



# EASTERN ARIZONA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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**February 2013**

## 2013 Election Results

The 2013 officer elections were held at the January meeting in Safford and all of the current officers were elected for another year.

Congratulations to all of our officers! Make sure that you thank them for all the hard work they do when you hear them on the network.

The other big event at the January meeting was the annual membership drawing, and the winner is...

Barbara Rains, *KF7SOP!*

Congratulations Barbara!

### **Notice:**

**No Club meeting this month!**

**The March meeting will be potluck!**

## Repeaters Status

The 145.410, Pinal Pk, link radio is currently acting up.

When using Pinal Peak, pay close attention to the reset beep after your transmissions, if you don't hear the beep there is a good chance that you were not heard on the rest of the network.

Currently there is no date set to try to make repairs due to snow on the mountain.

### **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

**JACKS PEAK, NM:**

145.210 LINKED

**PINAL PEAK:**

145.410 LINKED

**SOUTH MT AT ALPINE:**

145.270 LINKED

**GREENS PEAK:**

146.700 LINKED

**MULE MT:**

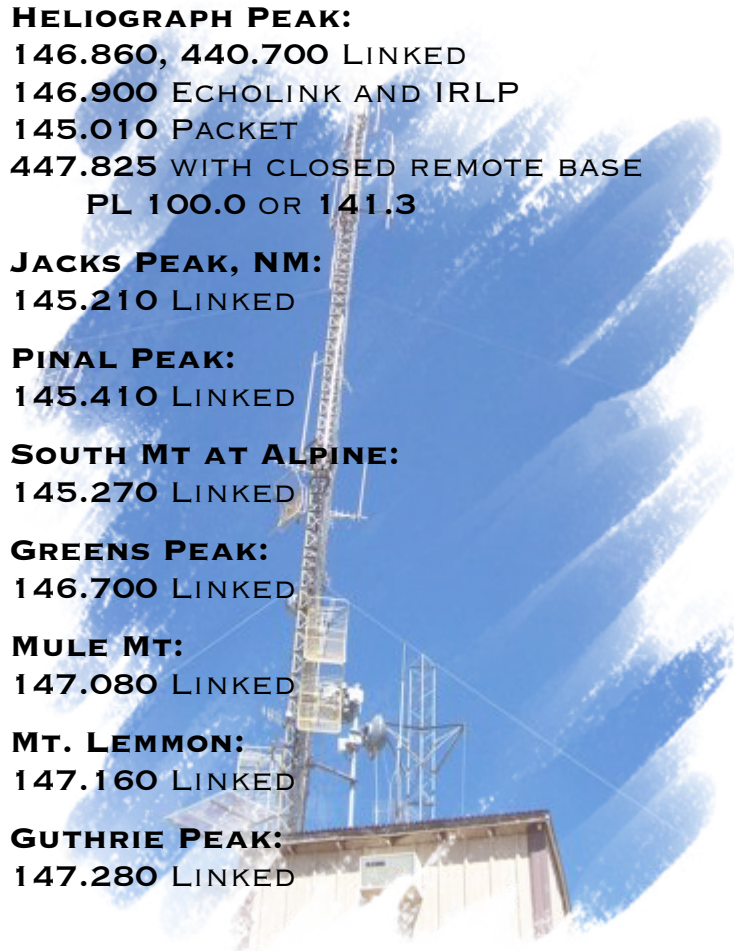
147.080 LINKED

**MT. LEMMON:**

147.160 LINKED

**GUTHRIE PEAK:**

147.280 LINKED



## 2012 Officers and Staff

eaarsofficers@eaars.com to email all officers.

### Tucson Area Happenings...

In the December newsletter *Days in the Park* was mentioned, well things went so well that it is turning into a monthly event in Tucson! The event has been well attended and the general public is showing great interest.

The February *Days in the Park* will be on Feb 9, 9AM-2PM, at Udall Park on the Northeast side of Tucson.

This is the kind of event that ANYONE can setup and operate. Wouldn't it be great to see other similar events scheduled concurrently in Safford, White Mountains, Sierra Vista, Phoenix, and anywhere else EAARS members live? Contacts between groups would be fantastic! Think about it...

Contact Matt Blank, *NG2Q*, for more information on *Days in the Park*.

Heres another idea for those outside the Tucson area. Start a 2m Digital Net.

Recently, a group of Hams in Northwest Tucson started a 2m digital net using FLDIGI/ Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Software (NBEMS) every Wednesday night at 7PM on 146.500FM, mode:MT63-2k.

MT63-2k is a soundcard mode, no TNC required. It's even possible to just hold the radio mic up to the computer speaker to send messages, it's very forgiving with forward error correction. The range is very good, I was able to make multiple exchanges with a ham in Saddlebrook from the far Eastside (~25 miles) with only 5W both ways OVER Mt. Lemmon! Amazing!

Why not set up your own digital nets? MT63 even works through repeaters or on HF.

If you would like more information on the Tucson Digital Net or MT63 please contact the editor and I'll point you to the right folks.

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Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

#### Newsletter articles NEEDED!

We are always looking for stories or leads to Amateur Radio activity from anywhere in members home areas. No story is too small!

There has to be something radio related that you would like to share with your fellow club members?

I'm sure you are getting tired of hearing about SOTA and Tucson area activity! Unfortunately, those are the things I know. I can't report what I don't know about! PLEASE!

Don't make the fat man cry!

# Ham License Testing

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

*Lighthouse YMCA:* First Thursday

Contact Matt, *AC7IL*, [veregistration@ac7il.org](mailto:veregistration@ac7il.org)

*OVARC:* First Saturday

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

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

Contact Diane, *AA3OF*,

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*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...*

- **Freeze Your Bum Off: Feb 2**  
<http://www.azscqrptions.com/fybo2009rules.html>
- **Days in the Park (Tucson): Feb 9**  
<http://rstdayinthepark.weebly.com>
- **24 Hours in the Old Pueblo: Feb 16-17**  
<http://www.rstclub.org/24hop.html>
- **NAQP - RTTY: Feb 23-24**  
<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>

## FEBRUARY

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2



## 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  
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## Ramblings and other Stuff...

I admit it, I'm J3E-ing this one in. I have the flu and really don't feel well. See my pleas and begging for ideas and stories elsewhere in this newsletter...

One more event I wanted to mention occurs in February, **24 Hours in the Old Pueblo**. Other than the **7QP** with EAARS, this is my favorite event of the year!

**24HOP** is a 24 hour mountain bike race held every year in the desert North of Oracle, AZ. This year it's *Feb 15-17*. The actual race runs from Noon on Saturday to Noon on Sunday. The population in the desert goes from 0 to 10s of Thousands almost over night!

The idea of **24HOP** is for the bike racers to make as many laps as possible around the 16.1 mile course in a 24 hour period. Most riders ride as a team, switching off every lap, but some ride the entire race solo! True gluttons for punishment!

One thing that makes the **24HOP** unique from an Amateur Radio prospective, is that unlike most other bike races of this size in Arizona, the Amateur operators are the primary means of communications for **all** race functions.

*(Above) Summit of W7A/PE-123, Pk 2678, near Silverbell Mine.*

*(Below) "Trail" down from W7A/PE-114, Pk 2870, also near Silverbell.*



If you would like to participate and like to play radio while you hike, ride ATV/motorcycles, direct traffic or any of the other jobs that are needed, please contact Owen, **AK7AR**.

Steve - **KY7K**

Get **OUT** and play radio!

Send news items to your poor editor!

