



# EASTERN ARIZONA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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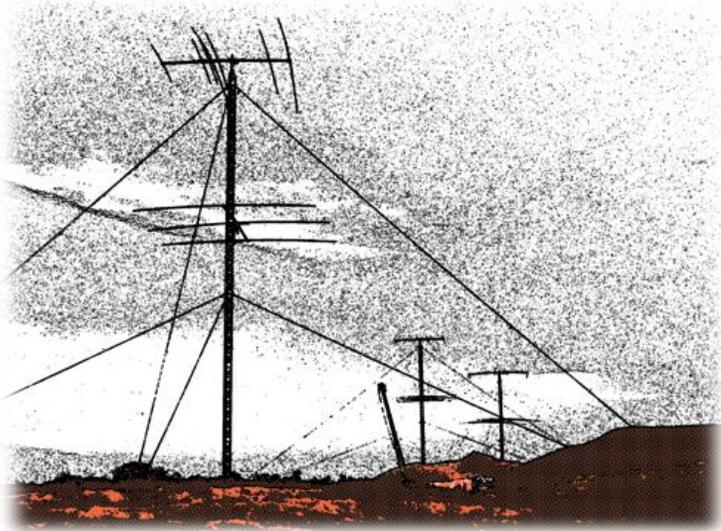
INC.

## Club Address:

EAARS  
P.O. Box 398  
Solomon, AZ 85551

<http://www.eaars.com>

**March 2013**



## Participants Needed for the 7th Area QSO Party

The EAARS Executive Committee is in the process of evaluating the possibility of sponsoring another outing this year for the 2013 7QP.

If you would participate and be present to assist with setup, operation and teardown the first weekend of May 2013, please contact a club officer and advise them so plans can be made.

If there is enough interest in participating, EAARS will sponsor the operation as it has in the past. If not, EAARS will suggest each op participate on their own. We do need firm, hard commitments from a number of people for all phases of the operation to make this happen!

*(See the last page for EAARS results in last years contest)*

## Repeaters Status

The 146.700, Greens Peak, repeater is currently out of service.

The 145.410, Pinal Pk, link radio is also currently acting up. 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 access to the mountains is limited to Sno-Cat machine.

## 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:

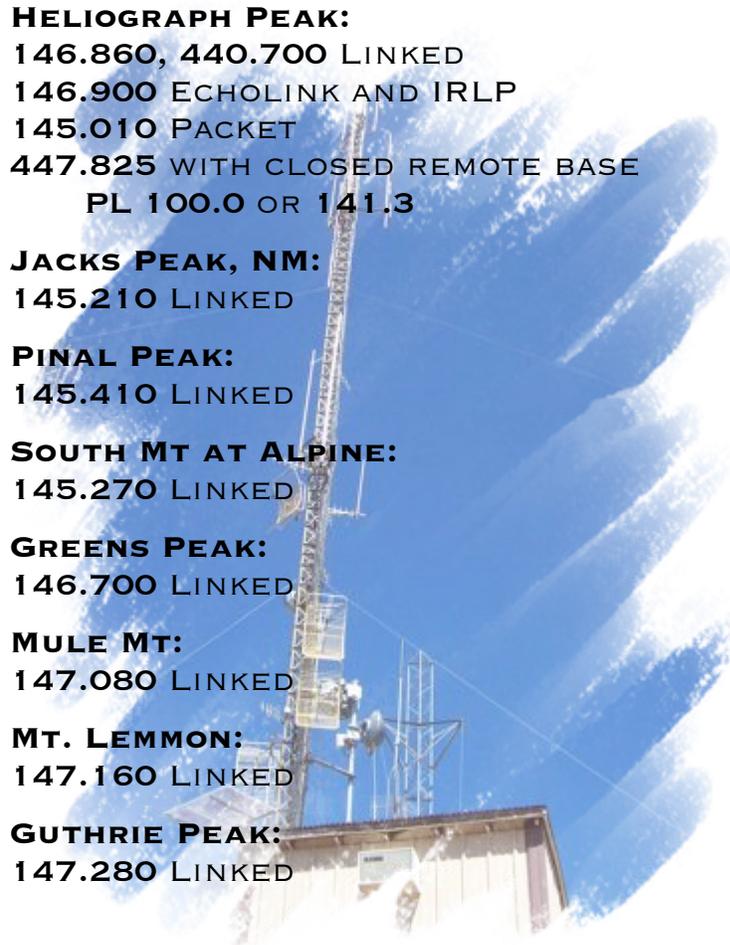
147.080 LINKED

### MT. LEMMON:

147.160 LINKED

### GUTHRIE PEAK:

147.280 LINKED





## Quickie Review: *Begali Simplex*

I'm not a CW aficionado, in fact I can barely do CW but I really want to improve my code. I've been using a MFJ-422D, which is basically a Bencher Key/Electronic keyer combo, which I've never been real happy with. The key didn't feel right, and the keyer didn't have Ultimatic mode, just Iambic A and B. (Why Ultimatic isn't the standard is beyond me, it's so much more useful than Iambic, but that's another argument...)

I finally decided that if I was ever going to enjoy CW I needed to make a change.

I picked up a K1EL WinKeyer USB kit and then really splurged and ordered a Begali Simplex from Pietro, I2RTF, in Italy. The next day I received a email from Bruna Begali letting me know that my key would ship in 3 days. A week later my Palladium Simplex #1318 arrived well packed and in perfect condition. Begali was a pleasure to work with, great communication.

How does the key work? **GREAT!**

The micro adjustment screws make setting up the key very nice, and once set, the adjustments stay set. This key is also *very heavy*, this thing will not move around even if you are a slapper!

In summary, I really like this key and I'm starting to like CW more because of it. I enjoy my code practice much more since I've upgraded, but still have a long way to go...

## 2012 Officers and Staff

eaarsofficers@eaars.com to email all officers.

### President

*Dave Wells*  
N7AM

### Technical Adviser

*Milt Jensen*  
N5IA

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N7QK

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## TUCSON SPRING HAMFEST

Saturday, March 16, 2013

7 A.M. - Noon



Hosted by:  
Radio Society of Tucson  
& Old Pueblo Radio Club



### FREE ADMISSION & PARKING!

Map and information: [www.k7rst.org](http://www.k7rst.org)

- Seller set-up starts at 6:00 A.M.
- Vendors/Tailgaters pay \$5 per space
- Free Overnight Parking after 6:00 P.M. Friday

- \* PRIZES: (1<sup>st</sup>) 50W Dual-band Mobile Transceiver
- (2<sup>nd</sup>) Dual-band Hand-held Transceiver
- \* Raffle Tickets: \$2 each... 3 for \$5... 7 for \$10!
- \* Free VE Testing (get licensed - all levels)
- \* GOTA Station (demo fun - Get on the Air!)
- \* Hot Coffee & Donuts (until 8 A.M. when Golden Corral breakfast buffet opens).



**Golden Corral Buffet & Grill**

4380 East 22nd St - Tucson, AZ 85711

(BACK PARKING LOT - JUST EAST OF COLUMBUS)

Talk-in:  
K7RST  
Repeater  
146.800  
PL 156.7

1/17/13 - K7LA

# Ham License Testing

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

*Lighthouse YMCA/ARRL:* First Thursday  
Contact Matt, *AC7IL*, [veregistration@ac7il.org](mailto:veregistration@ac7il.org)

*Oro Valley/ARRL:* First Saturday  
Contact David, *AK2L*, [ak2l@arrl.net](mailto:ak2l@arrl.net)

*RST/ Laurel (No Fee):* Second Monday  
Contact Diane, *AA3OF*,  
[dzimmerman2002@gmail.com](mailto:dzimmerman2002@gmail.com)

*Jacobs Park YMCA/ARRL:* 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...*

- **ARRL DX - Phone: Mar 1**  
[www.arrl.org/arrl-dx](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx)
- **Scottsdale Springfest: Mar 9**  
[www.scottsdalearc.org](http://www.scottsdalearc.org)
- **Tucson Spring Hamfest : Mar 16**  
See ad on previous page
- **EAARS Meeting: Mar 19**  
*Pot Luck style, bring something to share!*

## MARCH

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
24	25	26	27	28	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	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6



## 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)

# Congratulations!

# K7EAR

# New 7QP Record

Certificate of Achievement

2012 7th Call Area QSO Party

Presented To

# K7EAR

Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

First Place

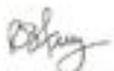
7th-Area County Expedition Multi-Multi

Highest Score -- All Categories -- New Contest Record

1,112,854 points

OPERATORS

N7AM, AI7AZ, W7AZY, KB7BFG, N5BG, W5CF, KB7CSE,  
N5IA, N2IC, JASON, KF7JCJ, K7JEM, NI5L, K7LON,  
AA7NW, KF7SOP, KF7SOR, KF7SOU, KF7UFG, WA5Y

  
DICK FREY, K4XU  
CONTEST MANAGER

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RTKCC  
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