



High-Country Static

August 2018

News and Information Concerning
Amateur Radio in Northern Arizona and
Beyond

Welcome to the Coconino Amateur Radio Club (CARC) Monthly Newsletter. CARC is a non-profit club devoted to providing communication services to local volunteer agencies and events. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the East side Sizzlers Restaurant Highway 66 at Fanning Dr. Flagstaff, at 7:00PM. All persons interested in amateur radio, whether licensed or not, are welcome to attend.

Coconino SkyWarn meets 1900 every Monday evening on the 146.98 repeater and at 1930 on the Navajo Mountain CACTUS repeater and 146.480 simplex.

Coconino ARES meets 1900 every Wednesday evening on the 146.98 repeater and at 1930 on the Navajo Mountain CACTUS repeater and 146.480.

Officers:

President: Dan Shearer, N7YIQ

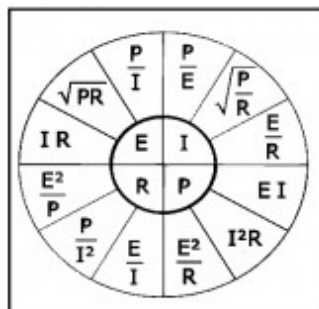
Vice-President: Janice Enloe, KI6WCK

Secretary: Erv Perelstein, KE7QFI

Treasurer: Pat Traber, KE7QFG

PIO: Dan Shearer, N7YIQ

Newsletter: Janice Enloe, KI6WCK



E = voltage I = current
R = resistance P = power

Calendar of Events for 2018:

August

- 4 Toys for Tots/Fat Tire Bicycle Ride
- 7 National Night Out
- 9 CARC Meeting -
- 11 Big Brothers/Big Sisters Run for the Magic
- 26? Arizona Trail Marathon at North Rim

September

- 3 Williams 10K Labor Day Run
- 13 CARC Meeting -
- 22-23 Flagstaff to Grand Canyon 100 Mile Stagecoach Run

October

- 11 CARC Meeting -
- 13 Soulstice Mountain Trail Run
- 20 Amateur Radio License Exams at North Country HealthCare
- ?? MARS COMEX

November

- ?? MARS Comex
- 8 CARC Meeting -
- 10? Girls on the Run

December

- 1 SkyWarn Recognition Day at NWS Belmont (UTC date)
- 9? Christmas party

Next Business Meeting:

Our next business meeting will be August 9, 2018 at the East side Sizzlers at the corner of Highway 66 and Fanning. Dinner @1800 and meeting starts @1900.

From the President:

I am sitting down writing my final newsletter article as your club president. I have learned much over the last 10 months but many new things have come up that require more of my time and attention. I have seen many great things with our membership. We do a lot as a group of about 50 people and I have been very pleased with what we have accomplished over the last year. The many run events, exam sessions, Field Day, picnics, meetings, and the emergencies to activate the EOC. It's been a busy 12 months. I thank you all for your support of our club and its continued operation. It has been a pleasure being your president.
Dan

Thank you and Help Wanted:

Thank you to all who have run the Monday and Wednesday night nets:
Flagstaff: Erv KE7QFI, Mike KD8RQV,
Mike Clever, KD8RQV, Glen KG7YDJ

Page: Eric KG7UNI, Nancy K7WKS and Vince WB7UWW

If anyone one would like to help with the nets, please let Glen know. It is good practice for radio skills and the script is written for you to use.

Licensing Exams for 2018:

Remember to bring your HAM license and a copy (if you are upgrading your license), a government issued picture ID, a black ink pen, calculator with memory erased and fifteen dollars (exact change is appreciated).

October 20

Arizona Newsletter: <http://www.arrl.org>

Tutorials: <http://www.arrl.org/tutorial>

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club

7/12/2018

At 6:45 pm Ron Gerlak presented a short program on J-Pole antennas, showing examples and offering wire to anyone that wanted to make their own. He further offered a soldering session at the next meeting if anyone needed help with that.

Following Ron's demonstration Dan Shearer initiated the After-Action Review [AAR] of Field Day. There was much discussion on the bullet points below:

Good Feedback:

Food

3A Stations/GOTA/6m

Lots of points

Vertical and Digital interference issues identified and resolved

Mark Christian helped in calling dignitaries during the event, most of those he spoke with attended

Safety efforts in place – nobody got hurt- fire extinguishers and water in place

Hand-held radios worked great for comms

Needs Improvement:

PIO List

GOTA Station – not everyone got to get on the air

Too competitive

Cleanup – not enough people to help with take down of equipment/antennas etc

Designated Hosts/Hostesses (besides the PIO) to escort dignitaries

“People who bring their own equipment should not complain about having to take it down”

Designated person for each station needs to make sure enough equipment is available to run the station

We were too busy to make time for guests

Mike Moroney working the SSB station noted that the SSB station had extra headphones set up so that visitors could listen in and then operate if desired.

Joe Hobart suggested that the Field Day GOTA rules requiring multiple contacts by an individual are not reasonable and suggested that we ignore that rule in order to get people on the air who are waiting.

We need a better head count on food – we were over \$100 short – we should at least break even.

Meeting Started: 7:10 pm

Secretary's Report: Since the minutes of the June meeting were published in the newsletter, there was no need to read them. Bill Smith made a motion to accept the minutes and Scott Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Traber, our CARC Treasurer, reported that the closing bank balance is \$3,007.05. Membership is 58 members, consisting of 54 paid members and 4 lifetime members. Joe Hobart moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Scott Martin seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

President's Report: Dan Shearer, our CARC President, opened the business meeting with an introduction of all members. Dan did not have an additional report and turned the meeting over to Joe for an update on the HOPI Point Repeater.

Old Business:

HOPI Point Repeater: Due to the ongoing issues the ARA is to re-evaluate and has instructed CARC to "sit tight". Dan asked if county funding was a possibility. Currently, we want to leave this issue in the hands of ARA.

WINLINK - WINMORE: Per Ken Held, training is ongoing.

Code Class: There is not enough interest to hold a class.

CARC Trailer: The old trailer needs cleaning out. This is scheduled to be done on Saturday at Silver Saddle starting at 14:00. Once empty, a FOR SALE SIGN will be put on the trailer and it will be parked near the road. Dan will use his cell phone number to take calls from interested parties. Dan will also advertise on the Shasta Yahoo site. Bill Smith has offered to store bins of content removed from the OLD trailer at his locked shed. Bill also offered to keep the NEW trailer on his property.

50/50 Raffle: Betty Gerlak won the 50/50 raffle.

New Business: Election Reminder

Dan does not want to run for re-election. He will continue as PIO.

Janice Enloe does not want to run for re-election. She will continue to publish the newsletter.

Bill Smith was nominated for President. He accepted the nomination.

Phil Brunner was nominated for Vice President. He accepted the nomination.

There was some discussion regarding whether Erv Perelstein will continue as Secretary. If Erv is willing to continue, he has the club support and no voting will be necessary. If Erv is unable to continue, Bobbie Brunner has been nominated as Secretary.

Pat Traber will continue as Treasurer – thanks to Pat.

Other nominations will be accepted between now and the August meeting. Make sure your nominee will accept nomination. Contact any officer with your nominations.

REMINDER – for those unable to attend the meeting, we will accept email votes – please send to any officer.

Voting at the meeting will be by ballot.

Upcoming Races/Exercises:

EOC Exercise 17-19 July – Texas A/M will be conducting the training on how an EOC should be run.

Ron and Andrew Gissel are co-organizers for Toys for Tots – Aug 4th.

Additional helpers are needed. Since this event happens before our next meeting Ron will be sending additional info via email.

Dan is organizing the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Half Marathon – Aug 11th

Still need ~6 people to help.

Glen Davis mentioned the Labor Day Williams Mountain Man Run – sponsored by the Lions club. More info to follow.

Bill is organizing the Stagecoach 100 – Sept 22-23rd

He has already reached out to past participants – more info will be sent out via email.

Several people still needed

Bill is organizing the Solstice Run - Oct 13th

More info will be provided as we get closer to the event

Glen is organizing for Girls-on-the-Run in Nov

More info will be provided as we get closer to the event. Glen noted this is a nice easy race for anyone new to races.

Mike invited the club to the August NADXA meeting, Tom Schiller, N6BT will give a presentation about vertical antennas. He's a former engineer from Force12 antennas. He's an author of "Array of Light" and markets his line of antennas through Ham Radio Outlet. This will be Tuesday, Aug 7th, 1900L at the Koch Field Rd Fire Department.

Event Advisory Committee

Dan suggested a committee of ~3 people to work as race advisors.

Scott, Joe and Dan were mentioned for this committee

It was also suggested to keep files/notes from the races on our website.

There was discussion but no decision on whether this info needs to be password protected.

Miscellaneous

Glen reported that this week's general class will have Jack Lundsford teaching antennas – class open to anyone that wants a re-fresher.

Thanks to Phil/Ron/Gary Loving/Mark Loving for keeping up with the email lists.

Congratulations to Bill and MaryLou Hagan– both passed their EXTRA exam and have become VEs.

Thanks to Glen for his classes – they have produced great results including one student that passed all three exams at one sitting.

Bill suggested we thank Dan and Janice for their work as President and VP These past few months.

ARES Report– Joe

For June we had 450 hours reported – mostly due to Field Day.

VEs are needed for testing on 21st – Glen, Bill, MaryLou, Bill, Ken and Ron volunteered.

The Red Cross antenna needs work when Erv is available.

Scott Martin reported the following:

Fire restrictions have been lifted in the county, but some limitations are still in place. The Coconino National forest has a page with all the information about continuing closures and restrictions.

Prescott and North Kaibab are still at Stage 2.

Please report smoke

Ron and Betty reported that 9-1-1 has not been responsive to their smoke reports.

Dan supplied the Forest Service dispatch phone number to report smoke.

There being no further business, Glen moved and Bill seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Meeting Ended: 8:13 p.m.
