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Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

P. O. Box 1573, Sun City, Arizona 85372.

SCARC meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through May, at 7 PM at Fairway Rec Center, Peoria and 107th Avenues.

The next Short Skip will be issued in September. Keep in touch via the 20 m Vacation net at 1715 UTC (10:15 AM AZ time) on 14.240-245 MHz (give or take) starting May 19th. Have a happy summer!

Because even the most foolhardy of us leaves the Valley from time to time in the summer, the club now has a P.O.Box. Letters to any club officer or committee chairman pertaining to club activities should be sent to that person c/o SCARC, P.O.Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372. This is especially important for ARRL membership applications and renewals handled by Floyd Emanuel, K7BN.

SCARC Meeting, Tuesday, May 20th. Stump the Experts Night. A panel of five local hams, with a total of 242 years of experience, will try to answer any questions that have been puzzling us in the field of amateur radio. Ed N7EB, Bert W2GOB, Maury W7XY, Paul W7KBE and Sam W7JHQ will unravel the mysteries of our craft. Business meeting starts at 7:30, but come early and ragchew with your colleagues.

The Big Event each year in Arizona is the Fort Tuthill Hamfest, July 25-27. Take airport exit ramp off I-17 south of Flagstaff and head west to nearby County Fairgrounds. If you can give a couple of hours of your time to help with parking or other tasks, call Ben Ascani WA7NAP (944-9432). Your help will be appreciated. The Hamfest is as good as we make it.

The National ARRL Convention in San Diego on September 5-7 will be history before the next newsletter. Make your reservations NOW. Details in the April Short Skip.

SILENT KEY. We are saddened by the passing of Jerry Perry, KA7AVH. Jerry joined the club in 1978 as an SWL, but soon became an active ham. In failing health for several years, he was unable to attend many meetings, but we shall miss him. We are also sorry to report the death last month of Alice Franta, wife of Harold WA7PKU. Jim Townsend W7GGZ (SCW) also passed away this month.

For a first-time effort, last month's club-sponsored Swapmeet must be rated a success. Thanks are due to Security Savings and Loan Association's branch at Grand Center, for permission to use their parking area; to Ralph Karnatz, N7FNU, who suggested the location; and Bob Koons, WBØGQV, who conceived and organized the event. We expect it to become an annual affair.

Sun City Packeteering....by Sam W7JHQ. There has been no explosion of packeteers in Sun City, but if you want to get an eyeful of what can be done with packets make an appointment with Zeb KM7L, who has become widely known among the Valley packet users. He has been posting news of the Sun City Amateur Radio Club on one of the active packet bulletin boards in addition to connecting with packet operators all over the valley. Now he is practicing to use the digipeaters which will link him to hams in California as well as points east. Packet operations are not limited to VHF. You can operate directly on HF as well, or (more easily) use a 2m repeater that is capable of repeating your message on HF. This is called a gateway repeater. Using a gateway, the

operator can, via HF, send messages or contact hams in any place in the world when the band is open. A new phase in ham radio. Try it; like Jackie in the commercials, "you'll like it."

FOR SALE: 20-meter 3-element monobander, best offer. Bob W7LNS 974-9018.

Complete system for teletype, includes monitor; all excellent cond. Info-tech Model 150 Keyboard, Info-tech Model 75 Access Device (all speeds from 60-66-75-100; all std shifts 170-425-850; \$295. Mini-quad Antenna; \$90, 2-Meter mobile or fixed amplifier (Drake), 1-2 watts in, 12-22 watts out; \$30. Heath 2-meter amplifier, 1 watt in, 10 watts out; \$18. Mobile HF antennas: 10, 20 m, \$25; new 10 thru 40 m, \$60. Bob WBØGQV 972-7749.

WANTED: KLM 2700 2-meter Xcvr. Gary K7OX1-948-4772

THURSDAY LUNCHEONS: Local hams will continue to meet every Thursday at 11:30 at Ritter's Chalet, EXCEPT on June 19 and June 26 (during remodelling). Look for us on those dates at Furr's Cafeteria on Grand Ave.

SUN CITIES 2-METER NET will also continue during the summer. Join us on 147.57 MHz at 7 PM local time every Wednesday for ham radio news via Westlink tapes, ARRL Newsletter and W5YI Report.

Ed N7EB and his team of Volunteer Examiners and helpers did a fine job with the Upgrade exams held here in Sun City in April. Some 47 candidates took one or more tests, with 50% or more passing each test -- a good showing. The club is grateful to George Menke and his associates for their hospitality in allowing us the use of the Menke Sun City Meeting Rooms, a near-perfect setting for the exams. VE's were Ed Blaszczyk N7EB, John Allen W7YR, Carl Moore W7YQ, Floyd Emanuel K7BN, Eva Karnatz KC7RY, Chuck Stone KØOSN, Mike Forchione KC7XV, Ray Sumner KE7FA. Also helping were Ruth Stone WA8FSX, Ralph Karnatz N7FNU and Bob Koons WBØGQV. Ed wound up handling most of the paper work, but his comment was that it was fun, and we'll probably do it again.

VEC EXAMS:

May 24th, Scottsdale Senior Center, 7375 E. 2nd St. (2 blocks N. of Scottsdale Memorial Hospital on Osborn Rd). Walk-ins call John Cerniglia ND7B a few days beforehand to check availability (1-948-2256).

July 26th, Ft. Tuthill Hamfest. Call this editor (972-8733) in 2 to 3 weeks for name and address of VE in charge.

Novice and Upgrade classes will resume in October. Post mortems on Upgrade class achievements suggest that a more structured program is needed. ARRL Manuals and Study Guides (which concentrate on FCC-required elements) will replace the Ameco Radio Theory Course as the framework for fall classes. Supplemental laboratory exercises will illustrate some of the concepts. Weekly code tests will measure progress in that area. We welcome ideas, help and advice on improving the presentation of these subjects.

The FCC in PR Docket 86-161 is proposing enhanced privileges for Novices, as suggested by ARRL. Among these are phone privileges in the 220 MHz band (with 25 watts max), digital operation at 28.1-28.3 MHz, SSB phone at 28.3-28.5 MHz, and 5 watts operation at 1246-1260 MHz. Closing date for comments: July 16th.

HANDS ACROSS AMERICA is asking for hams at one-mile intervals along the route. Our Emergency Coordinator, Floyd K7BN, and his committee will contact the hams on the Alert List to see how many are available to help on May 25th. Here is a chance to impress your grandchildren by participating in this monumental event. No donations are required of the hams. (Hand-holders give \$10 for the privilege.) Call Floyd, so that we can reduce the number of phone calls by the committee.