedden	KT7P	E	YCJP Bldg. Mgr.	909.844.5108 – Do not contact for access
Mike Belanger	W1DGL	E	Club Sta. Mgr.	928.458.9346 – OK to contact for access
Pete Morrison	K6VVR	E	W7YRC Trustee	928.899.8555 – Do not contact for access
Bud Semon	N7CW	E	ARES/RACES DEC	928.899.7400– Do not contact for access
Rob Redford	KG7LMI	G	ARES/RACES EC	623.252.3980– Do not contact for access
Jim Zimmerman	N6KZ	E	Elmer Group	928.713.0542 – OK to contact for access
Art Protas	KG6AY	E	Elmer Group	928.227.2954 – OK to contact for access

**Building Access for Other Reasons (includes station access) —**

Donald Bauer	WB7TPH	E	VE Chair	928.775.4690 – Do not contact for access
Kathy Laing	KJ6KMK	E	License Classes	928.778.2526 – Do not contact for access

**Rotating Access (changes every July 1<sup>st</sup>) —**

**This category is limited and consists of volunteer members —**

Tony Jackson	K6PSR	G	Rotating Member	562.644.0528 – OK to contact for access
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**Note to YARC Members —**

**For station access, first try to contact the Rotating Access member.**

**If you are not able to contact the Rotating Access member, then try to contact the other “OK to contact for access” members.**

