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EAARS open repeaters. PL is 141.3 unless noted otherwise

Helio 146.860 and 440.700 EAARS Network, 146.900 Echolink, IRLP , 447.825 w/ closed remote base PL 100.0 or 141.3. Packet 145.010

MT. Lemmon 147.160 EAARS Network **Pinal Peak** 145.41 EAARS Network **Guthrie Peak** 147.28 EAARS Network **South Mountain, Alpine** 145.27 EAARS Network **Greens Peak** 146.70 EAARS Network **Jacks Peak, NM** 145.21 EAARS Network **Mule MTN** 147.08 EAARS Network

GMRS Repeater on Helio 462.625 PL 123.0

Website [HTTP://WWW.EAARS.COM](http://www.eaars.com)

Next Meeting

Tuesday March 20th the first day of spring. It is also our next meeting. Arrive at 6:30 PM, meeting starts at 7 PM. I plan to have a short movie before the meeting.

Repeater Status

Pinal has a desense problem. Sometimes it hears well, sometimes it doesn't. It will be fixed as soon as the guys can get there. Helio 90 occasionally the computer messes up and you can't do Echolink or IRLP let somebody know when you can't access the modes and Joe can do a reset from down here fairly easily

Electronic Signatures

In order to make it convenient for more of our widespread membership to vote I am going to recommend accepting electronic signatures. What I am recommending is that you reply to an email with the subject "EAARS Electronic Ballot" include your name, call, and your yes or no vote above the proposal and it will be accepted just like you were present at the meeting. This process will be used mostly for updating the bylaws but could ultimately used for other decisions from a form on the website. Members without email could still respond by US Mail. As a test, comments on this will be accepted through March 18th at dwells@aznex.net. PLEASE use the subject "EAARS Electronic Ballot" and the results will be brought up at the meeting. If we get sufficient response your comments they MAY be accepted as a vote depending on the vote of those present.

Help Wanted

We need one more net control operator to do the 4th Sunday net or possibly another week.

We need a newsletter editor. I will assist you until you are comfortable with the job or co-edit if you wish

We always need work party people for clean up and repair. The repeater sites need an occasional clean up and repair. If a repeater goes down we have basically one tech person and one tower person if you have some expertise in one of those fields please consider volunteering to help. It takes paint brushes and weed eaters to maintain a repeater site too.

We could use articles for the newsletter, speakers for the meetings there is a lot that anyone could do.

7QP Contest

The contest is Saturday May 5th 6 AM to Midnight Set up the day before and tear down on Sunday come on out and have some fun. We substituted this contest for field day because of the fire danger shut downs and complaints about the altitude. It is still down like field day as an emergency preparedness test

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Nets

EAARS Net; Sunday Night 7 PM general
check ins

Skywarn Net 3rd Tuesday 7 PM

Weather Net Daily 5:30 AM collect local
weather information

MERC Net Second Saturday at 8:45 AM Emergency
communications group

Saguaro NTS Traffic Net Every evening at 6:30
PM

To get your own email at EAARS.com contact Larry,
N5BG

EAARSOFFICERS at EAARS.COM

NEWSLETTER at EAARS.COM

EAARS Net

If you would like to be a net control operator occasionally contact Grace KB7CSE

Control operators for the EAARS Net

Rick KE7EDP March 4th and April 1st

Pink K7ILA March 11th and April 8th

Richard N7DZH March 18th and April 15th

Grace KB7CSE March 25th and April 22nd and April 29th

From ARNewsline

BREAKING DX NEWS: BRAZIL BANS PY0S DX OPERATIONS

The Southgate News reports that radio amateur are now prohibited from operating DXpeditions from the Brazilian Archipelago of Saint Peter and Saint Paul also known asPY0S. This is a remote group of islands near the equator whose maximum elevation is only 18 about meters above sea level. It's also the nearest point of Brazil to Africa, lying about 1820 kilometers from Guinea Bissau. St. Peter & St. Paul was rated number 16 in 2011 DXCC list of most wanted entities.

In a report credited to PS8RF and the Brazilian Amateur Radio League and some DX groups in Brazil have shown their displeasure with this government ban in postings on various social websites. PS8RF told Southgate that there is already a major mobilization by the Brazilian ham community aimed at urging the nations Senators and Federal Representatives to reverse the decision on the to ban. PS8RF notes that the biggest concern among Brazilian hams is that this decision could open unheard restrictions to other entities in Brazil as in other parts of the world where there is no amateur radio activity. More on this breaking news item is on-line at [www \(dot\) teresinadxgroup \(dot\) com](http://www.teresinadxgroup.com). (Southgate, PS8RF)

RADIO LAW: NEW US 60 METER RULES NOW IN EFFECT

Effective Monday, March 5th United States radio amateurs were granted new operating privileges on the 60 meter band. In addition to an increase in effective radiated power from 50 to 100 watts, hams can now transmit CW and PSK31. More information on what modes can be used on what frequencies is on-line at the ARRL website. The quick link to it is tinyurl.com/60-meters-now. (ARRL)

I talked to Yaesu, the 857, 897, and 817 are hardware modifications and they didn't have them yet. For the 950 and others that take a firmware upgrade it's already on the website.