

Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society

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



December, 2024

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

Dec 7 ---- Superstition Superfest -----Mesa

2025

Jan 19-25----- Quartzfest 2025 -----Quartzsite

Feb 14-15 ----- Yuma Hamfest ----- Yuma

Mar 8 ----- GV Hamfest -----Green Valley

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

December 2024

6-8	160 Meter
14-15	10 Meter
22	Rookie Roundup-CW

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

New EAARS Members!



Tom KJ5CWU
Phillip W7PJH
Robin KC7TGX



EAARS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DUES ARE DUE

Hello once again, YES the membership renewal campaign is in full swing. Thanking those that have already renewed. It makes our job much easier to receive renewals before the last minute.

We have taken the suggestions of some members to include an additional payment option:

It's called ZELLE. Most banks have this option available, just check with your bank if you're not already familiar with this procedure.

To renew via ZELLE:

Use your bank and our account name is: eaarsdues@aol.com TYPE IN \$24.00 as amount. Please be sure in the MEMO to include your CALL SIGN.

Our existing options are:

Pay Pal: www.eaars.com/pay.htm again please include your CALL SIGN on lower left of form.

Or check/mo for \$24.00 by US MAIL

**EAARS
PO BOX 398
Solomon, AZ 85551**

73 for now. Larry N5BG
EAARS Secretary and Treasurer



***EAARS would like
to wish you and
yours a Very
Merry Christmas!***



Santa On the Air



It is that time of year! You know, when the man with the red suit gets on the air! Yep, I am talking about Santa, himself! Santa and Mrs Claus have made time for two Santa on the Air nets!



EAARS, Santa, Mrs Claus and myself, will be hosting two [2] Santa on the Air nets in December.

If you have kids and you would like for them to talk to Santa on the radio, please email me the following info:

- 1. Which Date/Time most convenient to talk to Santa.**
- 2. Parent(s) Name and Call Sign**
- 3. Your child's name (third party traffic).**
- 4. Your child's age.**
- 5. Information you want Santa to know, good or not. He does have two lists.** (Such as, teacher, school, friends, homework, issue with a sibling ☺ ...)

I will share this info privately with Santa so he can bring it up in his conversation with your kiddos.

These are the dates and times available to speak to Santa.

Saturday December 14 11:00 am
Sunday December 15 1:00 pm

I will call upon the parents on their scheduled time. Parents will introduce their third party traffic and we will get your kiddo talking to Santa! Yes, we need our call signs, but it is very casual and love to make it fun for the kiddos! (One year my great nephew just didn't have his listening ears on and Santa called him on it. The look in those eyes were priceless! Santa knows all! HaHa)

Email the above information to Angie N7EMB, emberfire@cox.net. I will respond to confirm.

Getting excited!
Angie N7EMB

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EAARS SUNDAY NIGHT NET

When it comes to nets, EAARS does not allow many organized nets to be held on their repeaters. But there are some nets on the EAARS system that have a strong foot hold such as The Gals Night Net, The Made It Through The Night Gang Weather Net, The NTS Traffic Net, The Sky Warn Net and of course, our own Sunday Night EAARS Net. These nets were started many years ago and have become a part of the EAARS network. Other than the above listed nets, why doesn't EAARS allow just anyone to start up a net? The answer is simple... We would rather you just simply start a conversation or round table ragchew.

Let's talk about one net in particular... The EAARS Sunday Night Net. Why does EAARS have a Sunday night net? Mainly, to make sure your radio works as some people are only heard during the formal Sunday night net. It allows all EAARS members to turn their radios on for 1 hour on Sunday evening and hear in a structured kind of a way, what you've been up to over the course of the last week. It allows you to be heard by many so we can report back to you, any radio issues such as weak signals or poor audio that you might not have been aware of. We all need to make sure our radios work at least once a week in case of an emergency. You can't participate in an emergency if your radio doesn't work.

The Sunday Night EAARS Net follows a structured format developed many years ago and there have been very few changes to this format. The format is... Opening/Greeting, Check For Emergency Traffic, Announcements, EAARS Officers, Roll Call, Additional EAARS Members including calling previous week check ins, Visitors and Closing. Let's break down the check in sections...

Regular Roster: The regular roster is for EAARS members only, who check in week after week and who WANT to be on the regular roster. Of course we can't make every single Sunday. So, the rule of thumb is if you miss 4-5 weeks in a row, the log will remove you from the roster and place you in the "Additional Members Check In" section. In all honesty, we don't want to call on you week after week after week if you aren't going to be there. Of course there are now exceptions such as medical reasons.

Last Week Check Ins: EAARS members who are not on the regular roster will be called upon if you checked in the previous week. It's here we monitor how many weeks in a row you have checked in. If we see you have checked in 5-7 weeks in a row, we will extend you an offer to be placed on the regular roster.

Additional EAARS Member Check Ins: Here we will ask if there are any additional EAARS members that did not check in the previous week, that would like to check in. Depending on the Net Control Operator, they may call by repeater, state or just open the floor. That is up to the NCO.

Guests: We like to think of Guests being someone that is passing through our coverage area or stumbled upon our net and would like to say HI. We will encourage non-members who use EAARS regularly, to support the system by becoming a member. We have rent and electricity to pay on 12 mountain tops along with maintenance, parts and fuel to get there and it's your dues that make that happen. Non-Members who frequent EAARS, will receive a membership application via your QRZ mailing address. While EAARS is an open system, we can't keep this wonderful system online without member support.

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We have four Net Control Operators (NCO's) who give their time a minimum of one net per month to call the EAARS Sunday Night Net. Our NCO's are...

Rick W8YBM, Larry KG7VLN, Angie N7EMB and Chris N7JND. We all have no problem jumping in and helping each other as needed. Our NCO's are well seasoned in calling nets and many of us call multiple nets outside of EAARS. Some requirements to be an EAARS NCO... You need to be seasoned as an NCO. Commit to one net each month. A Facebook account is a MUST as we have a PRIVATE Facebook room where we upload our roster from the previous week allowing next weeks NCO to quickly download the most current roster. Plus it allows for the NCO's to request a fill in or discuss any issues privately with the other NCO's. See, Facebook is good for something after all.

A BIG THANK YOU to our EAARS NCO's. They do an excellent job and they aren't thanked enough. THANK YOU ALL.

Why doesn't EAARS do early check ins for the Sunday night net? Simply because once we allow one early check in, then everybody wants to be an early check in. If you can't check in when called, no problem. We will just simply move you down to the infrequent members list and check in when you can.

You may see this article posted in future newsletters. As we gain new members each month, we want members to know in type, how the EAARS Sunday Night Net is structured. So, you may see this in upcoming newsletters.

DUES ARE DUE THIS MONTH!!! As stated earlier, one requirement to be on our roster is to be a member in good standing. In other words, your dues need to be current. To be fair to all EAARS members, if your dues aren't paid AND received by December 31st, you will no longer be considered a member of EAARS and your call will be completely dropped from the roster and you will need to start over by checking in 5-7 weeks in a row to be placed back on the regular roster (at the bottom, of course). I as, Net Manager will request a current list of paid members from Larry in January to see who has renewed. **DON'T LOOSE YOUR SPOT!! SEND DUES IN NOW !!**

73, Chris, N7JND,
Net Manager



Superstition ARC SuperFest 2024

Saturday, December 7th, 2024 from 07:00–14:00 SuperFest.info

Mesa Community College

Southwest Parking Lot
1451 S Dobson Rd, Mesa AZ 85202

Take US 60 Exit 177 North on
Dobson Rd. Stay Right.

Sunday, December 7, 1941

A Day that will
Live in Infamy

USS Arizona Memorial

Special Event Station
K7A

Club Row

Ham Radio Clubs, to set up a booth:

Store.SuperstitionARC.org/contactus

Tailgaters and Vendors

Register Your Space Online at

Store.SuperstitionARC.org/vendor

Tailgate: \$5.00; Vendors: \$10.00 or \$15.00

Admission

\$5.00 / Children under 12 are Free
Beat the Line! Buy Online! At:

Store.SuperstitionARC.org/attend24

**Show Your Ticket On
Your Mobile Device!**

Free! VE Testing!

≈Laurel Amateur Radio Club VEC≈
In Room TC425 from 9:00–10:30 AM
Walk-Ins Accepted:

- Must Bring Valid Photo ID
- FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- Bring Two Pens (if one runs dry)

Event Activities

ARRL Card Checking
Get On The Air Station

Parks On The Air and

Summits On The Air Demonstration

Presentations
Live Music and Food

Hourly Prize Drawings

Must Be Present to Win the
Hourly Prizes ...

Grand Prize Drawing

Your Presence is Not Needed
To WIN!

[Buy Tickets Online at](http://Store.SuperstitionARC.org/tickets)

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HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...



QUARTZFEST* 2025

What? Quartzfest® is an annual HAM Radio RV and tenters Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

When? January 19th thru 25th of 2025 (make sure you add these important dates to your 2025 calendar)

Where? 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

Who Can Attend? ANYONE! If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, you'll be able to take your Amateur Radio Operators License Exams at Quartzfest®

Cost? FREE!!!!

Our Annual Amateur Radio "get together" is called "Quartzfest®" and is open to ALL to attend. Quartzfest® is not a club, no officers, no budget and no dues...and is absolutely FREE!! During the week of Quartzfest®, RV's are everywhere across the desert, as far as you can see...every make and model you can imagine!

There are hundreds of groups that meet in Quartzsite every year in different parts of the desert who share like interests. Our group, Quartzfest®, started out in 1997 as just a few HAM RV'ers getting together, camping in their RV's in the middle of the desert...no power, no running water. Solar Panels and Generators are in use everywhere (Porta-Potties are available for our tent campers and day visitors).

Quartzfest® is similar to a Hamfest but lasts an entire week and is packed full of scheduled Seminars and Activities (no vendors are allowed on BLM land though). Talks range in topics from Genealogy and Crafts for Non-HAM's to Solar Power and Battery Information, Technical information for the seasoned HAM, and introductory information for the new HAM. Also included in the week's activities are Amateur Radio License Testing, Antenna Walkabout (touring other HAM's RV Antenna installations), Solar Walkabout, 4x4 Off Road Trip in the Desert, Prospecting, Campfires (some with musical entertainment), Pot Luck dinner, Hootenanny and lot's more!

We Camp on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land which is FREE, but you can only camp there for 14 days at a time.

For more information, drop a note to our Quartzfest® Organizer

Kris - KR1SS

kristynweed@gmail.com

or visit us on the web

quartzfest.org

Yuma Hamfest & Southwestern Division Convention Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 14 & 15 2025

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Price Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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HAMFEST

At Valley Presbyterian Church 2800
Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ.
March 8th, 2025 from 8am - Noon.

\$5 table setup with fee going to
the Valley Presbyterian Church.

Bring your own table, chairs & canopy.

www.gvarc.us

7am
SETUP
FREE
ADMISSION
TALK IN FREQ.
145.290
HANDICAP
ACCESS



TAILGATING

Continental Rd.

Camino Del
Sol

2.9
Miles

Valley
Presbyterian



Other Club Stuff

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

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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!!!
with
the
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.

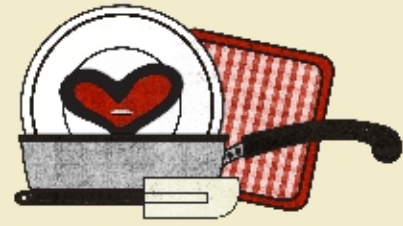
We do a technical question of the week on Wednesday and the "Flea Market of the Air on Fridays

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



Thai Pineapple Fried Rice

A delightful Thai dish that combines the sweetness of pineapple with savory fried rice.

Servings: 4 people

Prep Time: 15 min

Cook Time: 15 min

Total Time: 30 min

Ingredients

2 cups cooked jasmine rice, preferably chilled
1 medium pineapple cut into bite-sized chunks
2 tablespoons oil vegetable or canola
1 clove garlic minced
1 cup mixed vegetables carrots, peas, and corn
2 tablespoons soy sauce to taste
1 tablespoon fish sauce (optional)
1/2 cup cashews lightly toasted
2 stalks green onions, chopped
To taste, pinch white pepper (optional)



Directions

1. Heat oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add minced garlic and stir-fry for 30 seconds until fragrant.
2. Add the mixed vegetables and stir-fry for about 2 minutes.
3. Add the pineapple chunks and jasmine rice to the pan, stirring to combine.
4. Pour in soy sauce, fish sauce, and sprinkle white pepper. Stir everything together and let cook for another 5 minutes.
5. Add the toasted cashews and chopped green onions. Stir well and remove from heat.
6. Serve hot and enjoy your Thai Pineapple Fried Rice.

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