



High-Country Static

June 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

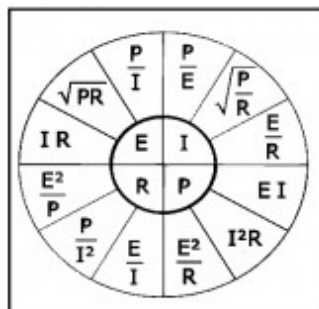
Vice-President: Janice Enloe, KI6WCK

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:

Coconino Amateur Radio Club TENTATIVE 2018 Schedule:

June

- 2 Sacred Mountain Prayer Run
- 9?? CARC Picnic
- 14 CARC Meeting - Field Day Planning <-----
- 23-24 Field Day (KG7OH & Team)

July

- 4 Munds Park Parade
- 12 CARC Meeting -
- 21 Amateur Radio License Exams at North Country HealthCare

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 Staagecoach 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 June 14, 2018 at the East side Sizzlers at the corner of Highway 66 and Fanning. Dinner @1800 and meeting starts @1900.

From the President:

When the Bell rings, the bout is on.

Field day is only a few short weeks away. I am writing this article as I prep for the Sacred Mountain Prayer Run. I enjoy getting out to these events and taking walks and hikes thru the woods. I am a geocacher so I enjoy these events in the woods near geocaches. If you don't know what geocaching is, Google it and you'll understand.

Back to the main theme this month and the two words we live for every summer – Field Day. Ron has been sending out info via the email system. He seems to have a good handle on it. I appreciate his efforts and all of the members running positions for this 24 hour bonanza. A lot of stuff needs to be done and as always we need people to operate. Not just to 9 pm, but all night we need people.

If you don't know me, I am a person who doesn't like to lose. If you've seen the trophy we as a club won last year, I'd like to keep it if we can. We've taken on a good fight with 4 stations this year. GOTA, SSB, Digital, and CW. This is a big challenge as we need operators on all of this. This is the perfect time to use those band privileges to work those contacts, work thru pileups, and getting better hearing thru the static.

So as the title of the article states, the bell rings on the 23rd and the fight is on. As a club, let's give it a good fight again this year.

Dan – N7YIQ

Thank you and Help Wanted:

Thank you to all who have run the Monday and Wednesday night nets:
Flagstaff: Erv KE7QFI, Mike KD8RQV, Mary Lou Hagan, KG7TPK
Mike Clever, KD8RQV, Glen KG7YDJ

Page: Eric KG7UNI, Nancy KG7WKS 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).

July 21

October 20

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

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

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club

5/10/2018

Meeting Started: 7:00 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Pat Traber, our CARC Treasurer, reported that the closing bank balance is \$3,235.54. Membership is 50 members, consisting of 46 paid members and 4 lifetime members. Dan Shearer moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Joe Hobart 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. He said we have so much to cover that we would go directly to Old Business.

Old Business: Glen Davis congratulated the students who have been enrolled in our CARC Technician License Classes. He reviewed the schedule of future classes: General Class, at North Country Health Care on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 6-9, next class at Williams; next Regular VE Testing on 7/21 with a special testing date added on 6/30 in Williams. He said anyone interested in these classes or tests to contact him at KG7YDJ@ARRL.NET.

Dan reminded us that we would participate in the State-wide Disaster Exercise on 5/21-22. We will be using the Alternate EOC at Buffalo Park being manned by CARC for communications. There will be an emphasis on passing both HF and VHF WINLINK messages.

Dan asked for a review of our efforts on revising the CARC By-Laws. Bobbie Brunner presented the review which she also sent out to the CARC List by email. Pat Traber moved to accept the revisions as read and Scott seconded the motion which, passed unanimously.

Dan presented a review of the Hopi Point situation. He sent a letter to ARCA but has not yet received a response. It is suspected that we might not receive an answer because they will not like what we are proposing.

Work continues on this project.

Ron Gerlak opened the Field Day discussion by telling us that this year will probably be the last year we can hold Field Day at the Silver Saddle Outdoor Market. Scott verified this. The Market is planning an extensive building project which would not leave any room for us. We are searching for a replacement location. If anyone knows of a suitable venue, please contact Dan.

Dan said there would be a Planning Meeting on this Saturday at the Silver Saddle Market starting at 9:00 am.

The schedule for set up remains the same as in past years. Friday morning, 9:00 to 12:00 we will set up antennas, the tower and assign locations for the various activities. Field Day starts at 11:00 on Saturday and ends at 11:00 on Sunday. We will have another work period on Sunday from 11:00 until all antennas, towers and equipment are removed from the market, usually about 1:00 pm. Ron is working on a possible solution to the problems we had last year, i.e, the digital transmissions interfering with SSB. He is constructing a vertical antenna for Digital and our usual horizontal for SSB. Hopefully, that will minimize the interference.

Joe and Janice led the members in a song called "The Broken Dipole" which they wrote using the tune of "What shall we do with a Drunken Sailor?" which was very clever and enjoyable.

Ron continued the Field Day Discussion by reviewing the key managers for the Field Day Sections:

Scott Martin KY7A – coordinator for the Silver Saddle Outdoor Market,

Bob Meadowcroft KF4RKS – Safety Officer,

Dan Shearer N7YIQ – Public Information Officer,

Glen Davis - KG7YDJ – Planning,

Logistics - need volunteer – Food Services, Medical Facilities, Comm Unit,

Pat Traber KE7QFG – Finance,

Erv Perelstein KE7QFI – GOTA Station,

GOTA Station Recruiter – need volunteer.

Scott presented a review of the Overland Expo, 5/18-20. We will be providing license testing again. We might need extra VE's if the number of people taking the test gets near what event managers estimated. Scott will bring the CARC Trailer. He needs volunteers to assist with manning the trailer during the event.

Dan gave us a review of preparations for the Sacred Mt. Prayer Run which is coming up on June 2nd. It's the first race of the season and provides a good training race for new members. Call Dan if you are interested.

Ken Held will be managing the Digital Training Program. Please send WINLINK messages to KF7DUR. He will be checking for messages on Monday evening for the Wednesday ARES net.

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

New Business:

June 9 – The annual CARC Picnic at Raymond Park in Kachina Village. Joe and Janice coordinating. This is a Pot Luck event, starting about 10:00. All members and friends are invited.

Joe and Dan asked all members to be aware of and follow all restrictions in the surrounding forests. We

will probably have many Red Flag Warning Days because of the high winds and low humidity. Try to monitor the Mt Elden .98 Repeater whenever you can to provide assistance if needed.

Ken suggested that we need a 6 meter antenna for the CARC Trailer which will cost between \$200 - \$250 from DX Engineering. Other needed items are; a spare tire, a jack, gas cans, a mast, brackets. He suggested that the club approve not to exceed \$300 for these items. Ron so moved and Marylou 2nd the motion. Unanimously approved.

Dan reminded us that we will have CARC Officer elections in August for all 4 officers. He asked that members start thinking about who can volunteer to fill these positions.

ARES Report: We will hold License Testing again on July 21st at the North Country Health Care facility starting at 9:00 am.

Joe said that he has received several requests for us to hold a Code Class. Anyone interested in either taking the class or assisting with teaching should contact Joe.

Once again, Joe asked for increased participation in the ARES net on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. He said that lots of good information about CARC can be obtained by checking in. Joe asked members to help with being Net Control. Glen Davis said that he has scripts and information for NCS. Dan suggested we have a sign-up list. Joe suggested we try emergency power sign-ins and Simplex sign-ins from time-to-time just to keep in practice.

Dan said he has CARC hats and shirts if any members are interested in purchasing these items.

Joe expressed a huge THANKS to all that helped with the Tinder Fire. Emergency Management is very pleased with our response and we are improving our reputation in the community.

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

Meeting Ended: 8:25 pm.
