

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.*

2023

Thunderbird Hamfest (Glendale)Jan 14th
Quartzfest (Quartzite)Jan 23-28
RST Tucson Hamfest Mar 25th

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

Saturday:

ERC (Emergency Response Communications) Net - 8:00 am, 2nd
Saturday of the month (20-25 min duration)

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
Angie	N7EMB	3rd Sunday
Chris	N7JND	4th Sunday

ARRL RADIO CONTESTS

January 2023

1	Straight Key Night
7	Kids Day
7-8	RTTY Roundup
21-23	January VHF

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

New EAARS Members!

December - Sorry Rex!

Rex K5REX

Alice	KK7FHL
Max	KF7RJB
David	N4PDR
Edward	KJ7FTH
Jon	KE7GP
Darren	WB1LOV
Warren	N7ACE



EAARS Santa on the Air

December 2018, we started the first **EAARS Santa on the Air net**. Oh my goodness, how much fun it was to hear these kiddos talk to Santa on the air! We have enjoyed it so much that we have continued to host this net for five years!

Last year, we even got Ms Claus into the ham shack to join us! She is cute, but so helpful when Santa can't read his own writing. Hi Hi. He sometimes forgets to clean his own glasses! But then he doesn't need to see his way around the world, Rudolph does that for him! I love having those happy souls on the air!

I am a nanny of two boys, 4 and 3. They come over to talk to Santa on the air. It is priceless seeing their surprise when Santa talks to them and knows what he knows about them! Below are some cute pictures of them over for the Santa on the Air net.

Hope you join us again, next year. Info will come out November 2023!



Everyone at EAARS would like to wish you and yours a very Happy and Healthy New Year! We are ready for what 2023 throws at us!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Winter Field Day is Just Ahead January 28th – 29th, 2022

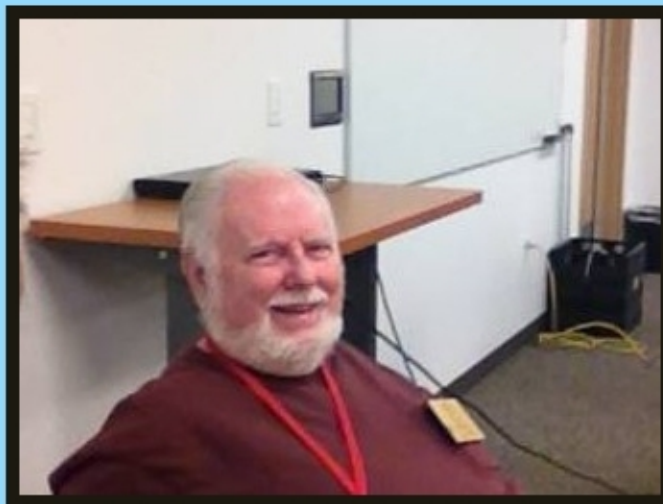
Field Day is not just for summertime anymore. Winter Field Day, sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association (WFDA), will take place over the January 28-29 weekend, and it can be a terrific time to prep for ARRL Field Day in June. The annual event's stated purpose is to encourage emergency operating preparedness in the winter, but it's also an excuse to get out of the house and enjoy the great outdoors. According to the WFDA, getting ready for emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that take place each June during ARRL Field Day, and — let's face it — it's not cold and snowy everywhere during the winter months. Your local climate could be quite the opposite.

“Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house,” the WFDA says. “Get out and play some radio!” The WFDA said it believes that maintaining operating skills should not be limited to fair-weather scenarios.

The event, which got its start in 2007, is not restricted to North America. All Amateur Radio operators around the world are invited to participate, and there are three entry categories — indoor, outdoor, and home. The rules are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Operation will take place on all HF bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters, as well as on VHF, UHF, and satellite. The event runs 24 hours. US and Canadian stations exchange call sign, operating category, and ARRL or RAC section.

The WFDA encourages both group and solo operation, and if you're not up for an outdoor winter adventure involving Amateur Radio, you can operate from the comfort of your shack. As the WFDA says on its Facebook page, “The object is winter fun!”

In Memory Of Paul H (Rick) Comins, JR W1GHF



It is always sad to report the passing of an EAARS member. During the month of December, Paul H Comins (Better known as Rick) – W1GHF (Giant Happy Face) became a Silent Key.

For those who knew Rick, he always identified himself as GIANT HAPPY FACE. And if you had met Rick, you knew that he really did have a Giant Happy Face. On the air or in person, he was always laughing and always had that big Giant Happy Face on his face. He simply enjoyed life and loved talking to people on and off the radio.

Rick also was a big fan of Harbor Freight and whenever he would go to Harbor Freight, he would identify himself as WHISKEY ONE GOING to HARBOR FREIGHT. He loved that store.

Rick was involved in Ham Radio in many ways. He was a regular VE tester for RST and was the one that would usually hand out the tests at the VE Test Sessions. Rick was also a regular check in on the Made It Through The Night Weather Net. He would always report... NO RAIN IN THE BUCKET!!!

If you knew where Rick lived, every year, he would string Christmas Lights from his tower making a Christmas Tree that was 80 feet tall.

See you on the other side, my friend. 73

Thank You EAARS Members

Now that we are already in the year 2023, we would like to THANK those who have sent in their EAARS dues. Although the due date of December 15th has already passed, if you haven't paid your membership dues, please do so as soon as you can!

Just like Santa, who knows who does and doesn't care, our Treasurer knows who has paid and who has not paid. Are you on the PAID NICE LIST or NOT PAID NAUGHTY LIST?

Why is your \$24 membership so important you ask???

This answer is quite an easy one. WE HAVE BILLS TO PAY !!!

All 12 of the EAARS repeaters are on mountain tops. Mountain top sites come with a rent fee. YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE.

All 12 of the EAARS repeaters (except one – West Peak is solar), has an electric bill to pay every month. YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYS FOR THIS.

All 12 EAARS repeaters will eventually break in one form or another. Parts are not cheap. Hey, even Rolls Royce has a service department. YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE PAYS FOR PARTS.

All 12 EAARS repeaters are NOT in a backyard somewhere. Our repeaters are all located on a mountain top and requires FUEL to get there. YOUR EAARS DUES GETS OUR TECHS THERE.

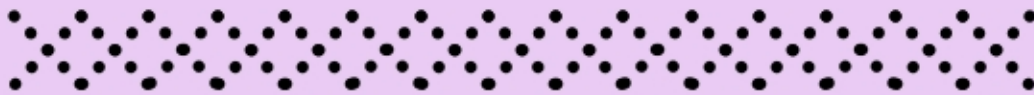
I think you get the point. Do you use EAARS on a regular basis? If so, you are high encouraged to support the future of the EAARS system. Your \$24.00 a year (that's \$2 a month folks), really goes towards the maintenance of this great system and keeps it on the air.

Current paid members will continue to receive our newsletter in their email box every month.

**A BIG BIG THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE THAT HAS PAID!**

Technician Class

The Radio Society of Tucson will be sponsoring a Technician level radio class. Six weekly classes begin February 2nd, 2023, ending on March 9th, 2023, at 6:00 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Witherspoon Hall, 9252 East 22nd St, Tucson. Please email **Ken, N7AKL** at **ken@gmail.com** for complete information and a spot in the class. There is a fee of \$25 to offset church utility and janitor costs. Books cost about \$30 each on Amazon. This class is sponsored by the Radio Society of Tucson, K7RST.



Scout Troop 157 Spaghetti Dinner

Also on **February 2nd, 2023, Scout Troop 157 will be conducting a spaghetti dinner at the same location as the amateur radio class.** The dinner is a "free will donation" and will be from 5 PM to 6:30 PM at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in the other side of Witherspoon Hall, 9252 East 22nd St, Tucson. RST has kinda' unofficially adopted Troop 157 thanks to Joe K3TYE. Troop 157 is always there at RST hamfests and ARRL Field Day doing what they do best, serving food. Four Dads and two scouts in Troop 157 are licensed amateur radio operators.

We really need help from the amateur radio community this year. Camping costs have soared and we do family camping almost every month. Some of our families are military, others are just making ends meet. So if you can, please remember the date and stop by on **February 2nd** and enjoy an almost home-cooked meal and excellent amateur radio camaraderie. And you will be served by some of the greatest youngsters you ever met, a few of which are total science nerds.

Other Club Stuff

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

2023	Jan 9	Apr 10	July 10	Oct 9
	Feb 13	May 8	Aug 14	Nov 13
	March 13	June 12	Sep 11	Dec 11

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.



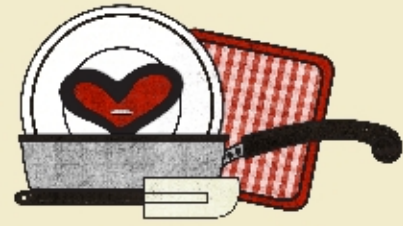
Up and at 'em !!!
with the
Made it through the Night Gang Weather Net
0530 Mountain Standard Time Daily
on the EAARS Repeater System
Weather and Conversation
Get a handle on the local weather from your fellow HAM operators around
the EAARS coverage area and get to know them better.

W7GSP - Steve
Net Control
K1VM/N7CDW Keith/Carrie
Weather Recorders



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



Slow Cooker Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps

These Slow Cooker Asian Chicken Lettuce Wraps are so simple to put together and make such a delicious and healthy weeknight dinner.

Servings: 6 servings (12 wraps)

Prep: 15 minutes

Cook: 3 hours

Ingredients

2 lbs ground chicken (not ground chicken breast)
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 red bell pepper, cored and finely chopped
1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
2 Tbsp soy sauce
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 (8 oz) can sliced water chestnuts, drained and rinsed
1 1/2 cups cooked white or brown rice
3 green onions, sliced
1 Tbsp rice vinegar and 1 1/2 tsp sesame oil (optional)
2 heads iceberg lettuce



*Courtesy of
cookingclassy.com*

Instructions

1. Place ground chicken and garlic in a large microwave safe bowl. Microwave mixture, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink, about 5 - 6 minutes. Drain off liquid and pour mixture into a 5 - 7 quart slow cooker.
2. Add bell pepper, onion, hoisin sauce, soy sauce, 1/2 tsp salt and 1/2 tsp pepper and toss mixture. Cover and cook on low heat 2 - 3 hours until chicken is tender.
3. Stir in water chestnuts, cooked rice, green onions, rice vinegar, and sesame oil, cook until heated through 3 - 5 minutes. Season with additional salt as desired. Separate iceberg lettuce leaves and serve with chicken filling.

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