



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Since 1961



# SHORTSKIP

Club Meets First Mondays.

Short Skip is a monthly publication. The intention of the club and newsletter staff is education and encouragement for everyone to either become a ham or enjoy being a ham. Articles may be submitted by club members up to two weeks prior to end of month. Email: [suncitywvarc@gmail.com](mailto:suncitywvarc@gmail.com)



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## Amateur Radio Newsline Headlines for Ham Nation. September 5, 2018

- Earthquake in Venezuela
- Hurricane Lane in Hawaii dumps 19" of rain.
- Ham Radio and ARRL re-branding?



**ARRL President, Rick Roderick, K5UR,** states that we need to accept change and that we need to adapt, to bridge the gap to the next generation.  
Be a Champion of Ham Radio!

Watch Here:  
[Ham Nation Newsline Video](#)



# Prez Says:

[From the WVARC President: Gary Robin, K9HDU]

It's been a couple of months while your newsletter was being recharged. Thanks to April, KI7GFJ for a job always well done. And thanks to Grant, KI7RTP for his extremely positive and well-stated compliments directed to April at our September 3rd meeting.

I'd like to acknowledge the passing of our Senator John McCain.

Once again, our club is getting involved in **"Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA)**. We need volunteers for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who are skilled in Morse code are especially welcomed. We have approximately 15 scouts and would like WVARC members to set up a few stations. Krissy Larson, KI7GJJ has volunteered and Harry, AF7UT will be transmitting from the church parking lot where our meetings are held. The scouts are eligible to earn a merit badge. Both HF and 2-meters will be used.

David, N7TWT is seeking volunteers for the **PALO VERDE SIREN TEST**, November 14th. There were 58 sirens last year. This year there are a whopping 70! Please contribute to this community event. Contact David at: [n7tw@cox.net](mailto:n7tw@cox.net)

Speaking of volunteers, anyone interested in **Winter FIELD DAY**, especially a coordinator, please contact me at: [k9hdu@aol.com](mailto:k9hdu@aol.com) I'm seeking a coordinator, operators, erectors and helpers.

For some time, I have been aware of a need for change in the organization of both our technical and communications support areas. As efficient as it was, I recognized a major need for improvement. Implementation of this change represented an immense emotional undertaking for me because I hold dearly my appreciation for those involved. Specifically, I recognize their devotion to our club coupled with hours and hours of hard work from **Bob Paul, KG7FIL, Sonny Lewis, N3LER and Dave Porta, WAØZVM**. Thank you. Change can be extremely difficult and emotional. Please understand that although this transition may have been sudden, it was done with forethought, consideration, respect and every bit of my compassion and feelings.

In order to better accommodate our VE's-volunteer examiners, and with their agreement, I have rescheduled the **exam starting time to 6 PM.** This change is intended to permit the examiners to complete the testing in time for the meeting or, at least in time for the presentation.

**New  
Time**

Speaking of presentations, please may I have your help or suggestions in locating speakers for our meetings?

April, KI7GFJ has suggested that we implement **training classes**. She pointed out that we have a large number of Techs (65), some of who may desire to upgrade to General. Also, we have Generals and Advanced (75) who may wish to upgrade to Extra. Additionally, there may be persons who would like to enter into amateur radio.

## Prez Says Continues.....

April also pointed out the embarrassment we sustain by sending these potentials to a competitive club. If you are [interested in teaching classes or taking classes](#), please contact me at [k9hdu@aol.com](mailto:k9hdu@aol.com). Gary's email

Thank you [Rich, W7MDQ](#) for your outstanding presentation on [Digital Mobile Radios](#) at our August meeting. Rich was able to contact multiple stations throughout the U.S. who came back to us with their call sign and location.

At our September meeting [Kevin Wesolowski, KD7DFV of ARES and RACES](#) fame spoke about EMCOMM emphasizing the volunteer. Kevin's presentation was exceptional.

Finally, your Board wants to improve on our holiday party. On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> we are having our first annual [Oktoberfest Picnic!](#) This takes the place of the Holiday party. We have reserved ramadas 8 and 9 at Beardsley Park, 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Beardsley/Stardust. Huge thanks to [Gloria, KI7SQV](#) Remember . . . Gloria did a terrific job at our field day.



K9HDU

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Dit-a diddle-Dah-Dit-a diddle-Do

[Click Here:](#)

### Morse Code vs Text Contest on Jay Leno Show

Back when the telegraph was the fastest method of long-distance communication, a young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. Answering an ad in the newspaper, he went to the office address that was listed. When he arrived, he entered a large, busy office filled with noise, including the sound of the telegraph in the background. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were called to the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with the other applicants. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room to the inner office, and walked right in. Naturally the other applicants began wondering what was going on and grumbled among themselves.

They assumed that the young man would be disqualified. Within a few minutes, the employer escorted the young man out of the office and said to the other applicants, "Gentlemen, thank you very much for coming, but the job has just been filled." One guy spoke up saying, "Wait a minute! He was the last to come in, and we never even got an interview, yet he got the job? That's not fair!"

The employer said, "I'm sorry, but the last several minutes while you've been sitting here, the telegraph has been ticking out the following message in Morse Code: 'If you understand this message, then come right in. The job is yours.'" None of the rest of you heard it or understood it, so the job is his! ~unknown author

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# SEPTEMBER 2018



**1st Monday**  
 Shepherd of the  
 Desert Church  
 11025 N 111th Av  
 Sun City, AZ  
 6pm Social  
 6pm VE Test  
 7pm Meeting  
 SEPTEMBER 3

JB's 2 PM  
 Board Meet  
 SEPT 18th

JB's ( Lunch)  
 9889 W. Bell Rd.  
 Sun City , AZ  
 1 PM  
 4,11,18 and 25<sup>th</sup>

Tivoli Gardens  
 12535 W. Bell Rd.  
 Surprise, AZ  
 (Breakfast) 7 AM  
 6,13,20 and 27th

Preparedness  
 Net 8 PM  
 147.300  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>th</sup>

Newbie  
 Net 8 PM  
 147.300  
 SEPT 14

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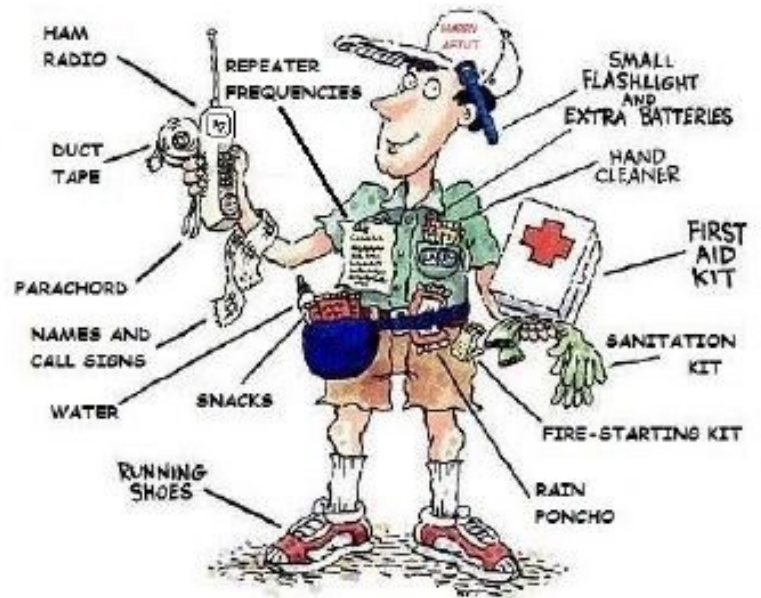
# National Preparedness Month

Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Be Informed and Get Involved

BE **READY**  
MAKE A **PLAN**



Make an Emergency Preparedness Kit for Pets



## Some Things to Consider:

- Have a GO kit packed and ready. ARES has a generic checklist in the Field Manual-pages 10, 11 and 12:  
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/ARESFieldResourcesManual.pdf>
- You never know what your emergency situation will be, so pack some food that needs no cooking or fridge, and some water and a warm jacket.
- Your radio, antenna and power supply should be lightweight, flexible and easy to set up. Does your radio also operate on power from your vehicle?
- A list of operating frequencies and phone numbers, both emergency and personal. The AEN-MAR.ORG emergency net is located on 147.240, Monday nights at 9PM. Find out what their procedures are, before a disaster occurs.
- If you are prepared for anything now, you will not be so frantic and scrambling when you need to be level-headed.

# Just an Old-Fashioned

# Antenna Raising

(In appreciation, Joe has donated \$25.00 to the WVARC.)

75 thru 6 Meters  
NO GAPS

**COMET CHA250B**

The Comet CHA-250B is an amazingly broadband antenna that requires no radials. It consist of 5 sections of aluminum tubing that slide into each other. Only two simple adjustments are needed during the easy assembly. Will mount on a 1 to 2" mast (Not supplied), and rated for a 67mph wind survival. The bottom section has the network built-in.

Specifications.  
Polarization: Vertical  
Frequency Range:  
TX.....3.5 to 57 MHz. No gaps.  
Rec.....2.0 to 90 MHz. No gaps.  
SWR: 1.5:1  
Power: SSB 250 Watts  
FM 125 Watts  
Length: 23' 6"  
Weight: 7.1 lbs.  
Connector: UHF SO-239 50 ohms.

UR Average price: \$400.00

**The Proud  
Antenna-  
Meister**

**Joe  
Fitzgerald II,  
KV2H**

WVARC member **Joe Fitzgerald II, KV2H**, had not been on the air since he moved to AZ last year, and needed help installing his vertical antenna, so at a recent club meeting he asked if someone could give him a hand. **John Wood, KE7JYP**, and **Kris Philo, AI7TT**, know the SOP for antenna-raising in Arizona: Hats and gloves worn, lots of water breaks, take your time and don't stand in the sun unless it's needed. With a predicted high of 104 degrees, only Kris, a 60-yr resident, thought it was a cool day in July when they agreed to help Joe.

By the time John and Kris arrived, Joe had already completed a good portion of the work, which included contacting Blue Stake. All those lines in Joe's yard, pretty much meant no holes, anchors or stakes anywhere! Something had to be done to counteract the 60 mph winds we tend to get during monsoon season. Joe even had the wall of his pre-fab home reinforced so the mast wouldn't tear it down in a high wind. Since they couldn't mount the mast in concrete, they ended up resting it on top of the lid to his irrigation control box, of all things!

35-lb garden pavers ended up being their creative alternative to proper ground anchors. Set on the diagonal with the guy wire protected with rubber hose wrapped around the corner of each, this worked pretty well. At 18" square, more weight could be added to the pavers later if needed. The guy wires were only stabilizing the antenna, as the mast (a 10' 1-1/4" galvanized pipe) was held so securely to the wall, it would have brought the entire house down with it in a storm!

Kris had to leave early, which left John and Joe sealing coax connectors and double-checking everything. Joe was inside transmitting CQ's by 4:30PM, and it was a good day!





**Krissy Larson, KI7GJJ**, says she would like you to bring your previously-read magazines (not just Ham Radio)(up to one year old) to our monthly meetings. She volunteers for the Thunderbird Hospital, and they need magazines for the patients to read. Krissy is also volunteering for JOTA. Thanks Krissy!!

**Verdamae Cutitta, KF7UJB**, brought in some lovely pies and desserts for our September 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting. Thank you Verdamae! They were wonderful!

**Gloria Austin-Putman, KI7SQV**, who likes to be called “Ms. Rhee”, has volunteered to take on the OktoberFest Fall Picnic. She has sign-up sheets available, so that we don’t end up with 10 bowls of fruit salad. hihi

Be sure to check out some new things on the website:

<https://westvalleyarc.com/> And don't forget Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WVARCSunCity>



It's creeping up on HamFest Season again!  
So here are a few to whet your whistle:

- Sept. 29th Go to [http://k7rst.org/media/RST\\_Hamfest/RST\\_HAMFEST\\_Flyer\\_FALL.pdf](http://k7rst.org/media/RST_Hamfest/RST_HAMFEST_Flyer_FALL.pdf)
- Oct. 27th Go to <https://www.copafest.org/>
- Nov. 10th Go to <http://harkaz.org/>
- Nov. 10th Go to <http://tucsonhamradio.org/hamfest>
- Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Go to <https://www.superstitionsuperfest.org/>



Those of you weather-watchers, who would like to get into **The Skywarn Spotter Program**, classes are normally held in the spring, but they happen to have one on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October in Chandler, so check it out:

<https://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/skywarn/index.php>

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# **PARTY**



**OCTOBER  
20TH**

**OR  
NOT  
TO  
PARTY?**

Board members have decided to have a fall picnic in place of the **Annual Holiday Party**. Let them know what you think.

## **OktoberFest Picnic at Beardsley Park**

**Beardsley Park is located at:  
12755 Beardsley Road  
Sun City West** (128<sup>th</sup> Ave & Stardust)

**Setup: 10AM to 11AM  
Picnic: 11AM to 3PM  
Cleanup: 3PM to 4PM**

**What you need to bring:**

- A side dish to share.
- A lawn chair if you like.
- A beverage of your choice.
- And of course, your appetite!

**Ramada 8 and  
Ramada 9**

The club will supply the paper products, buns, burgers, hotdogs and condiments to put on them. A cooler with bottles of water will be available. So come on out and enjoy the day!

Sign up with Ms. Rhee KI7SQV







# JOTA

## Mentoring

The next generation of

# Hams



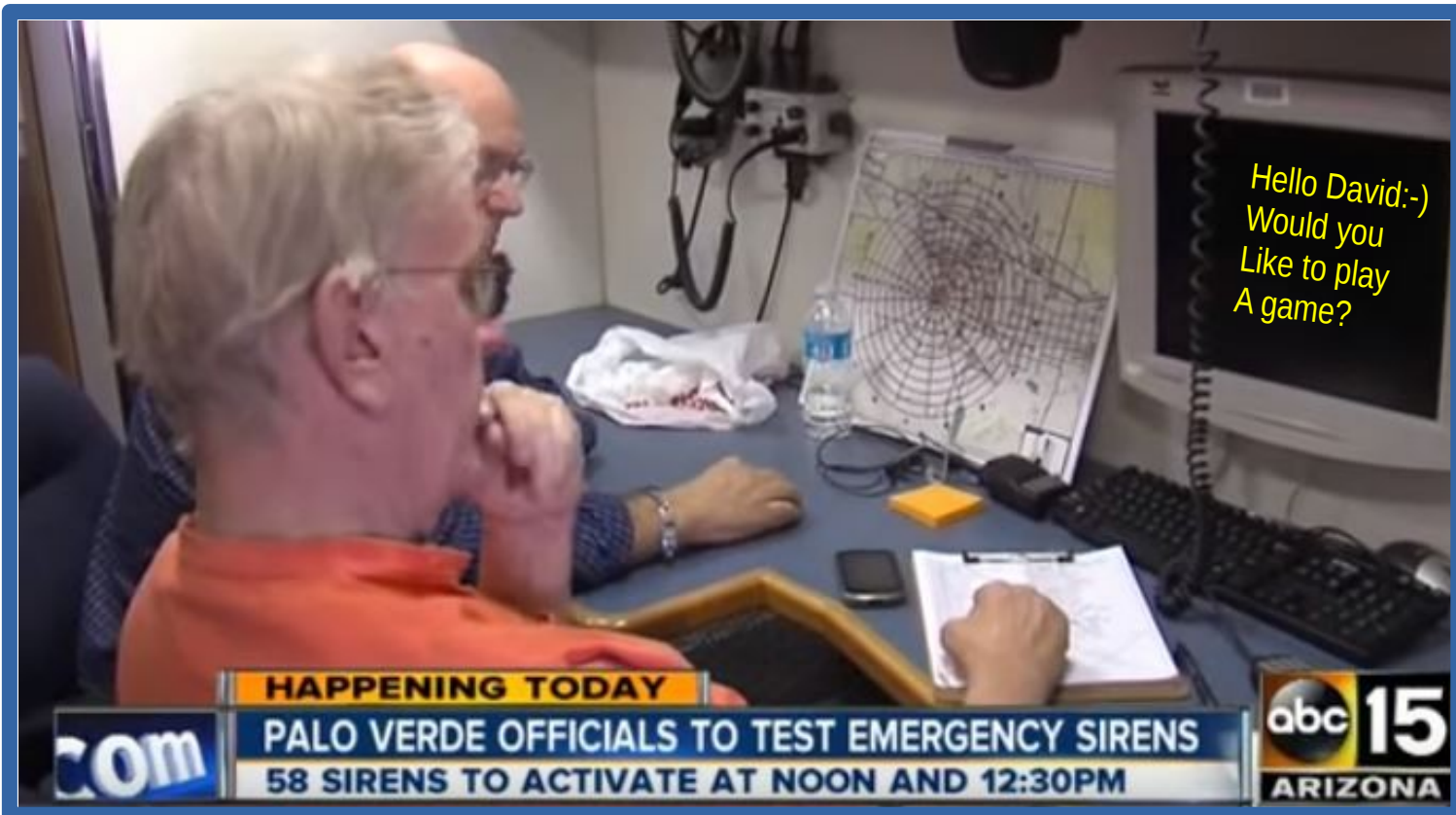
**JOTA** stands for "*Jamboree on the Air.*"

**Sunday, October 21st**

- **What is it?**-An annual scouting event that uses Amateur Radio to link scouts around the world, across the country and even in our own community.
- **When is it?**-It is held the third full weekend in October (Oct 19-21, 2018-Friday evening through Sunday evening). There are no official hours, so you have the entire weekend to be a JOTA Volunteer if you like. (This year **WVARC** will host scouts on Sunday afternoon, October 21<sup>st</sup>, due to our club picnic on October 20<sup>th</sup>.)
- **How is it done?**-Scouts from a local troop will be paired with **WVARC** members, who will help them to get on the air. Most of all, have fun! Show them how to say their name using Morse Code, ask them if they went to Scout Camp, or if they know the 12 Points of the Scout Law-(A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.)
- Contact club member Harry, AF7UT at: <mailto:af7ut@yahoo.com?subject=SCOUTS>

- <https://www.scouting.org/jota/patch-archive/> ← Click here to see previous JOTA patches





 **aps** **NOV 14TH** **Palo Verde**  **70 SIRENS**  
**SIREN TEST**

If you are:

- ✓ New to ham radio & want to learn more or
- ✓ A seasoned veteran ham who likes to participate or
- ✓ An EmComm volunteer who likes to train or
- ✓ Just someone who likes to socialize and receive a great meal and a gift, you will enjoy this yearly exercise! Contact David to sign up: [n7twt@cox.net](mailto:n7twt@cox.net)

**David Morrill, N7TWT, has a website with more info:**  
[http://n7twt.net/Palo\\_Verdie\\_Siren\\_Test/palo\\_verde\\_siren\\_test.html](http://n7twt.net/Palo_Verdie_Siren_Test/palo_verde_siren_test.html)



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| Next Exam Date: <b>October 6th</b> | Time: <b>9AM-11AM</b>               |
| Location: First Floor Lounge.      | Room 107                            |
| This month's DeVry Candidates:     | Administering VE's:                 |
|                                    | <b>David Morrill, N7TWT Liaison</b> |
| <b>7 Earned Technician License</b> | Daniel Ford, K2LH                   |
| <b>1 Failed Technician License</b> | Robert Miner, KA7NPQ                |
|                                    | Bill Martin, AI0D                   |
|                                    | Steven Miner, KI7FQT                |
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**Exam Instructions:**

- Bring original and copy of Ham License (We need to send in a copy of your Amateur License with your paperwork.)
- Bring Pen and Pencil.
- Exam Fee is \$15.00. (Additional Fee Applies to Retest any Element.)
- Re-Test is at the Option of the VE's.
- Check Payable to ARRL/VEC or Correct Change. No Change Available.
- All Tests Must Be Concluded By 11:00 AM.
- Good Luck!

David Morrill's contact info: [n7twt@cox.net](mailto:n7twt@cox.net)



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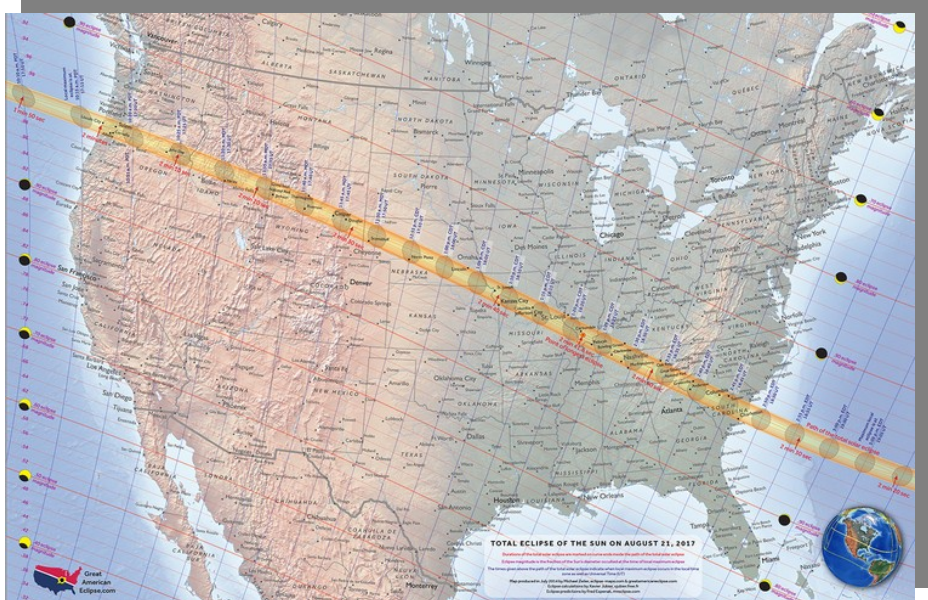
# Solar Eclipse?

On August 21, 2017, I grabbed my lawn chair and camera, sat with friends in the front yard, and waited for the sky to dim. Many Hams were having their “QSO Parties” and logging everything that was happening with the ionosphere as the skies darkened from the eclipse. More than 30k contacts were made on that day. The data revealed that the eclipse had a thinning effect on the ionosphere.

Click here for more info:  
[Solar Eclipse Ham Data](#)



If you still have your cardboard eclipse glasses, find a place to donate. Asia and So. America will have a solar eclipses in 2019 and school kids will need your glasses!



**Guidelines**

- \* Ads must be submitted by a WVARC club member. (On the roster? Then you are a member.)
- \* Ads MUST be submitted on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month which precedes the desired pub month.
- \* Submit the ad as you would like it to appear in the newsletter. A list of items cannot be accepted.
- \* Ads for a business are limited to a 1/4 page or 1/8 page size.
- \* For Sale ads are limited to 3 lines of text, and will include your name, your call, the item, the price, a short description and your contact information.
- \* For Sale ads will run 1-2 months, with limit of 2 ads per person.



**Paul Prinke KF5EU**

**Victim of: Identity Theft? Stolen Medical Information? Paid an unfair bill? Moving Violation? Need a Will?**

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(Ad) Real Estate [CACTUSRICH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CACTUSRICH@GMAIL.COM)

Are you or someone you know, looking for a Ham Home? I can help you find a home with a tower, or one where a tower can be added. Call or email me to get started!

**Richard Haworth**  
**W7MDQ**




Cell: 602-370-1450

This month, I am breaking rules & allowing many items from one member, Stephen Elliott, W5LIF

**FOR SALE**

- Kenwood TL-922A Linear Amplifier, **\$1,000** (\$1295 current eBay price)
- Tentec Jupiter 100W HF radio with installed auto tuner, **\$600** (Paid \$875 factory refurb.)
- Icom IC-718, **\$300** (\$639 current Gigaparts price)
- Icom AH-4 Auto Tuner, **\$150** (\$300 is current Universal Radio price)
- Ameritron ATR-30 Antenna Tuner, **\$400** (\$583 current eBay price)
- MFJ 949E Deluxe Versa Tuner II, **\$100** (\$190 is current MFJ price)
- Multi-Key keying interface for the Kenwood TL-922A, **\$25** (\$53 is current price)
- Winkeyer USB, **\$75** (\$129 is current price)
- Signalink USB, **\$75** (\$129 is current price)
- Vibroplex Iambic Deluxe key with dust cover, **\$125** NEW-never used (\$207 is current price)
- Begali Simplex double-paddle key, **\$70** NEW-lightly used (\$135 is current price)

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# FEMA Independent Study Program

Also check out the Event Training at:

[MCECG-Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group](#)

Everything you need to know about ARES: <http://www.arrrl.org/ares>

FEMA (Department of Homeland Security) [US] | <https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c>

Begin Here: <https://training.fema.gov/nims/>

The screenshot shows the FEMA Independent Study Program website for the IS-100.C course. The page features a navigation bar with links for Home, Blog, Photos, Videos, Contact Us, and FAQs. The main content area includes a search bar, a course title 'IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100', and a course date of 6/25/2018. A red box highlights the course title and a callout box states 'First FEMA online course to take for EmComm/AuxComm Training'. The course overview section describes the course content and lists participating organizations: National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), U.S. Department of Agriculture, and United States Fire Administration's National Fire Programs Branch. A red box highlights the 'Register for a FEMA SID' link and a callout box states 'To get credit for these courses, they use your FEMA SID instead of your Social Security Number.' Another red box highlights a note about the requirement for a FEMA SID instead of a Social Security Number for the final exam. The page also includes a 'TAKE THIS COURSE' section with a link to the 'Interactive Web Based Course' and a 'TAKE FINAL EXAM' section with a link to 'Take Final Exam Online'.

**FEMA Independent Study Program**-means just that. You will study *independently* (on your own) through online courses. These courses are not a **requirement** of most EmComm organizations, but officials would like you to have taken the (4) basic courses listed below:

- **IS-100.C:** [IS-100.C Intro to the Incident Command System](#)
- **IS-200.B:** [IS-200.B ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents](#)
- **IS-700.B:** [IS-700.B An Introduction to the National Incident Management System](#)
- **IS-800.C:** [IS-800.C National Response Framework-An Introduction](#)

**AUXCOMM Training does have a requirement** of the (4) basic FEMA courses as a prerequisite, and is scheduled through your SEC. Your SEC or **Section Emergency Coordinator** is **Dennis Bietry, KE7EJF**, and can be reached at: <mailto:ke7ejf@cox.net?subject=AUXCOMM Training>

AZ Section of Amateur Radio Relay League: [ARRL-Arizona Section-No Login required](#)



# Arizona has an ARRL organization

Arizona's ARRL Section information can be found at <http://www.az-arrl.org/web/>

**INFORMATION FROM:**  
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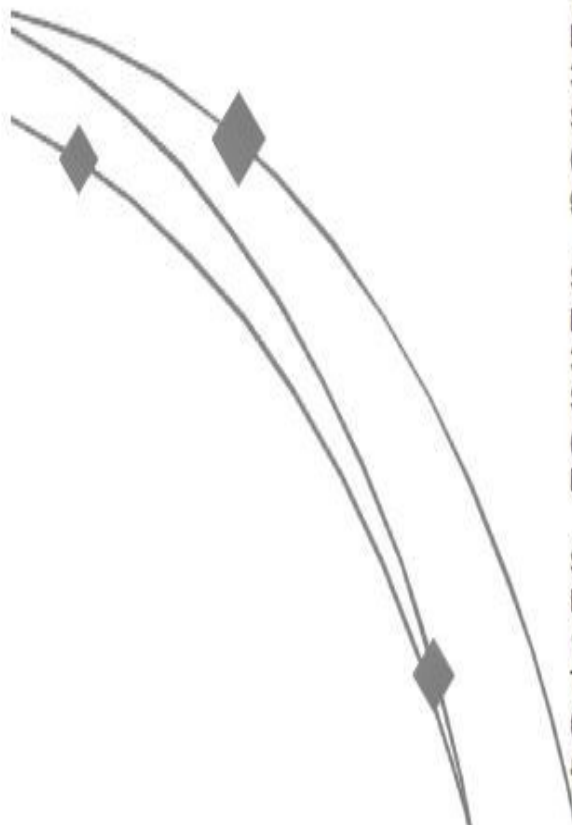
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# What is AUXCOMM?



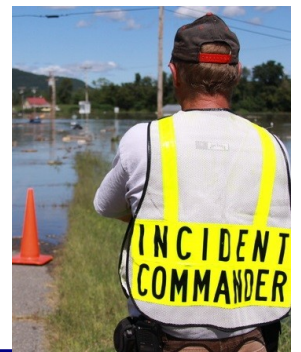
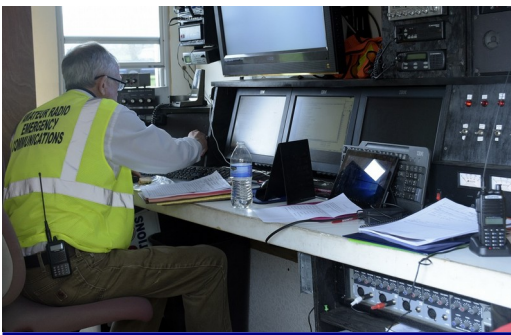
The **Department of Homeland Security** now refers to Amateur Radio Groups such as ARES, RACES, REACT and other EmComm organizations, by the term “Auxiliary Communications” or **AUXCOMM**

To assist the DHS, a publication was released in 2013 called AUX FOG, or the “Auxiliary Communications Field Operations Guide”.

[DHS-AUXFOG Manual](#) ← LINK

This manual is a reference for communicators who directly support backup **Emergency Communications** for State and Local Public Safety Officials. What is a (COML)? Find out on page 124 of the above manual. What is a (COMT)?

The **AUXFOG** Manual reference guide contains information about best practices, frequently used radio frequencies, Mutual Aid channels as well as tips and suggestions for auxiliary communicators integrating into a **NIMS + ICS** environment, supporting unexpected emergencies, planned events or training exercises.



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