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Tucson Ham Radio Picnic

If you missed the EAARS picnic or just love picnics, you're in luck!

The Tucson Ham Radio Fall Picnic will be held Sunday October 14 at Reid Park ramada #15. Picnic starts at noon and has no club affiliations, everyone is welcome!

This a very well attended picnic, come out and meet your fellow hams. See the page 5 for more information.



Justice Department to Investigate EAARS?

Safford, Arizona - The Justice Department is considering the appointment of a Special Prosecutor to investigate allegations of fraud in the Eastern Arizona Amateur Radio Society 2012 Summer Picnic Prize Drawing.

After Joe, K7JEM, won the Grand Prize drawing for the 23rd consecutive year whispers of fraud began to swirl around this sleepy little town in Eastern Arizona.

When asked about the allegations against his administration EAARS President, David, N7AM, stated "We inherited the worst prize drawing infrastructure in history of this club!" referring of course to the picnic drawings by the previous administration of Lon, K7LON. It should be noted that N7AM was also a drawing prize winner.

A club member who wished to remain anonymous said that K7JEM has never shown his
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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:

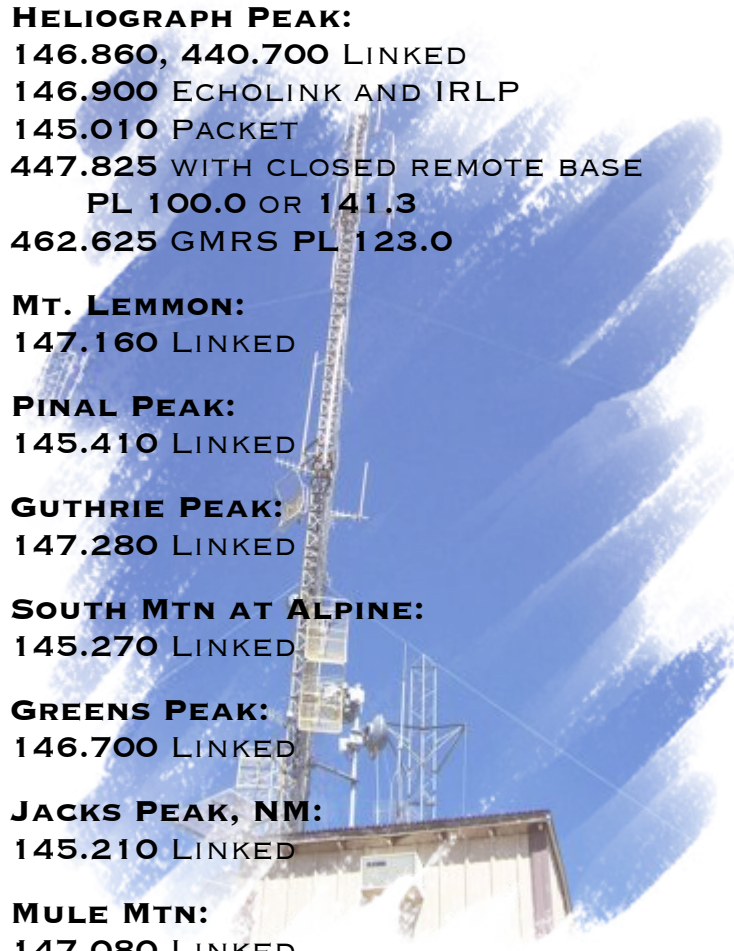
146.700 LINKED

JACKS PEAK, NM:

145.210 LINKED

MULE MTN:

147.080 LINKED



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winning tickets and is therefore not qualified to win the drawing.

A poll of other club members shows that this "TICKETER", as it has become known, conspiracy theory has begun to grow.

The previous "news" story is fiction, a joke, possibly a bad joke.

No ill will or harm is intended to anyone real or unreal, named or implied.

If you don't get the joke you should have attended the picnic, or maybe it's not as funny as I think it is...



2012 Picnic Report

If you missed this year's picnic you missed a good one!

Once we figured out how to start the grill things really got going. Reminds me of the old joke "How many hams does it take to start a BBQ grill?" If you were there, you now know the correct answer is 7.

The steaks provided by the club were once again huge, and all of the other dishes excellent! I did not hear of anyone going away hungry that's for sure.

The grand prize drawing winner was Joe, K7JEM. Other winners were Dave, N7AM; Anna, KF7SOO; and Jon, W7JTS. I think I have those right but as a true journalist I had nothing to take notes with at the picnic...

Thank you to everyone who helped plan/cook/setup/cleanup and anything else to make this picnic a great success!

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The Unofficial Eateries

Recommendation!

Have a favorite eatery where you live that you would recommend to family, friends and more importantly fellow EAARS members? Let's get them in the newsletter for traveling members!

Jon, W1JTS, recommends **De Marcos** if you are near San Manuel and get a hankering for Italian food. The food is excellent and the servings plentiful, you really get your money's worth!

De Marcos is at **329 South Avenue A, San Manuel, Arizona.**

Alcohol is not served and there are no signs banning firearms.

Tower in the lowered Position.



End of the Great Tower Saga of 2012

If you listen to the Weather Net (Made it Through the Night Net) held every morning at 5:30am on the EAARS net you've no doubt heard Rick's, W1GHE, interesting (sad?) tower story.

After almost one year of trying to get this tower installed and working, it appears that it is finally done and working. The story of this tower could be made into a "made for TV" movie.

If you haven't heard the story, catch Rick on the repeaters sometime and ask for the sordid details, it's much too long to reproduce here.

Congratulations Rick! Hope it doesn't take another year to get antennas up on it now!



Tower in the fold-over position.

Join us every Sunday night at
7pm on the EAARS Network
repeaters for our Sunday
Night Net.
Everyone is Welcome!

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!

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.

Comments needed!

The November club meeting is scheduled for November 20, this is the same week as Thanksgiving. Dave, N7AM, is seeking comments about possibly moving the meeting to November 13 instead.

Send any comments for or against moving the meeting directly to the officers at the email listed on page 2.

Check website or November newsletter for date.

EAARS Annual Picnic

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Ham License Testing

There are now three monthly VE test sessions in the Tucson Area:

Lighthouse YMCA: First Thursday

RST/Laurel (No Fee): Second Monday

OVARC: First Saturday

If you know of any other monthly VE sessions in the EAARS coverage area please let me know.

Contact Dave, *N7AM*, if you would like a VE session in the Graham/Greenlee area and he will arrange it.

OCTOBER						
sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
30	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

Coming Events

Near and Far...

- **No EAARS Meeting this month**
- **Tucson Hamfest and Fly-In: Oct. 6**
<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>
- **Tucson Ham Radio Picnic: Oct 14**
<http://www.tucsonhampicnic.com>
- **Arizona QSO Party: Oct. 13-14**
<http://www.azqsoparty.org/>
- **10-10 International Fall CW Contest: Oct 20-21**
<http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf>
- **CQ WW DX Contest, SSB: Nov 26-28**
<http://www.cqww.com/rules.php>
- **ARRL Sweepstakes, CW: Nov 3-5**
<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>
- **ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB: 17-19**
<http://www.arrl.org/sweepstakes>
- **November Club Meeting: Nov. 20**



Rick's, W1GHF, new tower at full height

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(This page contains items that are the opinion of the author ONLY. They do not reflect the views of EAARS or the officers of EAARS. If you have something to ponder, please submit them.)

Ramblings and other Stuff...

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I planned to go to the picnic a few days early so that I could do a few SOTA (Summits on the Air) activations in the area. My original plans were to activate Mt. Graham, Webb Peak, Heliograph Peak, and Guthrie Peak, since my research led me to believe I could drive to, or close to each summit.

Luckily Ben, N7XL, read about my plans and informed me that Mt. Graham was completely closed to all access and that Webb and Heliograph both had locked gates about two miles from the summit. No problem, I'll just have to hike



Webb Peak, W7A/AE-010



**Guthrie Peak,
W7A/AE-054**

Equipment used:
Elecraft KX3
Alexloop antenna
3.3ah SLA battery
Yaesu VX8r HT

more than I originally planned.

The real problem turned out to be weather. Those that attended the picnic will recall it was very overcast and threatening to rain in Safford, well it didn't threaten in the mountains, it was a downpour!

I planned to activate Heliograph and Webb on Friday and while I was driving up the mountain I heard Joe, K7JEM, on the radio headed for Heliograph to work on some equipment. Joe was kind enough to wait for me at the gate and let me drive up to the summit and gave me a tour of the EAARS equipment there.

I was then able to activate Heliograph about 10am, however I was forced off the peak in less than an hour, and forced to totally abandon Webb Peak because of the weather. Saturday morning I tried to activate Guthrie Peak, but was again forced to abandon due to weather.

The happy ending to this story is that on September 26 I left Tucson at 5am and returned to the area and successfully activated both Webb and Guthrie Peaks for 16 SOTA points.

Get OUT and play radio!