

Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society

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Club Address: EAARS, PO Box 398, Solomon, AZ 85551



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JOIN EAARS on Facebook

EAARS has a presence on Facebook and you are invited to **JOIN** the page. This is a great media to quickly share news, photos and events that are EAARS related or might be interesting to the members. If you utilize "Notifications" on the EAARS Facebook page, you can receive club updates AS THEY HAPPEN.

To reach the page, please visit **facebook.com/groups/eaars** and **JOIN** the page. You must have a Facebook account to be part of the EAARS group.



EAARS Open Repeaters

PL 141.3 unless noted otherwise

Echolink: 614350 **IRLP:** 7787

Heliograph Peak at Safford, AZ:

146.860, 440.700 Linked

146.900, 447.8250 Not Linked

Jacks Peak at Silver City, NM:

145.210 Linked

West Peak at Ft Thomas, AZ:

145.350 Access to link to network

Pinal Peak at Globe, AZ:

145.410 Linked

South Mt at Alpine, AZ:

145.270 Linked

Caballo Mt at TorC, NM:

145.470 Linked

Greens Peak at Show Low, AZ

146.700 Linked

Little Florida at Deming, NM:

147.060 Linked

Mule Mt at Bisbee, AZ:

147.080 Linked

Mt Lemmon at Tucson, AZ

147.160 Linked

Guthrie Peak at Clifton, AZ:

147.280 Linked

Downtown at Tucson, AZ

147.28 Output

146.26 Input, PL 127.3

Gals on the Air!

EST. June 2015

Calling all Gals of any class ... Join us every Monday night for the
Gals Night Net @ 7:30 pm (AZ) on the EAARS system!

Facebook.com/groups/galsnightnet

Upcoming Events

*Would You like to see your event posted for the membership to see?
Email your information to emberfire@cox.net.*

2024

Sept 14 --- White Mountain Hamfest ----- Show Low, AZ

Oct 26 --- Alzheimer Event ----- Reid Park, Tucson

Clubs, send me the events you would like shown here.

WEEKLY EAARS' NETS

Every day:

Down Under Net - 4:15 am

Weather Net - 5:30 am

NTS Traffic Net - 6:30 pm

**All times are noted on
Arizona time.**

Sunday:

EAARS Net - 7:00 pm

Monday:

Gals Night Net - 7:30 pm

Wednesday:

Skywarn Net - During Monsoon, Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, Off Season, every third Wednesday of month at 7:30 pm

EAARS Officers and Staff

Board Officers

President	Dan Quaintance	AF7EF
Vice President	Joe Montierth	K7JEM
Secretary/Treasurer	Larry Griggs	N5BG

Staff

Site Trustee	Joe Montierth	K7JEM
Net Manager	Chris Buchanan	N7JND
Newsletter Editor	Angie Buchanan	N7EMB

Net Control Operators

Rick	W8YBM	1st Sunday
Larry	KG7VLN	2nd Sunday
Chris	N7JND	3rd Sunday
Angie	N7EMB	4th Sunday

ARRL RADIO CONTESTS

August 2024

3-4	222 MHz and Up Distance Contest
17-18	10 GHz & Up - Round 1
18	Rookie Roundup - RTTY
24-25	EME - 2.3 GHz & Up

For details on all ARRL contests and for non-ARRL contests,
visit <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

New EAARS Members!



Raymond	KK7UEE	Alana	KK7UIH
Bill	KK7TVW	Mark	KI7RB
Jeffrey	KK7FZF	Jerry	KK7UJE
Robert	N7KHZ	Gordon	KK7TMZ
John	KK7SRJ	Richard	KB7YPF
Charles	KK7UDD	Chip	AI7YD
David	KK7UDL	Julian	KK7PKA
Millie	KK7UDM	Ron	WB5DYG
American Red Cross Club			K7ARC



EXTRA EXTRA READ ALL ABOUT IT WE ARE HAVING A PICNIC

Announcing the annual **EAARS picnic**, to be held at **Discovery Park in Safford, on Saturday September 14, 2024, starting at 2:00 PM**. As has been the policy of EAARS over the past few years, this picnic is for current paid up EAARS members **ONLY** and immediate family, IE spouse/child. You should know whether or not you are a current paid up member. If you have any questions in this regard, just ask. Thank you all for your understanding.

EAARS will be furnishing the meat and drinks. We will also provide paper plates and plastic utensils. It is suggested however that you bring your own utensils for easier cutting of the meat. If you desire to bring something to share, such as salad, beans, desert, etc that will be welcomed.

The picnic is by RSVP. Please email your intentions to attend, no later than Saturday, September 7th, to Larry N5BG. Please in your RSVP, indicate your **call sign, name and the number in your party**. Please do not call via the radio and say your coming. Too much possibility of error on our part.

NOTE: we must limit the number of attendees to 55, due to room capacity.

Email: LGRIGGS@AZNEX.NET, no later than Saturday, Sept 7th. Note we require this lead time for placing the order for the food.

73,
Larry N5BG,
EAARS secy/treas



The EAARS Courtesy Beep

Since we've gained many more EAARS members since this was last posted, I felt it was worth printing again so we all understand the purpose of the EAARS Courtesy Beep on the repeater.

We've all heard the courtesy beep after every transmission on the EAARS system. But why is it there? What's its purpose? And most of all, why should we pay attention to it?

The courtesy beep serves TWO valuable functions on the EAARS system...

First of all, you will notice there's a short timed space between the time the person un-keys their microphone until the courtesy beep sounds. It's this timed space that provides a moment of silence to allow any emergency traffic to break in. If someone urgently needs the frequency, it's that space where they will most likely call. Although it's more commonly used for "COMMENT", "BREAK", ETC... We've all accepted that there are going to be those that must break in with constant COMMENTS. But, the space should ALWAYS be reserved for EMERGENCY break-in's. Our number one purpose for Ham Radio, is to handle emergency traffic. We should always be on the alert for such a call. Please reserve this space for such a call.

Secondly, there are so many times people key up immediately after someone un-keys their microphone. THIS IS BAD BAD BAD RADIO PRACTICE. First of all, you are not allowing time for Emergency Traffic to break in. You are also preventing the repeaters the chance to reset their TOT's (Time Out Timers). It's only after the courtesy beep sounds, that the time out timers are reset. If you and the party you are talking with continue to "Quick Key" and continue to ignore the courtesy beep, you WILL time the system out after approx. three minutes. And then someone will usually come on and have to educate you on the courtesy beep (And We Will). With this in mind, you are NOT required to wait for the repeater to drop out to take your turn. That in itself can become quite annoying. Just simply wait for the courtesy beep and continue and enjoy your conversation.

The EAARS Courtesy Beep is generated from our HUB repeater on Heliograph Peak. If you do not hear the Courtesy Beep, please contact an EAARS Officer or Staff Member as this will usually indicate that the repeater has lost the link to the hub and has fallen into a Stand Alone Mode. You all are our EAARS on EAARS. Always listen for the Beep. It's there for a reason.

So, that's the reasons there's a courtesy beep on the EAARS system. It serves a great purpose for being there. Please respect it and ALWAYS listen for it before taking YOUR turn.

EAARS Streaming Audio

Listen to EAARS from almost anywhere

Did you know that if you travel outside of the EAARS coverage area, you can still monitor the EAARS system? EAARS provides 24/7 streaming audio to your Smart Phone, Tablet, Laptop and Desktop Computer. There are many apps that allow you to listen in. Just search for "Police Scanner" apps in your Play Store or other areas depending on your phone.

The most common app to install, is called "Broadcastify". This app along with others, allow you to focus right into the state, county and town to monitor local Ham Repeaters, Police & Fire, Rail and many other services. If you don't want to install an app, you can also go to <https://www.broadcastify.com/listen/> and click your way through the map. You can also visit the EAARS website at eaars.com and click on "Click Here To Listen To Live EAARS Repeater Audio"

Although EAARS has Echolink & IRLP, it is considered "Bad Practice" to use these services just to listen only. Please use streaming audio if you want to just monitor traffic on the repeater. You can stay connected with streaming audio for as long as you like. ENJOY !!!

Also please note... With the latency of the internet, the EAARS audio is slightly delayed. For example... If the Saguardo Traffic Net starts right at 6:30pm, then you will hear the streaming audio around 6:02 pm through your streaming device.

The streaming audio feed is unlimited feeds. Many can connect at the same time and listen in.

Since the stream broadcasts from the Tucson area, the streaming audio receiver monitors both the Mt Lemmon Repeater and the Tucson Metro Repeater. The listener has no idea which repeater is being played, but if one goes down, the other will pick up unless both go down.

If you are unable to locate EAARS under any Arizona county, look for a STATEWIDE option and we will be in there. Each app is different.

Please report any streaming issues to n7jndaz@gmail.com

ARCA Annual Meeting Election Results July 20, 2024

The Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) conducted its annual meeting at the Flagstaff Hamfest on July 20, 2024. One of the items on the agenda was the election of officers for the 2024-2025 term. The current Secretary, 1st and 2nd Vice Chair positions were term limited and each of those individuals elected not to run for another position during this cycle. The past chair had prepared a slate of candidates prior to the meeting. There was one additional nomination from the floor for the chair's position, but that individual was not an existing delegate or alternate from a member club and as such, was ineligible for the position.

As a result, there was only one nomination for the positions of chair and secretary, and those individuals were elected by acclamation without a roll call vote. The positions of 1st Vice-Chair and 2nd Vice-Chair were voted on by a roll call vote of clubs represented in person or online. A record of each member club's vote is included in the attachment. I apologize for the confusion during the meeting when there was an error in the initial vote count. The updated count has been reviewed and is now verified.

The new board for 2024-2025 is:

Chair: Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS
1st Vice-Chair: Rick Aldom/W7STS
2nd Vice-Chair: Brian McCarthy/ AK7F
Secretary: Janice Enloe/K16WCK
Past Chair: Lee Ilse/K7OED
Treasurer: Christine Kesauer/N7PVL (Appointed Position)

The new board will take their positions at the next council meeting at 11:00 AM on September 14th at the Arizona Red Cross Building (4747 N. 22nd Street, Phoenix, Arizona).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ilse/K7OED Outgoing Secretary



Have a great
First Day of School!

White Mountain Hamfest



September 14, 2024

7:00 to 12:00

Show Low Masonic

White River Lodge #62

741 E. Whipple Street

Show Low, AZ 85901

\$10.00 per 10 X 10 space

Setup starts 6:00

Open to Public 7:00

Campers & RV Welcome

Dry Camping Available

Restrooms Inside Lodge

Donation Gladly Accepted

WMWA@dmbam.com

VE Testing
To pre-reserve
Contact Vince at
VETESTING@gmail.com

Food & Drink available from
7:00 - 12:00 by the Ladies of
Masonic Eastern Star

Talk in 146.76
P/L 110.9
offset -.6 mhz

Other Club Stuff

From Diane AA3OF: RST VE Testing will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Witherspoon Hall, 9252 E 22nd St, at 7pm.

2024

August 12
September 9

October 14
November 11
December 9

If you live in the Graham or Greenlee County and are interested in a VE Testing Session, please feel free to contact Dan Quaintance AF7EF, (928) 235-1152.



Rise and Shine!!!

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Made it through the Night Gang Weather Net

**0530 Mountain Standard Time Daily
on the EAARS Repeater System**

**Weather and
Conversation**

Get a handle on the local weather from your fellow HAM operators around the EAARS coverage area and get to know them better.

We do a technical question of the week on Wednesday and the "Flea Market of the Air on Fridays

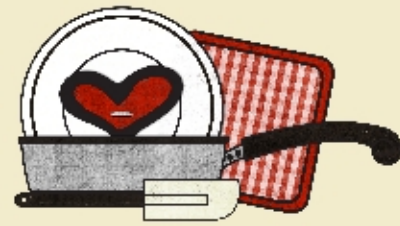
**W7GSP – Steve
Net Control**

**K1VM/N7CDW
Keith/Carrie**

Radio Society of Tucson (RST) is now conducting two monthly events for new operators. 1) Radio Days in the Park will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, Reid Park, Ramada #22. 2) Newbies Net on Thursdays, 8pm on 147.000 MHz. Listen on 147.000 MHz, transmit on 147.600 MHz with a tone of 110.9 Hz.

**Do you have any club news to share? It can be posted on this page.
Send your info to Angie - emberfire@cox.net.**

Cooking up
Some Magic



Chicken Tortilla Dump Dinner

Courtesy of Food Network

Ingredients

1 tablespoon canola oil
Two 10-ounce cans diced tomatoes with chiles, such as Rotel
1 cup chicken broth
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
One 15.5-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
One 10-ounce bag frozen corn
5 cups shredded cooked chicken (from about 1 small rotisserie chicken)
12 small corn tortillas, cut into quarters
One 8-ounce block Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (about 2 cups)
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup diced red onion
1/3 cup loosely packed fresh cilantro, chopped



Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Brush a 9-by-13-inch casserole dish with the oil.
2. Stir together the diced tomatoes with chiles, chicken broth, chili powder, cumin and salt in a large bowl. Add the black beans, frozen corn, chicken, tortilla wedges and half the cheese and stir to evenly distribute and moisten all of the ingredients. Transfer to the prepared casserole dish and spread into an even layer. Loosely cover with aluminum foil and bake for 25 minutes.
3. Raise the oven temperature to 400 degrees F. Remove the foil and sprinkle the top with the remaining cheese. Continue to bake until the cheese is melted and just starting to brown, about 10 minutes. Top with dollops of sour cream and sprinkle with the red onion and cilantro. Serve hot.

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