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Sun City Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 1573

SUN CITY, AZ 85372

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

INTRODUCING THE NEW OFFICERS FOR 1987:

Pres. George Hands KE7DH; VPres. John Aller W3OJX; Sec. Cranstoune Bliss KA7TYG; Treas. Betty Vetter N9APE; Dir. Dick Tomlian WA1HXA; PPres. Ray Sumner NW7R.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. Let's show our new officers our support by attending 1987's first meeting on January 20 in Fairway Rec Center's Arizona Room. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 PM. The program has not been selected at this writing.

UPGRADE EXAMS IN SUN CITY. Spread the word that our Volunteer Examiner Team will be on hand on FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 to administer tests for all class licenses. Time: 8 to 12 AM. Place: Menke's Sun City Meeting Rooms, 10307 Coggins Drive. Send FCC Form 610 plus copy of license and check for \$4.35 (made out to ARRL/VEC) to SCARC, P.O. Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372. For further info, call Ray Sumner, 972-8733.

Scottsdale Exam will be held on Saturday, March 21. Details later.

Upgrade Classes have resumed at Fairway Rec Center every Monday from 1 to 3 PM. A new Tech/General Class has begun; the Advanced Class is at the halfway mark. The Extra Class has ended; we'll start another if there is any interest. Ed Balaker passed his General test, Vern Lampert his Tech, Kip Kipper his Advanced, and Bob Best his Extra at the recent Scottsdale Upgrade. Walter Dack, Charles Nuzum and Bob Koons passed the written exam for Extra.

The Club Roster will be mailed with the February newsletter. We have picked up a number of new members this year, but based upon dues received, we appear to have lost a few. Mail your dues (\$4) to our new secretary at the club's P.O. address or bring to our next meeting.

ARCA NEWS: South Mountain Swapmeet is March 15. Fort Tuthill Hamfest is July 24-26. For the latter, Rudy WA9RKI will have special door prize tickets, seven for \$10, good for the four main prizes and also for a preliminary drawing for \$200. Regular door prize tickets (3 for \$5), available after July 1, will only be eligible for the four main prizes.

Volunteers are still needed to help with both the Swapmeet and Hamfest. Give your name to Rudy (972-0923) or our president (974-3361).

FOR YL'S: Cactus Keys Luncheon, Saturday January 17. Call Marilyn N7DHF at 942-2296 for details on luncheon and for joining Cactus Keys.

WANTED: Coax switch, 2 or more positions. Gil 972-1945
Late model HT with memory. Monte KA1NLL 584-6484

FOR SALE: Mosley Antenna Conversion Kit, Model TR 46, which adds 40-meters to most Mosley antennas; \$65. Sigma SWR and RF Power meter, new type, Model RF 2000, range 3.5 to 150 MHz; \$25. Wally W1AA 977-6583

FOR SALE: Tribander Beam Antenna--2-element--10-15-20 meters. 2000 PEP--short boom and light weight--can be mounted on TV mast using TV rotator. \$55 with manual. Bob WA7KLU--14035 Boswell Blvd, SC.

10th ANNUAL INLAND EMPIRE HAMFEST, April 25. If you plan to be in the Spokane area, here is a worthwhile event. For info, call Ray NW7R 972-8733.

Suggestions or material are being sought for the ARRL-sponsored video production, "The New World of Amateur Radio." Emphasis will be on the new and young generation of hams. Write to Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, TNWOAR, 28197 Robin Avenue, Saugus, CA 91350. We hope to have a copy for club viewing soon after its release.

U.S. and DX Call Books (1987) will be on Bell Library's reference shelf when catalogued. Earlier editions (US '85-'86 and DX '84-'85) are at Fairway Library. Your treasurer and this editor also have latest US Call Book.

The new officers take over with a treasury balance of \$1723, thanks to some generous bequests this past year. Dues do not cover our present operating expenses, consisting mostly of newsletter and Westlink Tape costs. The Board will study the feasibility of Bulk Mail delivery for the Short Skip, and of replacing the Westlink Tape with a subscription to Westlink Report (\$22.50 annually) to be read as a supplement to the ARRL Letter and W5YI Report on our Two-meter Net. Your comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

Our recent questionnaire on your ham radio interests revealed that many of you rate DXing as #1. We hope you enjoy the following comments by our DX reporter and will pass on to John any DX items you would like to share with us.

DX REPORT by John W7YR (977-5883): Good DX conditions heralded the new year, and the DXCC Golden Jubilee is in full swing. If you work 100 countries in 1987 you can qualify for an award, in addition to all the fun you will have. See Sept. '86 QST (p. 60) for details. Although QSL cards are not required, the ARRL outgoing QSL bureau authorizes clubs to pool their members' cards into one mailing. If you have outgoing QSL cards for foreign countries, give them to W7YR along with a mailing label from a current QST. He will consolidate your cards with other club members' cards and get them into the bureau promptly.

Many semi-rare countries and prefixes are showing up: BV2B, BY9GA, KH9AC, HV3SJ, S92LB, C3ØLAY, ZC4MR, TI9W, XU1SS, C53FH, 5V7SH, 5L2AY, ZD7BJ, TR8CA, etc. And on the long path FKØAW, 4S7LF and VU2UGI in addition to a number of Europeans. Look for the rarest of the rare, Peter I Island, 3YØ---on all bands starting 27-28 January.

HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR. Local Lions representing the Melvin Jones Memorial Station in the contest this past weekend included Cliff K7BQ, Gil KAØLVA, Carl W7YQ, Charles W7LRH and Chuck W7YU. Top point-getter was W7YU with 148 contacts in 19 countries, 31 states and 3 Canadian provinces. A regular participant, Sierra Vista Lion Charles Brenner (K7GNC), passed away a few days prior to the contest, lending a sad note to the event.

NOTES: Sun Cities 2-Meter Net (147.57 MHz) 7 PM Wednesdays. Lunch with local hams and spouses every Thursday, 11:30 AM, Ritter's Chalet. Area hams: renew ARRL membership thru League rep Floyd Emanuel K7BN; send renewal form plus two 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.

Need a Snap-on Choke (flyback device)? For set of four, send \$15 plus \$2 for postage to Computeradio, Box 282, Pine Brook, NJ 07058 or call 201-227-0712. For info on their application, call Bert W2GOB 584-6260.

Alan W6GB can calibrate your equipment (phase lock to WWV) to the nth degree. If interested, call 584-0240.

Your editor appreciates receiving news items of interest to local hams. Please have all material in our hands by Sunday of the week prior to the monthly meeting date. (We meet the third Tuesday. No newsletter June, July, August.)