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December 2013

ELECTIONS FOR 2014

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LBARA MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	BOARD	REGULAR
DEC	NOTE: BOARD	12/19
JAN	MEETINGS WILL NOW	1/16
FEB	TAKE PLACE ONE	2/20
MAR	HOUR PRIOR TO THE	3/20
APR	REGULAR MEETING	4/17

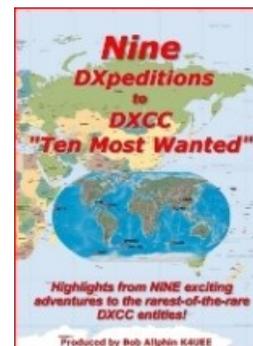
DECEMBER'S PROGRAM

Nine DXpeditions to DXCC.....Ten Most Wanted

These nine DXpedition video excerpts tell compelling stories of fear, frustration and sheer joy as DX traveler Bob Allphin, K4UEE and his teammates recount the highlights (and low-lights) of their most heralded trips, most named "DXpeditions of the Year" -- and all to the rarest-of-the-rare DXCC entities.

Videos Include:

- 3YØX, Peter One -- nearly 90,000 Qs from the bottom of the world
- A52A, Bhutan -- the mysterious and exciting Kingdom nestled in the Himalayas (footage contributed by James Brooks, 9V1YC)
- AH1A, Howland Island -- where Amelia Earhart disappeared
- K5D, Desecheo Island - so rare, so near, yet so far
- PJ6A, Saba - first contacts from a brand new DXCC entity
- VKØIR, Heard Island -- with its ominous and active volcano rising to 8,000ft
- VP8GEO, South Georgia -- the final resting place of Sir Ernest Shackleton
- VP8THU, South Sandwich -- nearly 30,000 Qs in a three-day strike
- VU7RG, Lakshadweep -- from the #2 most wanted DXCC entity



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
CRRA	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



2014 Arizona Section Convention

10th Annual

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 14 & 15, 2014

Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona



www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Buzzard BBQ & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Famous Buzzard BBQ
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
"Near Space" Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.840 (-) PL 88.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



Presented by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR

CHARLIE KOTAN (K0TAN)

I became interested in Ham Radio while a member of the Trinity Prep ham radio club in 1961. The following summer I used my earnings to purchase a Hammarlund HQ-150 general coverage receiver, and spent the next few years as a shortwave listener, and listening to broadcast band AM stations throughout the US, Canada, and Mexico. I listened to Wolfman Jack long before the movies.

While at Navy Electronics Technician school on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay, I was first licensed in 1965 as WN0PCW, operating out of K6NCG. We had a home brew linear and a ground in the Bay, with a 110 foot tower and beam that allowed us to work Vietnam and run phone patches to families in the Midwest. I was pretty thoroughly hooked by that experience!

While attending Navy Nuclear Power school I talked a half-dozen or so ETs into visiting the Baltimore FCC Field Office for testing. All of us got a General Radiotelephone license – mostly 2nd Class. I also passed the written element for General Class ham license, and became a Technician. Since I had no interest in Morse Code, I remained a Tech until the code went away, and I was grandfathered as a General. Navy and family kept me busy, and I had a couple of ICOM hand-held 2M rigs, and some shortwave radios, to enjoy my hobbies. I joined a few Ham clubs around the country, chatting on 2M mostly. Somewhere around 2005 I became an Amateur Extra Class operator. Studying was great, as I remembered all the stuff that was second nature to me in 1966.

After 9/11/2001, I became very interested in Emergency Services, and got active in my local club, Nevada County (California) ARC. I volunteered to be a board member, then VP and President, as well as member of both Placer County and Nevada County ARES organizations. I am pretty gregarious, and a good pal, Richard KI6UOV kept wanting to do MORE, so we organized HAM CRAMS, and events to ensure newbies got on the air, regularly. We started having Ham & Eggers, with an antenna building exercise, or a field trip to a ham shack or state EM Comm facility afterward. We got hams from the area to give technical presentations on gear, modes, and internet software. I did a three part Test Equipment series, and a member who is a retired Professor of Laser Physics at CalTech gave a series of wonderful General Exam prep classes. Most everyone got more involved, and meetings swelled from the same old dozen guys to over 40, with lots of questions and a variety of answers.

Our EC had to give up his post, so I took over as Acting EC, while we found another. Suddenly, our home in NorCal sold, and I gave up those responsibilities, knowing they were in good hands. We moved to Lake Havasu City in August 2012, and I joined LBARA, with hopes of helping the fine Hams in Mohave County. I still have the HQ-150 receiver, recently refurbished, and I'll get some antennas and an HF rig on the air over the winter months.



**A gathering of Amateur Radio Operators in RVs near Quartzsite Arizona..
an ARRL approved Operating Specialty Convention**

Quartzfest 2014

Founded in 1997, Quartzfest* 2014 will be our 18th year in existence.

Dates: **January 19th thru 26th**

Location: about **6 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona** (T-Shirt Weather in the winter)

Our Quartzfest* 2011/2012/2013/2014 Organizers are:

Kris - KR1SS and Angel - KG7ASN

organizer@quartzfest.org



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Angel KG7ASN and Kris KR1SS are Organizers for Quartzfest* www.quartzfest.org which is a Ham Radio gathering in Quartzsite AZ during the RV show in January (Jan 19th – 26th). Quartzfest is an 8 day event full of seminars and workshops on Ham Radio and operational techniques, Alternative Energy (mainly solar) and RV'ing...and to my knowledge is the only event of its kind in the world. Included in our schedule are seminars and classes (crafts, etc.) for those who attend but are not interested in gaining technical knowledge.

We strive to provide as many live demonstrations and "Hands On" seminars and workshops during the week as is possible. Quartzfest is held on BLM Land about 6 miles south of Quartzsite AZ at the "short term BLM" Road Runner area, right off of US 95. There are no utilities (power, water or sewer) and as such, folks attending for the 8 days have to already be pretty well self-sufficient. We have attendees who show up in trailers, motorhomes, tents, vans and one a couple years ago, in a tractor/trailer rig. The BLM will not allow any commercial activity on their land but welcomes our presentation of as much knowledge as possible. Likewise, BLM rules don't allow us to make one penny more than actual expenses incurred in planning and organizing and is FREE of charge for ALL to attend. We're able to operate solely on donations from attendees.

This said, we are not a Club or Organization and have no officers, members or dues. Quartzfest is put on solely by its volunteer Organizer(s). As Quartzfest generates no money, our speakers and presenters for seminars and workshops all donate their time and expertise as well. Raffle gifts given away in our free daily raffle drawings are provided to us, as donations by radio and accessory manufacturers.

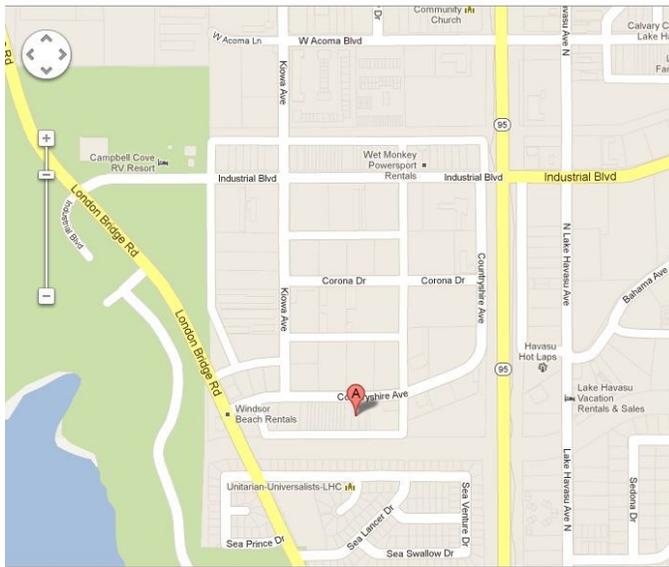
Our goal for Quartzfest every year is to teach as much as is possible in a short amount of time, not only Amateur Radio Operations, but also techniques to sustain individuals existence in the event of emergencies or disasters. To do this, during Quartzfest, we hold a number of Seminars and multiple session Workshops. Quartzfest* 2014 will kick off with Gordon "Gordo" West WB6NOA [Gordon West Radio School](http://www.gordonwestradio.com) who will enlighten us on some interesting amateur radio topic that will include a live demo. Also during the week we'll hold a workshop on "Full Time RV'ing" by Stephanie Mulac <http://FTRVing.com>, prospecting by Greg Mulac <http://FTRVing.com>, "Geocaching", finding "Hidden Transmitters" by Byon N6BG www.byonics.com and Daryl NU7X.

Our HAM Workshops will include Kit Building by Joe K0NEB who is CQ Magazine's "Kit Editor", Emergency communications for the individual by Ron N1AHH and an Antenna Workshop that will include soldering PL-259's, calculating the length of your dipole, putting it all together and tuning the antenna using an antenna analyzer. If you're looking for adventure, join us on our Off Road 4x4 trip with Frank KB7IQ thru the desert? Is food more to your liking? Join us in our many pot luck and cast iron dinners...especially our worlds famous (almost) HOB0 Stew hosted by Rick Paquette W7RAP and the HOB0 Stew Crew as well as a Pot Luck by Roy Dickinson N5SWE and the Western Country Cousins Net. Want to take your HAM Radio Exam(s)? We'll be giving them twice during the week. Our yard sale (swap meets) will be held on the morning of Saturday January 25th, our W7Q Special Event Radio Station and so much more.... All this and I haven't even mentioned Crafts and the like for those not interested in Technical stuff.

To be a part of all the fun, make sure you put Quartzfest* 2014 on your calendar now 'cause you definitely don't want to miss it!

SATURDAY MORNING'S BREAKFAST HAS MOVED!

You're all invited to join LBARA members for a great breakfast each and every Saturday morning at a new location, Peggy's Sunrise Café. Peggy's is located at 1584 Countryshire. Breakfast is served at 6 a.m. (or earlier if you want a good seat!) Most important, the food is great!!!!



Upcoming Activities and Hamfests

Quartzfest/ARRL Convention, 1/19-26,2014, Quartzsite, AZ (www.quartzfest.org)

Yuma Hamfest, Yuma, AZ, 2/14-15, 2014 (www.yumahamfest.org)

Palm Springs Hamfest, 3/15/2014, (<http://palmspringshamfest.com/>)

Are you looking to upgrade your license?

Give our VE Exam Team a call.

See Ed Gillespie, AB7EM at #453.7412

FOR SALE

FOR SALE:

D-104 Microphone (Amped, but modified for SSB) - \$25



MFJ 989C Tuner - \$100



Vibrofex Key (Gold) - \$100



CB Whips modified to the 10, 12, 15, 17 bands - make offer.

Also other misc. parts and equipment. Take a look and make your offer.

See Earl Reynolds, KB7NJW, at #566.4144 in Lake Havasu.

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FROM THE EDITOR

If you have anything you would like to see included in these issues, please let me know. I'm always looking for articles, news items, construction articles, or anything that might be of interest to our readers. You can contact me at 928.855.7941 or email at grf@uneedspeed.net or francej@ajsinsurance.com.

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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) or via email at grf@npgcable.com .

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@npgcable.com) along with your name and phone number.

