



# EASTERN ARIZONA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.



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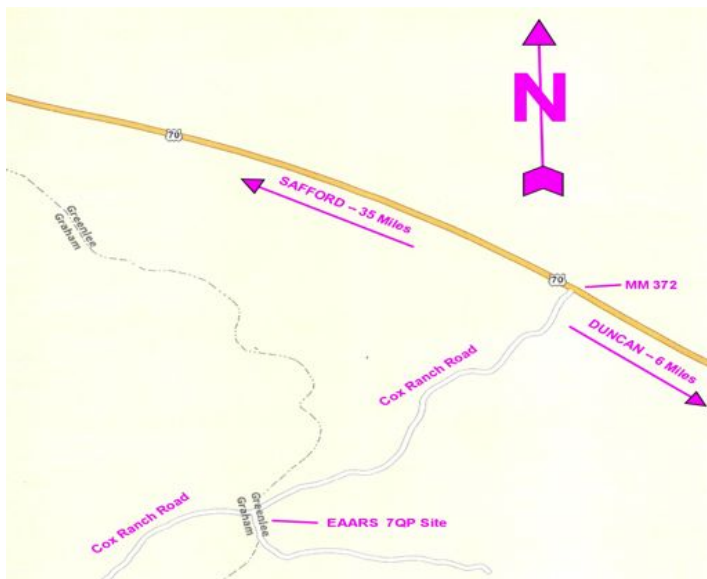
**April 2012**

# 7th Area QSO Party

Please mark **Saturday May 5th** down on your calendars. This is the date of the **7th Area QSO Party**, the clubs major operating event of the year!

The contest runs from 6 AM to Midnight, with set up on Thursday/Friday and tear down on Sunday. Come on out, have some fun and help the club continue its dominance in this event. The location is one mile west of US 70 at mile-marker 372. Easy accessibility! See [www.eaars.com](http://www.eaars.com) for more information.

*(See more about the clubs history in this event on page 3 of this newsletter.)*



## CW help!

Are you interested in learning CW or is your CW rusty and in need of work? Then the **CW Academy** ([www.cwops.org/cwacademy.html](http://www.cwops.org/cwacademy.html)) is for you!

The CWA was created by the CWops club in August, 2011 to provide a place for students of all levels to work with mentors, on and off the air, to learn or improve their CW language skills. It's fun and, better yet, it's free!

## EAARS OPEN REPEATERS

PL IS 141.3 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

### HELIOGRAPH PEAK:

- 146.860, 440.700 LINKED
- 146.900 ECHOLINK AND IRLP
- 145.010 PACKET
- 447.825 WITH CLOSED REMOTE BASE  
PL 100.0 OR 141.3
- 462.625 GMRS PL 123.0

### MT. LEMMON:

- 147.160 LINKED

### PINAL PEAK:

- 145.410 LINKED

### GUTHRIE PEAK:

- 147.280 LINKED

### SOUTH MTN AT ALPINE:

- 145.270 LINKED

### GREENS PEAK:

- 146.700 LINKED

### JACKS PEAK, NM:

- 145.210 LINKED

### MULE MTN:

- 147.080 LINKED



## Meet the Staff...

### **President: Dave Wells N7AM**

I grew up in a ham family, my dad was **K1NPA** in central Massachusetts. I was first licensed as **WB7ONJ** in 1976 in Phoenix, AZ.

I joined EAARS in 1985. I was asked to do the newsletter "temporarily" in about 1996.

I built the original EAARS website and started the current one.

I'm interested in all aspects of ham radio with my current favorites being rag chewing, PSK-31, and paper chasing. I am a VE for **ARRL** and **W5YL**. My homepage is <http://n7am.net>

*(Editors note: This is the first of a series of short Bios on club officers, and other members if I can con some in to writing something up.*

*This was actually N7AM's idea, so only fitting he gets to go first.*

*Thanks Dave!*)

## Notice of Possible Bylaws Change !

At the March 20 general meeting the club approved sending out in letter format a recommended change in the bylaws. This would enable bylaw changes to be voted on by mail or email.

EAARS bylaws were written before the advent of email.

## 2012 Officers and Staff

eaarsofficers@eaars.com to email all officers.

### **President**

*Dave Wells  
N7AM*

### **Technical Adviser**

*Milt Jensen  
N5LA*

### **Vice President**

*Quentin Kavanaugh  
N7QK*

### **Newsletter Editor**

*Steve Lane  
KY7K*

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

*Larry Griggs  
N5BG*

### **Net Manager**

*Grace Wells  
KB7CSE*

### **Helio Site Trustee**

*Joe Montierth  
K7JEM*

### **Net Control Ops**

*Rick KE7EDP  
Pink K7ILA  
Richard N7DZH  
Grace KB7CSE*



## Are you a ARRL member?

Did you know that EAARS is an ARRL affiliated club?

Did you know that you can join or renew your ARRL membership through the club and the club will retain part of your ARRL membership fee? Yes, the club gets \$15 for each new ARRL member and \$2 for each renewal.

The club also gets many more benefits for ARRL affiliation such as free mailing lists of all Hams in the club area and referrals on new Hams, club liability insurance, equipment insurance and many more benefits.

Please consider joining ARRL!

## Repeater News...

Pinal, Guthrie, and Greens all have intermittent desense or deafness. Plans to investigate and repair the problems are awaiting time to carry them out.

The Echolink/ IRLP on 146.900 computer locks up occasionally. If you find it down, let somebody know and **K7JEM** can reset it. A plan is in the works to enable an over-air reset or automated daily reset late at night.

Ben, **N7XL** spoke at the March meeting on a possible repeater location on the West side of the Graham Mountains. This would enhance coverage where current repeaters are shadowed. Ben was given go ahead to speak with forest service on any possibility of proceeding.



News and Stories  
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previous years score each time.

- **2011** I like to refer to the **2011 7QP** as the "time of gnashing teeth and wailing". Due to technical difficulties EAARS did not field a team and the *County Expedition Multi-Multi* category went to **K7UM** in Utah with a score of 600,180 points, breaking EAARS unbroken winning streak.
- **2012** What will happen this year? Will you come out and help EAARS reestablish its mark on the 7QP? It won't be easy. Looking at the **K7UM** score from last year the competition is getting closer.

## A brief History of EAARS and the 7QP

*(Data gathered from multiple sources and all errors are the fault of the Editor!)*

The **7th Area QSO Party** ([www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s](http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=dryland7s)) is one of the fastest growing contests in the country since its inception in 2006.

- **2007 N7GP** won the *County Expedition* category and overall high score. **N7GP** consisted of many operators that would later become the core group of the EAARS 7QP team.
- **2008** EAARS first official entry in 7QP where the team won both their category and scored the overall high score with 555,520 points.
- **2009** EAARS once again won the *County Expedition Multi-Multi* category and overall high score with 709,195 points.
- **2010** another year, another category win and overall high score with 723,064 points. Notice that EAARS improved on the

## EAARS to Giveaway **FREE** Trip to the 2012 Dayton Hamvention

The officers are pleased to announce that EAARS will be giving away a trip for two to the 2012 Dayton Hamvention in Dayton Ohio, May 18-20.

Trip will include First Class airfare to/from Dayton and a suite at the Dayton Megaplex Hotel and Resort, located just minutes from Hare Arena where the Hamvention is held. Admission to the Hamvention is included. Winner will be responsible for own meals and entertainment.

The drawing for the trip will take place at the next meeting, April 1, at the Thatcher S&R building. All members are automatically entered to win. **Winner must be a current member of EAARS at the time of drawing.**



Random Nets,  
DXpeditions and  
Events!

# APRIL

Saguaro NTS Net  
Nightly at 6:30PM on  
the EAARS  
NETWORK

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
1 EAARS Net 7PM	2	3	4	5 2M SSB Net 7PM 144.210 USB	6 3DAØFC Swaziland till the 10th	7
8 EAARS Net 7PM 	9 E5 South Cook till the 27th	10	11	12 2M SSB Net 7PM 144.210 USB	13 3D2R Rotuma till the 20th	14  Tucson Ham Radio Picnic www.tucsonham picnic.com
15 EAARS Net 7PM 	16	17 Skywarn 7:30PM EAARS SYSTEM	18	19 2M SSB Net 7PM 144.210 USB	20	21
22 EAARS Net 7PM	23	24	25	26 2M SSB Net 7PM 144.210 USB	27	28
29 EAARS Net 7PM	30	1	2	3	4 	5

## Coming Events

Near and Far...

- **Tucson Ham Radio Picnic: April 14**  
www.tucsonhampicnic.com
- **Cochise Hamfest: May 5**  
www.k7rdg.org/HamfestFlyer2012.html
- **7QP Contest: May 5**
- **Dayton Hamvention: May 18-20**
- **White Mountain Hamfest: June 2**  
www.kachina-arc.org
- **ARRL Kids Day: June 16**  
www.arrl.org/kids-day
- **ARRL Field Day: June 23-24**
- **Williams State Hamfest: July 20-22**  
http://www.arca-az.org/main/  
july\_hamfest.html

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