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## **POLITICAL MANEUVER DIMS CHANCES FOR ARIZONA HAM RADIO ANTENNA LEGISLATION**

**(Just Wait Until Next Year!)**

A political maneuver has ended chances that Arizona lawmakers will adopt an Amateur Radio antenna bill that was in play this session. Proponents of "the Emergency Communications Preservation Act," House Bill 2595 (HB 2595) haven't given up, however. They're still trying, as one put it, "to pull a rabbit out of a hat" and have the bill's language attached to another piece of legislation. HB 2595 called on both municipalities and communities governed by deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio antennas. It passed the Arizona House on a 56 to 2 vote. An eleventh-hour bid to keep HB 2595 alive failed, however, after Senate Government Committee Chairman Jack Harper (R-4), declined to move the bill forward for consideration, effectively killing it. During an e-mail exchange with a bill supporter, Harper attempted to explain why he derailed the measure.

"I just cannot allow the radio operators [sic] to put up 40' towers over the objection of their neighbors," Harper told Dustin Deppe, K7DTD. "They were not open to negotiating the height, so I could not allow the bill to go forward. Jack." April 3 was the cutoff date for bills to be heard this session. Harper has not responded to an ARRL request to explain why he held the bill.

City of Page Mayor Dan Brown, NA7DB -- perhaps HB 2595's biggest supporter -- and former state representative Ted Downing, W7KEY, are in the forefront of the effort to pull off the magic trick. Brown has advised Arizona radio amateurs not to send "hate mail" to Harper, however. "It's important to educate," he said, not get angry. If the effort isn't successful, he says, bill proponents will return better prepared next session.

To date, 23 states have adopted PRB-1 legislation. While PRB-1 requires reasonable accommodation, it does not specify a minimum height below which local governments may not regulate. Four states -- Alaska, Wyoming, Virginia and Oregon -- have legislation in place that specifies antenna support structure heights, below which municipalities may not regulate. **(tnx to the ARRL Bulletin)**

## LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
APRIL	NOTE: BOARD	4/19
MAY	MEETINGS WILL NOW	5/17
SEPTEMBER	TAKE PLACE ONE	9/20
OCTOBER	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	10/18
NOVEMBER	REGULAR MEETING	11/15

### LBARA IS HAVING ANOTHER AUCTION NIGHT

The scheduled program for April's meeting has been postponed to the May meeting. However, this will allow the Club to hold another equipment auction. This will be equipment recently donated to the Club along with some suggested values:

757 GX Yeasu Transceiver	\$ 400
245 JRC Transceiver	1200
35 NPS Astron Power Supply	75
Realistic Speaker	10
Realistic Mike	15
Heil Headset	50
Bently Headphones	15
2 - D104 Microphones	50 ea.
Standard Marine Band Radio	35
MC535 Uniden	20
2400 Yeasu	100

**BE SURE TO BRING YOUR  
WALLET/CHECKBOOK!**

### Monday Night Net (7 PM)

System	Location	Freq	Offset	PL
MCARS	Bullhead City	145.27	-	131.8
	Kingman	146.76	-	131.8
	Kingman	448.25	-	131.8
	Lake Havasu	146.62	-	131.8
	Willow Beach	147.12	-	131.8
CRRRA	Lake Havasu City	146.96	-	162.2
	Lake Havasu City	224.24	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	146.64	-	156.7
	Lake Havasu City	449.95	-	141.3
BARN	Lake Havasu City	447.54	-	136.5
	Las Vegas, NV	449.95		136.5
	Onyx(Palm Springs)	449.34	-	136.5
	Orange County, CA	447.54	-	100



**2nd ANNUAL  
SEVENTH AREA QSO PARTY**

**MAY 5 - 6**

The inaugural Seventh Area QSO Party (7QP) was held last May. It turned out to be the most successful first QSO Party in the history of these types of regional operating events. A lot of this success can be attributed to the clubs that promoted the event and had active members, you folks.

Of the 259 counties in the 7th Call Area, 209 were activated. Here in AZ we had 14 of our 15 counties active.

The 2007 version of 7QP will be held May 5-6,2007. It will again be an 18 hour event with stations outside of the 7th area trying to work te stations in the 7th area. That makes stations in our rarer counties very popular.

Complete Rules can be found on the 7QP webpage: <http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=DRYLAND7S&Page=1>

Please let me know of any planned operations, fixed or mobile. You will be hearing from me several other times before the contest.

**TNX and GL**

*73, Bob K8IA*

*Arizona Capt - 7QP*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Ever thought about contesting? Want to give it a try and see what all the fun is about? This is a fun, easy paced contest where your 7th area call is in demand. It's kind of like being the DX station everyone wants to contact. See me if you would like to get started with this contest, but keep in mind, you could become addicted!*

**You might be a HAM if.....!**

You ever replaced a perfectly good car battery just to get a higher capacity one.

You tried to figure out how to put a stealth antenna onto a public utility pole .

You wear a watch that displays time in a 24-hour format.

You ever used your ham call as a part of an email address.

You ever tapped out HI in Morse on your car horn to another ham.

You and the XYL took a cruise so you could visit the radio room.

# W7ZR SETS A 20 METER 2007 WPX WORLD RECORD AS 5C5Z IN MOROCCO

**(Note: The World Record Is Unofficial Until All Logs Are Checked)**

This was my second trip to Morocco. It was almost like returning home. I was able to visit many friends that I made on the first trip for CQWW SSB.

I guess the only thing I did not care for was the weather. It was so nice in October but in March it still was cool in Morocco with daytime temps about 17C while you all in Arizona were enjoying 35C. There was only one day where we could work outside in short sleeves. On top of that it was fairly breezy most days.

Radio conditions before, during and after the contest according to the WWV numbers and the SSN numbers were poor. However during the contest one would never know. At least if you were in Africa.

I had hours over 200 QSOs per hour and except for a brief period at 1500Z on Sunday conditions were good. On Sunday it almost shut down for a couple of hours and then came back at about 1800Z. Every night before and during the contest 20 meters shut down at about 2100Z. Oh by the way Morocco is on Zulu time.

I did a single operator single band 20 meter entry. Unless there are serious flaws I should have set a new world record and should be the top single operator in the world. I had 3949 net QSOs and 1017 prefix multipliers for a score of 12,001,617. All that and I was only able to operate 33 of the 36 hours allocated for single operator due to conditions.

W7s were a struggle but I did some serious listening and calling for west coast and worked quite a few. It is amazing though to see how easy the W1s and W2s get through it is truly an East Coast wall when going to Europe and Africa.

Thanks to all who are in the log. I will have pictures, audio, and logs up on my website soon at [www.w7zr.com](http://www.w7zr.com).



**Dick Zalewski, W7ZR On The Way To  
A World Record**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND HAMFESTS

May 5—2007 Cochise Amateur Radio Association Hamfest in Sierra Vista, AZ

<http://www.k7rdg.org>

June 2 - 2007 White Mountain Hamfest, Show Low, AZ

Jul 6-8 - 2007 Arizona State Convention, ARCA, Williams, AZ, <http://arca-az.org/ARCA>

**A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.**

**He who dies with the most toys is none the less dead.**

**I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.**

## **FOR SALE/TRADE**

**YAESU FT221R** - All Mode, 2M Transceiver, Good Condition, \$125 + shipping-

**HEATHKIT MODEL 221 AMPLIFIER** - Modified for 10-160 Meters, Good Condition, \$400 + Shipping

**JOHNSON VIKING VALIENT TRANSMITTER** - 10-160 Meters, Good Condition, \$100 + Shipping

**Hallicrafters HT-32 RECEIVER** - Fair Condition, \$50 + Shipping

**YAESU Model YO-100 MONITOR SCOPE** - Good Condition, \$100 + Shipping

**MJF 989 V3 VERSA TUNER** - Roller Inductor, Kilowatt Series, Very Good Condition, \$130 + Shipping

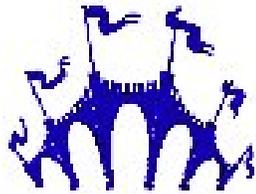
**3-500 IEMAC TUBES** - New in Box, \$250 For The Pair + Shipping

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**ALINCO DX70 MOBILE TRANSCEIVER** - 100 w, 166-6m, CW filter, Removable Face Plate, Jim Varner, AE6N, 680.7259



The new Arizona ham radio callsign plates are now available. Check out the website at:

<http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/vehicle/mvdplate.asp>

## VE TEAM BUSY AGAIN

Ed Gillespie, AB7EM, and his VE Team are proud to announce two more new Generals:

Rosendo (Ross) Limon      KE6FSM

Stephen Coffman      N7UVI

Ed also reports that there are a few new candidates in the wings who are busy studying for their examinations.....so we have a couple of new Club members on the horizon.

## Visalia International DX Convention 2007

The 2007 International DX Convention will take place April 27, 28 & 29, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned convention that is sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club. It is expected to draw visitors from around the World and will feature programs from recent DX-Peditions and contest operations.

The Convention theme this year is, "Elmering New DXers is Job Number One!" Accordingly, a portion of the programming will be devoted to helping new DXers learn about how to be noticed in a pile-up, snag a "new one" and get that elusive QSL card.

Other Convention offerings will include: DX, Top Band and Contest Forums, technical talks, many door prizes, both Friday and Saturday evening "attitude adjustments", Saturday Barbecue Lunch, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning "power" breakfast, Vendors Exhibits and QSL card checking.

Current information and registration forms are available on the Convention web page, which can be found at [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org). Additional registration information can be obtained by contacting Convention Registration Chairman, Dick Letrich, W6KM via Email at [dlw6km@aol.com](mailto:dlw6km@aol.com).

## SOME RANDOM THOUGHTS

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Police were called to a daycare where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

A thief fell and broke his leg in wet cement. He became a hardened criminal.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U C L A.

The dead batteries were given out free of charge.

## *A BIG THANK\_YOU:*

We wish to thank the following members of the London Bridge Amateur Radio Association (LBARA), on behalf of the WARC members for their work on the club repeater.

Dave Holm, N7DRH, for donating the used repeater.

Dick Jernigan, W7DXJ and Doug Spreng, W7MCF for their work on putting it together.

Cliff Baril, W7IRC  
secretary  
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## ATTENTION READERS

Please note that this issue represents a “work-in-progress” and there are a number of changes to be made in subsequent issues. I would greatly appreciate your comments, both good and bad, as well as any suggestions for future issues. This issue also begins our first attempt to deliver the **STATIC** to your doorstep electronically. Please keep me abreast of any email address changes you may have and I promise to have this delivered promptly and accurately. Also, I still have a number of articles awaiting publication and will do so in the future. This is your newsletter, so keep the articles, letters, and pictures coming. I can be reached at home (855.7941), at work (855.3081) or via email at [grf@uneedspeed.net](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) .

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** List your items for sale here. Ham radio related only, please. Include a picture if you like (please use a jpg format). Email all to me at [grf@uneedspeed.net](mailto:grf@uneedspeed.net) along with your name and phone number.

