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# Happenings...

*First*, please see pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter regarding important changes to the clubs bylaws that are currently being proposed.

*Second*, if you are like me and have to plan far in advance to do anything fun, don't forget the club picnic coming up in September. Make plans now, no excuses!

*Third*, the club is looking for a new newsletter editor, as I will be stepping down soon.

If you enjoy writing, telling tall-tails and making stuff up, this job is for you!

Enjoy the praise and adulation of your fellow hams. A salary ending in many zeros, commensurate with experience. Have a platform to brag about your new KX2 (*ed. yes, I got #96*). Have a goto excuse to get out of other stuff: "Sorry I can't help, have to get the EAARS newsletter out!"

Please contact Dave, N7AM, if you are interested.



Mt Lemmon tower cleanup

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### **June 2016**

## License Class - Tucson Area

The Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club has scheduled a summer license class that will start **June 7<sup>th</sup>**. Visit the web site:

Amateur Radio Technician License Class

where you will find all of the details.

### EAARS OPEN REPEATERS

PL 141.3 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE ECHOLINK: 614350 IRLP: 7787 HELIOGRAPH PEAK AT SAFFORD, AZ: 146.860, 440.700 LINKED 146.900 JACKS PEAK AT SILVER CITY, NM: 145.210 LINKED WEST PEAK AT FT THOMAS, AZ: 145.350 ACCESS TO LINK TO NETWORK PINAL PEAK AT GLOBE, AZ: 145.410 LINKED SOUTH MT AT ALPINE, AZ: 145.270 LINKED CABALLO MT AT TORC, NM: 145.470 LINKED **GREENS PEAK AT SHOW LOW, AZ:** 146.700 LINKED LITTLE FLORIDA AT DEMING, NM: 147.060 LINKED MULE MT AT BISBEE, AZ: 147.080 LINKED MT. LEMMON AT TUCSON, AZ: 147.160 LINKED GUTHRIE PEAK, AT CLIFTON, AZ: 147.280 LINKED

# **'Old' Mt Lemmon** Tower Removal

Shortly after the Mt Lemmon repeater was moved, from Radio Ridge to it's new location on the summit of Mt Lemmon, the old tower sustained a catastrophic failure during a major winter storm.

The remaining systems at the site were heroically returned to service shortly thereafter by K7JEM, N5IA, N5BG and AF7EF working in three feet of snow to erect temporary antennas and masts mounted to the building.

Memorial Day weekend AK7AR and KY7K stripped all antennas, coax, guys and fixtures from the tower and then cut into more manageable sections for removal from the mountain.

Hopefully, by the time you read this all work will be completed and the old tower will be nothing but a memory...

# 2016 Officers and Staff

eaarsofficers@eaars.com to email all officers.

**President** Dave Wells N7AM

### **Technical Adviser** Milt Jensen

N5IA

**Vice President** Dan Quaintance AF7EF Newsletter Editor Steve Lane KY7K

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Larry Griggs N5BG Chris Buchanan N7JND

Site Trustee Joe Montierth K7JEM ARCA Rep

Byron McCabe AA7BM

### **Net Control Operators**

Rick KE7EDP Bob KD7LMV Karl N7DMA Angie N7EMB Chris N7JND



# **EAARS Bylaws Proposed Changes**

May 19, 2016

Every year or two, we try to look at the By-Laws and make any needed updates or improvements. This document will outline new proposals that were voted on at the May 17 club meeting. Some of these changes are to make the club more efficient, and for clarification, and others are to address issues being brought up in litigation in another state. The first change is relatively minor. It is a name change of the "Repeater Sites Trustees", as used in Article II and Article III of the Constitution. We propose changing the name of this office to "Repeater Sites Manager" to better reflect the duty, and the fact that it is a single individual, not multiple people.

The second change is to add a new section, called "Appointed Positions" to the By-Laws. This Article will allow the Executive Committee to appoint an assistant Secretary-Treasurer, club license trustee, and assistants to the Repeater Sites Manager. It also allows appointments of committees and chairmen as needed.

The third change is to add two paragraphs to Article I of the By-Laws, which covers membership. The first paragraph outlines the procedure for removal of a club member. The second paragraph outlines the procedure to prohibit a licensee from using the club's repeaters.

This third change is being brought on by civil litigation currently pending in North Carolina, against an amateur radio group. These paragraphs outline the "due process" that will be given members of this club, should it become necessary to remove them from the club, or prohibit them from accessing our repeaters. Without these procedures in place, a member could have been removed without "due process", and the club could possibly have been in violation of state statutes.

For more information on the civil lawsuit happening in NC, go to http://ncprn.net/?p=379 and http://www.legal-nc.com/BryantPRNNotice.pdf These sites may shed more information on this ongoing lawsuit.

For a complete copy of the proposed By-Laws, as they will read if these proposals are adopted, go to http://www.eaars.com/proposal to download a PDF of the entire By-Laws with the new proposals being written in italics, and highlighted in yellow.

We will give the members a few weeks to look over these proposals. If you see any glaring mistakes or problems, please let us know at mailto:eaarsofficers@eaars.com Use the e-mail only if you perceive a problem, we don't need a lot of mail that says "Looks Great!" or "This is awful". **This isn't the time to vote on the proposal, it is just a last review.** Around the end of June, we will send out the e-mail ballot so you can actually vote on the proposal, so look for that at a later time.

Sincerely, Your EAARS Officers

#### The following is what will be changed:

1. All references to "Repeater Sites Trustees" will now say "Repeater Sites Manager" with appropriate changes in pronouns.

#### Section V – Repeater Sites Manager

The Repeater Sites *Manager* shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the *sites* and its equipment. *He/she* will report any needed repairs or problems at each business meeting.

1. Article VI will be added as a new section:

## Article VI

#### Appointed Positions

The Executive Committee shall appoint a club license trustee for the K7EAR callsign. This appointment is required by FCC rules, and a license trustee shall always be appointed, as long as a club license remains issued. The Executive Committee shall also have power to appoint an assistant Secretary-Treasurer, assistant(s) to the Repeater Site Manager, and chairmen and members of such committees that are deemed necessary by club membership. These appointees shall be members in good standing of the club, and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

1. Two new paragraphs are added under Article I of the By-Laws. It is printed here in its entirety (italic highlighted areas are the new additions):

### Article I

### Membership

Application forms for membership shall be submitted by mail to the club mailing address or in person at a regular meeting, accompanied by the appropriate dues. Each Applicant must agree to abide by the constitution, by-laws, and other rules promulgated by the club. An applicant must be approved by a majority of the members present. All licensed members of an immediate family are given membership with one vote per family upon-payment of dues for one membership. If family members each desire a vote, they may obtain separate membership.

Any member may be removed due to a violation of the purposes of this organization. A two-thirds majority of the voting membership is required for such removal. All voting members must be notified of this pending action at least one week prior to the removal decision. Written charges by any member are to be presented to the Executive Committee, who will notify the accused, with sufficient opportunity given for the accused to answer charges at a meeting of the membership. Voting for removal from membership is to be done by secret ballot. The accused member must be notified immediately of the outcome of the vote.

Any licensee may be prohibited from using the club's repeaters if shown that there is a willful disregard for FCC rules or club guidelines. The accused shall be notified and given an opportunity to respond or defend against the proposed action. The Executive Committee and club license trustee shall jointly make this decision, after reviewing the facts. A prohibition may be rescinded at any time by action of the Executive Committee and club license trustee.

# Ham License Testing

### Lighthouse YMCA / ARRL: First Thursday 7pm

Contact Matt, AC7IL, veregistration@ac7il.org Lighthouse YMCA 2900 N. Columbus Boulevard Tucson, AZ

## Oro Valley / ARRL: First Saturday 10:30am

Contact licensing@tucsonhamradio.org Oro Valley Police Department Emergency Operations Center 1920 E Tangerine Rd. Oro Valley, AZ

#### **RST / Laurel** (No Fee): Second Monday 7pm Contact Diane, AA3OF, dzimmerman2002@gmail.com

Pima Emergency Communications Operations Center 3434 E 22nd St. Tucson, AZ

## Graham / Greenlee / Cochise County Area

For no fee VE testing on request, please contact Dave, N7AM, dwells@aznex.net

### *Show Low / ARRL*: First Saturday 9am Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec only

Contact Jim, W7AZY, jmmules@frontiernet.net Linden Fire Station 6884 Hwy 260 Show Low, AZ

> Send Event and Calendar additions to newsletter@eaars.com

# **Future Events**

## The **EAARS Picnic** will be held **September 17** at Discovery Park Ranch House in Safford, AZ!

# Make your plans to attend now!

# EAARS Badges

Club badges are now available, see: www.eaars.com/newsletter/badges.htm For ordering information. Show your club colors!







