



High-Country Static

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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: Bill Smith, KQ1S

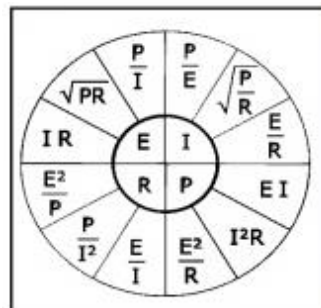
Vice-President: Phil Brunner, AE7OH

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:

September

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

October

- 8 Coconino County Table Top Exercise
- 11 CARC Meeting
- 13 Soulstice Mountain Trail Run
- 20 Amateur Radio License Exams at North Country HealthCare

November

- 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 September 13, 2018 at the East side Sizzlers at the corner of Highway 66 and Fanning. Dinner @1800 and meeting starts @1900.

From the President:

Greetings! As Phil, AE7OH, and I assume our new leadership positions, I have spent some time reflecting on my several years as a club member. My first thought is to say thank you to all who have come before and have worked hard to make the Coconino Amateur Radio Club into the strong, active club that it is today. Without prior leaders and active members paving the way through hard work and dedication to the avocation, our club and hobby would likely be much less than what it has become. Thank you!

As president, a big part of my job is to look to the future while building on the successes of the past. One of the activities that has been taking up much of my time the past two months is planning and coordinating communications for the upcoming Stagecoach 100/55k race. This is anything but a one-person endeavor. Several club members, members of Coconino County Search and Rescue, Coconino and Kaibab National Forest staff, volunteer medical staff, and the Arizona Trail Association have all been working behind the scenes to make this a successful and safe event. What strikes me the most about this planning is the degree to which all the other agencies rely upon and trust the Coconino Amateur Radio Club to take a lead role in preparing for this elaborate event each year. That trust did not happen overnight. It has been cultivated over many years of CARC members volunteering for the many public service events that we support, and carrying out their assigned duties responsibly, respectfully, and professionally. We always come together to meet these needs as well-functioning and accountable teams.

My desire as your new president is to build on this strong sense of teamwork, purpose, and dedication while attracting new members through inviting their involvement in public service events, depending on one's comfort level, and by introducing additional modes and methods of communication, such as the newer digital modes for example, at weekend or evening hands-on training workshops. Members will be encouraged to put these new methods and modes into practice supporting our public service events.

As I close, I wish to invite all members and their friends and families to get involved in the many activities and contests available throughout the year. If you are an experienced Ham, please think about mentoring a newly licensed Ham in a mode or method that they find interesting. Just a few hours a month of your time might make all the difference to a newly-minted Ham operator. Now I'm off to participate in the Route 66 On the Air festivities in Bellemont.

73, Bill

Thank you and Help Wanted:

Thank you to all who have run the Monday and Wednesday night nets:
Flagstaff: Erv KE7QFI, 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.arrrl.org>

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

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club 8/9/2018

Meeting Started: 7:05 pm

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

Treasurer's Report: Pat Traber, our CARC Treasurer, reported that the closing bank balance is \$3,324.58. Membership is 58 members, consisting of 54 paid members and 4 lifetime members. Erv Perelstein moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Gary Loving 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 announced that the old CARC Radio Trailer was sold for \$400.00.

Vice President's Report: No report this month.

Old Business:

HOPI Point Repeater: Due to the ongoing issues the ARA is to re-evaluate and has instructed CARC to "sit tight".

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

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

Toys-for-Tots: Brought in \$101,000. There were 234 riders. Andrew Gissel & Ron Gerlak were co-coordinators.

Dan announced the slate of nominations for this year's election: for President – Bill Smith KQ1S and for Vice President – Phil Brunner AE7OH. Dan then called for additional nominations for President and Vice President. There were no additional nominations.

Pat moved to accept nominations and Dawnell Shehan seconded the motion. Since there was only 1 nominee for each office, voting by ballot was unnecessary. A hand vote was called for and both nominees were unanimously elected. All thanked and congratulated Bill and Phil as our new President and Vice President. Bill then took over the leadership of the meeting.

To round out the CARC Officers: Pat Traber will continue as Treasurer – thanks to Pat and Erv Perelstein will continue as Secretary.

50/50 Raffle: Ken Held won the 50/50 raffle.

New Business:

Upcoming Races/Exercises:

- Glen is organizing Mt Man Williams Run, Sept 3rd. Needs more radio support.
- Bill is organizing the Stagecoach 100 – Sept 22nd -23rd
- Bill is organizing the Solstice Run - Oct 13th
 - More info will be provided as we get closer to the event. Dawnelle has Bob Meadowcroft's info from last year's race. We talked about putting old copies of races on the web site so that coordinators can see history.
- Glen is organizing for Girls-on-the-Run in Nov, (no date yet).
 - 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.
- Glen is organizing a testing session at North Country Health Care on Saturday Aug 25th.

- All members joined in to give Ken a BIG THANKS for all the work he did on the new CARC Trailer. The trailer is very well organized and the workmanship is very professional looking.
- CARC Christmas Party at Janice's house again this year. Thank you Janice!
- During the last VE Testing Period, Janice and Jack Lundsford read the questions to 2 people who had difficulty reading. Thanks for a lot of work, It is Much Appreciated !

ARES Report– Joe

- Joe asked why so few members are volunteering to work the races. Are there too many and/or are they too close together? To be discussed at next meeting.
- Ron and Bill will hold technical classes for race operations, kit building. More info next month.
- Joe suggested that we go to local high schools to discuss Amateur Radio with the students to try and get some younger members interested.
- Joe reported that ARRL wants upper-level managers to take ICS 300 and 400. All agreed that was not needed for ARES managers. He suggested that ARRL create classes for COMM-L training which would be valuable for all members.
- Joe reminded us that the Persides Meteor Shower is currently going-on but the sky has been very cloudy. He suggested that the Swift/Tuttle Trail is excellent to watch it if the clouds break.
- If members are looking for additional digital practice, Joe suggested they can tune into the SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Network) on 3977.7 at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings.
- It was pointed out that although our trailer is covered by Liability insurance, it is not covered for theft and destruction for the installed equipment. Pat said she will investigate ARRL Equipment Insurance and report at next month's meeting.

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

Meeting Ended: 8:00 p.m.
