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EAARS open repeaters. PL is 141.3 unless noted otherwise

Helio 146.860 and 440.700 EAARS Network, 146.900, 447.825 w/ closed remote 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 **Jacks Peak, NM** 145.21 EAARS Network
GMRS Repeater on Helio 462.625 PL 123.0
Website [HTTP://WWW.EAARS.COM](http://WWW.EAARS.COM)

Next Meeting

May 18th at Search and Rescue in Safford. Arrive at 6:30, Meeting at 7 PM

7QP Contest

May first is fast approaching. Help is needed for setup on Friday, operating on Saturday and tear down on Sunday. There will be 3 CW stations, 3 SSB stations, and 1 PSK31 station. The PSK31 station will be on 20 meters and MAY do some RTTY also. This contest is done as a field day type operation. You can learn how to set up the bus for an emergency situation and how to communicate under stress. And it's fun. Even if you don't think you care about contesting come give it a try. If you come out to operate, you will get some air time. There are always enough control operators around so that even a novice or technician can try HF radio operation. EAARS has been #1 in Class and #1 overall for the last 2 years. Come on out and visit with other hams and try a different facet of the hobby. The actual contest runs from 6AM to Midnight on Saturday May first. At mile marker 372 on highway 70 there is a dirt road heading south. Take that road for a 1/2 mile or so until you see the towers.

License Testing

We held a test on April 8th in Thatcher and got one new Tech, John KF7JCJ and James WA5YLV upgraded to general. Remember a test can be set up in a week or so if you want to get somebody else licensed or upgrade yourself. VE Contact Dave N7AM

Field Day

EAARS will be participating in field day from Cluff Pond again this year.

Saguaro Traffic Net

At the last meeting a trial of this net was approved. It will start at 6:30 PM and be off the air by 7:00 PM at the latest

Repeater Status

Alpine is still waiting for the snow to melt so the guys can get there, everything else seems to be working

From AR Newline

NEW PRODUCTS: MORSE CODE TIE FOR PILOTS A new way to learn the Morse code if you fly. Wear it. And no we are not kidding as we hear from Frank Lusa, VK2FJL of the WIA National News has the story from down-under: -- Aviators have Morse code all tied up. How, Well you might ask? Well it's a neck tie that has the code printed on it. Presumably pilots can check their tie if they're a bit rusty on the code and want to verify what beacon they're receiving. These beacons transmit a two to five letter call signs at 5-words per minute. Lets hope that coffee stains do not obliterate too many dits and dahs. Im VK2FJL reporting for the WIA National News. -- Now all someone has to make these new aviators Morse code ties, self cleaning.

from ARRL WEB

ARRL Public Relations Committee to Host Field Day Webinar

The ARRL Public Relations Committee -- in conjunction with the ARRL's Atlantic Division -- will host a "webinar" -- an interactive Web-based seminar, designed to facilitate communication between a small number of presenters and a large remote audience using the Internet. On Thursday, April 22 at 9 PM EDT, join ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, WIAGP, along with ARRL Field Day Manager and members of the League's Public Relations Committee as they tell you how to use ARRL Field Day to bring attention to Amateur Radio in your area. Learn how to set up a Field Day publicity calendar, invite elected officials and dignitaries, get proclamations issued, post your Field Day event on local media outlets and community bulletin boards, get audio and video PSAs on local radio and TV stations, how to use newer social networks like Facebook and Twitter and more to draw people to your Field Day event.

White Mountain Hamfest

June 5th, 2010 in Showlow, AZ

from ARRL Web

FCC Looks to Lower Fees for Vanity Call Signs

04/13/2010

The FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order* ([NPRM](#)) on April 13 seeking to lower the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.40 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go down to \$13.30 for 10 years, an decrease of 10 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment

on this *NPRM* are available on the FCC Web site.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 13 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 *Report and Order*). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,800 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$196,840 in fees from the program.

Vanity Fee Due for New, Renewal Applications

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal four years ago.

Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, however. That's because Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the [ULS](#) and clicking on the "New Users Register" link. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

ARRL Processes License Renewals, Including Vanities

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

The ARRL VEC will handle vanity license renewals for ARRL members for a small fee (license renewals for members with non-vanity call signs are free). Visit the "[Call Sign Renewals or Changes](#)" page for complete instructions on how to have the ARRL renew your license for you or for how to do it yourself. There is additional information on the ARRL VEC's "FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page.

License application and renewal information and links to the required forms are available on the ARRL [Amateur Application Filing FAQ](#) Web page. The [FCC's forms page](#) also offers the required forms.

The First Rookie Roundup -- Coming April 18!

04/08/2010

The ARRL's newest contest -- the Rookie Roundup -- is getting a lot of buzz among newly-licensed amateurs. Designed as a modern equivalent to the ARRL Novice Roundup from a few decades ago, this new incarnation combines a competitive event with some on-the-air training.

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Who is a Rookie? Any amateur licensed for three years or less, regardless of license class. If you received your license in 2008, 2009 or 2010, you're eligible to compete as a Rookie. Non-rookies are encouraged to work the Rookies and be an Elmer to those just starting out. It is an immediate, hands-on way to teach good operating practices to those just getting started.

Reception to the new event has been very strong. "I'm getting a lot of e-mail about it," said ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X. "There are a lot of new hams pretty excited about this event. I'm also hearing about clubs opening their doors to help the Rookies get on the air and experience the fun of competition in a slightly more relaxed atmosphere than of a big world-wide event." Kutzko has created a [blog](#) for the event to provide up-to-date news, the official rules and answer common questions for the Rookie Roundup.

The ARRL Rookie Roundup also embraces a lot of new technology, including live scoring and reporting of the results within a few hours after the event ends. Thanks to Gerry Hull, W1VE, and the team at [getscores.org](#) results will be available very shortly after the event. To officially enter, stations should log on to [getscores.org](#) and choose one of two ways to report their score: by using a Web browser logging page to enter QSOs in real-time or from a standalone log, or by reporting their score summary using [getscores.org](#)'s Universal Score Uploader. Both Rookies and Non-rookies must complete their entries within one hour after the contest ends. More details are available on the Rookie Roundup blog.

Being the first running of a new contest with new technology, the April 18 running of the Rookie Roundup is going to be a test run of sorts. "This will be the 'shakedown cruise,'" Kutzko explained. "There will be some things that work, and some things that don't. We'll see where the wheels come off and listen to what the participants have to say. We'll also work out any bugs we encounter for the August event that will be also be conducted using SSB to encourage repeat participation. As this is going to be a recurring event, it's quite likely the rules will evolve over time as we discover what works and what doesn't." The first CW event occurs in December and the first RTTY event will be in August of 2011.

The Rookie Roundup is a golden opportunity to have fun, learn new skills and provide many Elmering opportunities. We hope to see you on the air April 18!

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