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SHORT SKIP de NW7R



Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
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At the December 16th meeting we will enjoy cookies and punch (or tea or coffee), following a brief program of two topics by Sam Lewbel: the "Tuner Tuner" and "You Think YOU Have Problems". Festivities will open at 7:30 with a short business meeting in which the Nominating Committee will present its 1987 slate of officers for your consideration. Topping the list of candidates is George Hands KE7DH for President. George served as our ARCA representative this year and is a past president of ARA. Also on the ticket are John Aller W3OJX for Vice President, Betty Vetter N9APE for Treasurer, and two players to be named later. *Cranstone Bliss for Secretary.*

ARCA REPORT by George KE7DH: ARCA has been through some rough times since its conception but in my opinion it is now on a good footing. The delegates discussed a number of items on November 16.

1. Seeking membership in ARCA from a number of small clubs in the state, even if it means voting by mail or by proxy.
 2. South Mountain Swapmeet tentative date is March 15, and ARA will be the host club. No general admission or parking fee. Tailgaters will be \$2 and will include allied hobbies but no commercial sales.
 3. First choice for Ft. Tuthill Hamfest will be July 31-August 2. If unavailable it will be July 24-26. Tickets for prizes will be 3/\$5; preregistration prize will be \$200 cash. Tickets will be available by January 31.
- I can well imagine that the hams of Sun City feel that they have served their share of duties to ham radio, but ARCA needs help at South Mountain, and more especially at Ft. Tuthill. Anyone who wants to help, please contact me (974-3361). Even a few hours will be very welcome.

DX REPORT by John W7YR: Conditions continue to be spotty. Some days there are excellent openings into all parts of the world on both 14 and 21 MHz with many Europeans about 1500Z (8 AM) and the African countries in mid afternoon. Strong signals from the Orient, Southeast Asia and Australia in the late afternoon hours have been noted on 14 and 21 MHz. The normal wintertime long path openings on 14 MHz seem to be slow in developing this year, at least as far as the western states are concerned. Last month's good 3.5 MHz DX activity has faded.

The following prefixes were heard recently within a half hour period: G4, YU, TP2, Y55, I, GI, EI, T77, 4U1, HA, OZ, OK, DF, HB, LA, and LZ. Later the same day: ZS6, ZD8, EL, YB, JA, VK, PY, and DV. Call W7YR (977-5883) with any interesting DX news you would like to share with your fellow club members.

The information requested below is for the 1987 Roster. Members (and local hams wishing to receive Short Skip next year) are asked to turn in the info with their \$4 dues (or subscription) to Treasurer Bob Koons, SCARC, P.O.Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372.

Name _____ Call _____

Address _____ Spouse's Name _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

2-Meter gear Base ___ Mobile ___ Handheld ___ None ___ ARRL Yes ___ No ___

PACKET RADIO REPORT by Zeb KM7L: If you are into PACKET RADIO or are interested in it, check into the PACKET net on 147.10/70 on Wednesday nights at 7:30. The net is conducted on phone.

Rains wiped out the Arizona Packet Radio Association's activities at the Oasis Swapmeet in Apache Junction earlier this month.

Chuck W7KIV is in the process of installing a Bulletin Board in Sun City West. The FCC's PR Docket 85-105 amends the rules to allow packet stations on 6 meters and above to retransmit third-party traffic while under automatic control without the control operator being present.

Last month's club program on Packet Radio, presented by Steve Johnson KD7GL and Dick Greatorex W7KSO, has produced a lot of interest in this field.

BULLETIN: Volunteer Examiners at the Scottsdale session on December 20 will have certificates for those who successfully pass written exams but who do not pass code exams for the same class license. Extra class aspirants may pass Theory now and 20 WMP within 365 days for their ticket.

Upgrade classes will start again January 5 at Fairway Rec Center 1 to 3 PM.

Warren KA7ZWJ and Jeanne KA7YOO (Heap) were in Yuma Dec. 6. Jeanne passed her General test and Warren his Technician. Earlier, in Sun City, Dave Pollack and Stan Mintz passed their Novice Tests. Congratulations to all.

The FCC is actively working on the Novice Enhancement program, but effective date and contents are not known at this time.

FOR SALE; Mosley 40 meter conversion kit for Mosley antennas TA-31, 32, 33 or 36; \$70. Wally W1AA 977-6853.

GE Stereo tuner (multiplex unit); 25 watt amplifier. Jim 933-9586.

WANTED; Electronic Keyer. Gil 972-1945.

ARRL Southwestern Division Director Fried Heyn and Vice Director Wayne Overbeck have been reelected. Steve Mendelsohn (heard until recently on Westlink Tapes) topped incumbent Linda Ferdinand for Hudson Division Director. Incumbent Mary Lewis lost to Russ Drake for NW Division Director, and incumbent Ray Wangler was bested by Jim Haynie for West Gulf Division Director. The League will thus have a few new faces on its Board this coming year.

The Tropical Hamboree (Florida State Convention) is on Feb. 7-8, 1987 at the Dade County Youth Fairgrounds at Tamiami Park. For details call Ray 972-8733.

Our Treasurer reports that dues are coming in at a fast rate. We hope to have our 1987 Roster out with the next Short Skip mailing. Bring your \$4 to the meeting or mail to Bob Koons, SCARC, P.O. Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372.

NOTES; Join local hams at 11:30 luncheon any Thursday at Ritter's Chalet. Spouses are welcome....Check into the Sun Cities Wed. night net at 7 PM on 147.57 MHz to hear Westlink and other ham news....Please renew ARRL membership thru League rep Floyd Emanuel, K7BN. Send renewal form plus 2 checks (\$2 to SCARC, balance to ARRL) to Floyd c/o SCARC Box. Also join ARRL thru Floyd (check made out for full amount to ARRL). We get \$5 back on this one.

Our members are served by the following committees. If you would be willing to serve on one or more of them, please check and return with your dues.

Program_____	Radio Classes_____	ARCA Reps_____	Silent Key_____
Publicity_____	RFI/TVI_____	ARRL Liaison_____	Greeters _____
Antennas_____	Newsletter _____	AREC/Red Cross_____	Annual Dinner_____

Suggestions for improving club:

Ham Radio Interests (DX, Packet, Nets, etc.) _____