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**December 2012**

## N0D Special Event Station

That's right! The end is finally near. According to one of the three Mayan Calendars, the End of the world will occur on December 21, 2012. To celebrate this—literally—once in a lifetime event, Special Event Station N0D (Now Zero Days) will be activated for three days during and possibly after the end of the world.

December 20; is a celebration of the end of the world.

December 21, the day of destruction, we will be on the air as long as possible.

December 22...that is a little iffy right now.

Amateur radio stations around the crumbling globe are invited to contact N0D, who will be operating from a secret undisclosed location. QSL with SASE to the address in QRZ.

If Doomsday actually does happen, we regret that a QSL will not be possible so hold on to your SASE until the 22nd at least.

You can celebrate Doomsday by contacting N0D directly on the air. Amateurs can also become an official Doomsday station by registering on our website. You will be given a registration number and the authority to identify yourself as an Official Doomsday Station. followed by your Doomsday number.

<http://www.nowzeroday.com>

## Dues Payments!

This is a reminder to get your dues payment for 2013 into the club by **December 15** in order to be eligible for the membership prize drawing.

### 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 MT AT ALPINE:

145.270 LINKED

#### GREENS PEAK:

146.700 LINKED

#### JACKS PEAK, NM:

145.210 LINKED

#### MULE MT:

147.080 LINKED

# Ham Radio in the Park

(Tucson) First a bit of background...  
For a number of years Adam, *KC7DVF*, was operating the Amateur Radio in the Park Project to promote Amateur Radio to the public. In August 2008 this morphed into the Amateur Radio Portable Operations Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARPortable/>) to try to expand this activity beyond the Tucson area. In the past year activity by this group seems to have really fallen off.

Now Matt, *NG2Q*, is working hard to revive the idea in the Tucson area. Matt posted the following information on the Radio Society of Tucson email reflector, however anyone is welcome to participate!

The **Day in the Park** is Saturday, Dec 1, and I am really looking forward to being out in the sun, playing radio and enjoying just playing radio.

The **Day in the Park** is going to be held at Reid Park. I have several different reasons for this. Its a great location that offers some great parking, easy access to our vehicles and there is usually a good showing of pedestrians that walk through the area. We will have the Emcom trailer thanks to Frank, *N0KWP*, that has tables and chairs.

This first weekend is just the first run, of which I hope there will be many more days in the park in and around Tucson. Maybe in January we can have it in another location and see what happens there!

If anyone belongs to other Amateur Radio groups, please put the word out, the more the merrier.

I am going to meet Frank at 9 AM, in the Landmark Place parking lot, which is adjacent to 22nd Street and should be visible from the road!

I would like this first **Day in the Park** to go from 10 AM to 2:00 PM.

**Talk-in on 146.52 FM**

## 2012 Officers and Staff

eaarsofficers@eaars.com to email all officers.

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Please email me, so I know who will be attending

Matthew Kent

*NG2Q - kenwoodts930s@gmail.com*

*(Editors note: Nice to see I'm not the only one pressing to get folks out in the fresh air and sunshine to play Amateur Radio! I would like to see similar activity startup in other areas of the EAARS club. Hint hint...)*

*Nice job Matt!!*

## Repeaters Status

The 146.700, Greens Peak, repeater is currently experiencing intermittent link issues. When in failure mode, those operating on the Greens Peak repeater can not hear anyone on other repeaters, but those elsewhere can hear Greens Peak users. Users on Greens Peak are urged to listen for the "Beep" when they finish their transmissions. If you don't hear the beep, the link is down and you were not heard on the rest of the EAARS Network.

## For Sale / Trade / Wanted



### Console Desk / Equipment Rack

Openings and screw holes are for standard 19" rack mount equipment. \$150.00 or best offer, may consider delivery.

Contact Ben, *N7XL*  
928-485-2200



### Yaesu FT-450AT

Low mileage Yaesu FT-450AT in excellent condition. \$650.00 or best offer.

Contact: [ky7k@arrl.net](mailto:ky7k@arrl.net)

This is the original FT-450AT, not the current FT-450D model. I am the original owner. This radio covers 6m-160m, all modes with IF- DSP and a built-in antenna tuner.

I have installed an after market bail on this radio so you can see the display better.

### National NCX-5 Mk II

Excellent condition NCX-5 HF transceiver.

\$200.00 or best offer.

Contact: [ky7k@arrl.net](mailto:ky7k@arrl.net)

See:

[http://www.prismnet.com/~nielw/nat\\_list/ncx5mk2.htm](http://www.prismnet.com/~nielw/nat_list/ncx5mk2.htm)

[http://www.prismnet.com/~nielw/nat\\_list/ncx5.htm](http://www.prismnet.com/~nielw/nat_list/ncx5.htm)

For item specs.

Photos of actual radio and matching power-supply available on request.

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#### Rules

1. All items must be ham related.
2. You must list a minimum price and contact information.
3. If you have multiple items to list they must be listed by your priority. If there are too many items in a given month, only your highest priority item may be listed.
4. Send items to list (with price, contact info and descriptions!) to: [newsletter@eaars.com](mailto:newsletter@eaars.com)
5. Items will be listed at the discretion of the Editor. Those decisions are final.



# Ham License Testing

There are four monthly VE test sessions in the **Tucson Area.**

*Lighthouse YMCA:* First Thursday

Contact Matt, *AC7IL*, [matthew@grossman.com](mailto:matthew@grossman.com)

*OVARC:* First Saturday

Contact Randy, *KF0X*, [randy@w0hf.com](mailto:randy@w0hf.com)

*RST/ Laurel* (No Fee): Second Monday

Contact Diane, *AA3OF*,

[dzimmerman2002@gmail.com](mailto:dzimmerman2002@gmail.com)

*Jacobs Park YMCA:* Third Saturday

Contact Fred, *K7OFA*, [k7ofa@arrl.net](mailto:k7ofa@arrl.net)

## Graham / Greenlee County Area

For VE testing on request, please contact Dave, *N7AM*, and he will arrange it.

## Technician License Class - Tucson

Every Tuesday, 6:30 - 9:00pm at TMC.

Contact Dan, *KC7VDA* for info. [kc7vda@gmail.com](mailto:kc7vda@gmail.com)

## Coming Events

*Near and Far...*

- **Day in the Park: Dec 1**  
10am-2pm, Reid Park, Tucson
- **ARRL 10 Meter: Dec 8-9**  
<http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>
- **End of the World: Dec 21**
- **Stew Perry Topband Challenge: Dec 29-30**  
<http://www.kkn.net/stew/>

## DECEMBER

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20		22
23	24		26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



## 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!

Send Event and Calendar  
additions to  
[newsletter@eaars.com](mailto:newsletter@eaars.com)

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## Ramblings and other Stuff...

First let me say again.

***Please! Get those 2013 dues payments in by December 15th so you get included in the drawing for a AES gift certificate.***

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, Matt, *NG2Q*, is trying to start/revive Ham Radio in the Park activity in the Tucson area. I wish I could attend the first event, however I'm working that day. I hope some EAARS members in the Tucson area will show up and support Matt with this great public outreach activity. Best of luck to Matt, I hope to attend next month!



**"Trail" up Blue Jay Pk. W7A/AE-024**

## Operating Position on Blue Jay Pk



This past month found me doing several SOTA activation firsts:  
W7A/AE-024, Blue Jay Pk near Safford.  
W7A/AW-042, Quartzite Pk near Globe.  
W7A/AW-049, Black Mesa overlooking Roosevelt Lake.

These were my most difficult activations to date. Each required at least 1/2 mile of bushwhacking since none have a trail to the summit. The Black Mesa trip included a road that took almost 1.5 hours to go only 3 miles in my Jeep, followed by a bushwhack through 1/2 mile of rock and cacti, very rough! The views of the Salt River and Roosevelt Lake were worth it though! *(Top-secret bean spilling: Over 2200 Arizona peaks should be added and eligible for SOTA on Dec 1, barring unforeseen issues, check [www.sota.org.uk](http://www.sota.org.uk))*

Good luck on the 21st! Maybe I'll get out of doing next months newsletter! Otherwise Merry Christmas and God bless!

Steve - KY7K

Get OUT and play radio!