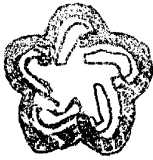


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SHORT SKIP



SUN CITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
of Arizona

President - Floyd Emanuel	K7BN	10125 Sutters Gold Ln	977-6587
Vice-Pres - Paul Johnson	W7KBE	10817 Brookside Dr	974-0885
Secretary - Parker Burkart, Jr	W7JAJ	13412 Embarwood Dr	977-7037
Treasurer - Art Dragoo	W7JIY	14238 Cameo Dr	977-5384
Director - John Allen	W7YR	9525 Oakstone Dr	977-5883

The Sun City Amateur Radio Club meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 7:30 PM. in club room "B" at Fairway Recreation Center, 107th and Peoria Ave.

Club net is on the air - 28.7 Mhz - each Wednesday night at 7:00 PM.  
Sun City frequency for two meters - 147.57 Mhz

From the President

The incorporation papers for the Club have been signed and submitted to the State Corporation Commission. I want to thank Al Fischer, on behalf of the Club, for preparing the articles of incorporation and providing many legal consultations for the Club. Also, thanks to Parker Burkart for handling many of the details involved with incorporation.

The Club has initiated another effort in the matter of training prospective amateurs and those desiring to upgrade their licenses. The training approach will be practical and hopefully will encourage those participating to continue through to passing the desired FCC exam. John Allen is temporary chairman of the new training committee and those desiring this training should contact John. We need all the help we can get from experienced club members to provide instruction. Those who can help, contact John.

A vote of thanks to Jim Martin and his crew for setting up and operating the demonstration station in the Greenway Shopping Center during All States Day on January 22. Many favorable comments were received on the operation. Those assisting Jim were Paul Johnson who helped install the antennas and Herb Werker and Parker Burkart.

SCARC Annual Ladies Night Banquet

Date: Lay 18, 1976  
 Place: Greenbrier Cafeteria Banquet Room  
 Time: Cocktail Hour - 6 - 7 PM.  
       Dinner - 7 - 8 PM.  
 Program: Mr. Lou Grubb, WA7HZO, Lecturer and TV Personality  
 Attendees: Members of SCARC and their XYLs, Visiting hams and their XYLs, and other guests of members  
           SC Recreation Center cards NOT required  
 Cost: \$5.00 per person - see Chuck Bailey for tickets

FCC Change of Address

Los Angeles office has moved - new address for FCC is

3711 Long Beach Blvd.  
Suite 105  
Long Beach, Ca 90807

Telephone numbers are:  
(213) 426-7866 exam scheds  
          426-7955 interference complaints  
          426-4451 general info

Long Skip

Something different for a change - - -

For those of you who have wondered what is happening to propagation on 10, 15 and 20 meters a good bit of the time, and have not read any of the many articles written on the subject, a few lines may be in order.

We are approaching the end of what is known as Sun Spot cycle #20, which appear approximately every 11 years. Most of you have witnessed a couple of these cycles and have seen the MUF(maximum usable frequencies) being driven up and down, but, just possibly, you did not associate the good years on 10 meters with the highest number of sun spots which have now just about disappeared entirely.

But, the diminishing spots of #20 Cycle can be distinguished from those of #21, as the few spots closest to the sun's equator when any at all appear, and those farther away from the equator as the new ones on #21 which are now beginning to make their appearance. At least, that's good news, but don't hold your breath, because the real start of #21 may be from 6 to 9 months away and it averages over 4 years from the start to the peak or best part of the cycle.

March had a few days from the 21st to the 25th of Above Normal conditions on 20 meters and fair on 15 until the magnetic disturbance of the 26th. Lots of Europeans and Africans were getting through on 20 fone.

And, I think conditions seem to follow a 27 day cycle also, and would hope for some improvement again about the 19th April for a few days.

Gene - W7ZH

Latest changes in call signs

Henry Koerber	was	W8HTW/7	-now	W7KTP
Howard Rood	"	W8HSP/7	"	W7KZL
Dottie Wickenheiser	"	K2DY0/7	"	W7KYX
Henry Wickenheiser	"	W2EZ/7	"	K7EJ
Earl Richards	"	WN0POV/7	"	WN7DGV
Rex Tullesen	"	WN7WAW	"	WA7WAW
Haakon Bang	"	WN7TMH	"	WA7TMH
Earl Dietsch	"	WN7WYB	"	WA7WYB

New address and fone number for Ev Fliegel, W7FBU, Collins rep for Az.?  
3818 E. Desert Cove 996-6442  
Phoenix, Az 85028

From the Secretary's file

When you receive notice from ARRL that your membership is expiring, make out your check to the League for \$3.00, get the renewal form from Byron Travis, W7JQV or Parker Burkart, W7JAJ - give them the check, the card from the League and \$1.00 cash. The Club retains the \$1.00, which helps to feed the kitty, and the Secretary will see that your League membership is renewed. This extra income will help the Club Treasury very much with no strain on your pocketbook.

Grounding System

Anybody planning to try to drive an eight foot copper ground rod, call Lee Warren for informations on a very easy way to do it. Lee and Paul Johnson have developed a real driver that will save your back and your soul. Lee also has info on where to get the 8" rods. Call him at 974-8662. This business of getting a good ground is quite a problem here in Sun City, but with Lee's driver, you can get a system that will be a very big improvement over anything we have had until now.

1961 - 1976

In the beginning there were seven. Some time in October, 1961, this small group got together and formed what turned out to be the Sun City Amateur Radio Club. In alphabetical order: Sam Davenport, W7RHT\*, Bob Hill\*, (can't find anyone who remembers Bob's call), John Ingwerson, W7CS, Graham Macconomy, K7RUR (now W6BUK), George Mezey, K7NIY, Georgianna Mezey, K7NOA, Bill Poehls, K7RDC. Early in 1962 Charlie Blake, W7BP joined the club and the following year saw Earl Baudendistle, W7DMV and Ray Kruke, WA7MOY, being counted among the members.

At the start of the club, the monthly meetings were held in the homes of the various members, with the men on the patio and the gals in the living room and serving eats after the meeting was over. (Oh, for the good old days)

By 1965, more members from Sun City, and several from Youngtown had been recruited and the meetings were held at Town Hall Center and the name changed to Youngtown-Sun City Amateur Radio Club. Meetings were then held in the First Federal Savings & Loan Bank in Youngtown.

The first public affair attended by the Club has been authenticated by a QSL post card that Charlie Blake found in his files, celebrating the 2nd annual Western Days, October 12 & 13, 1962, the picture shows the stations set up in the Oakmont Rec Center and K7NIY, K7RDC and K7RUR in attendance at the rigs. Several Field Day operations were held at the swimming pool at Town Hall Center (now Fairway).

In the meantime, back at the ranch, membership was steadily increasing and the meeting place again changed, to the First Federal Savings Bank at the La Ronde Shopping Center, on Del Webb Blvd. The last change was made in 1973 with a move back to Fairway Recreation Center and a change in the name to the present Sun City Amateur Radio Club.

The membership has continued to grow along with the growth of Sun City and the roster has increased to 121 names, and we are not standing still. I am sure that the members will join me in saying many thanks to the ones who got us started way back in 1961. Next October, lets all celebrate our 15th birthday - -

Any corrections or additions to this short history will be very much appreciated by your Secretary -W7JAJ. \* Silent Keys.

#### Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

The Council is proposing that all Arizona amateurs use distinctive QSL cards during the Bi-Centennial year, and they plan to have such cards available. The cards will be the usual QSL card size with colored photos of places of interest in Arizona. The reverse will contain the usual regular QSL info, with space for your name and address sticker. Your call sign will be imprinted in 36 point type in either the right or left upper corner of the picture. The minimum order will be for 500 cards at \$16.00, postpaid. If sufficient quantities are ordered, the 500 card order will consist of several different photos.

Don French, W7IWL will be handling the orders, so give Don your call sign and the \$16.00. For further info call Don at 977-2811.

#### For Sale

HW-100, 10 thru 80 meters, DC & AC power supplies, mobile mount for placement in car. mobile antenna - Hy-Gain Ham-Cat with all coils plus several extras. Mint condition. Call Myron Steffy, W7JYQ 974-0851

Henry 2K4 amplifier in mint condition \$795.00  
call Jim Townsend, W7GGZ 977-8167

Henry Wickenhiser, K7EJ WANTS a Hustler 4 band vertical 974-6575

#### ARRL Convention - Tucson

Seen at the Convention - 7a - BP, HUB, MUD, JHQ, REC, KLU, IWL, JUT, YOG, ZH, SLV, W6BUK - possibly others