



# Yavapai Signal

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club – Prescott, Arizona – DM-34 – Volume 38 – No. 11 — November 2023

Upcoming Club Events				
Event	Date	Time	Place	Contact / Info:
General Meeting	November 2, 2023 Thursday	1900 MST 7 p.m.	Freeman Building, Prescott Rodeo Grounds	Club Website
YARC Breakfast	November 16, 2023 Thursday	0800 MST 8 a.m.	Backburner Restaurant, Prescott Valley	Don WB7TPH or Jeff WB7RFY
Transmitter Hunt	November 4, 2023 Saturday	1300 MST 1 p.m.	5634 E. SR-69, Prescott Valley — Home Depot & Hobby Lobby parking lot	Pete K6VVR or John WB9VGJ
<b>General Meeting Programs — See page 3.</b>				
<b>Amateur Radio License Testing — See page 4.</b>				

YARC:	Badges	Patches	Shirts
<b>Features:</b>	Name & Call	Club Name & Logo	With or Without Name & Call
<b>Contact Person(s):</b>	Go to the URL below.	Jane Lerette	Pete Morrison K6VVR
<b>Cost:</b>	See prices on website.	\$6.00 each	Without Name & Call \$20.00 — With Name & Call \$24.00 each
<a href="https://www.hamcrazy.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&amp;cPath=14_20_74&amp;products_id=500">https://www.hamcrazy.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&amp;cPath=14_20_74&amp;products_id=500</a>			



## Welcome to the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club (YARC) is an ARRL affiliate Special Service Club. The club participates in many activities in the quad-city (Prescott, Prescott Valley, Chino Valley, and Dewey-Humboldt) area by providing communications for local events, emergency communications, and promotion of the hobby throughout the community.

Membership in YARC is open to any interested amateur or non-amateur alike. Dues are \$20.00 per year (full-time students \$15). YARC general meetings are usually at 1900 MST (7 p.m.) on the first Thursday of every month at the Danny Freeman Building, Prescott Rodeo Grounds, 840 Rodeo Drive in Prescott

[www.w7yrc.org](http://www.w7yrc.org)

YAVAPAI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB – PO BOX 11994 – PRESCOTT AZ 86304-1994

## Club Nets — Revised, August 1, 2023

Band	Mode	Frequency	PL	Day or Night	Time
2M 70cm	FM	146.880 MHz 447.650 MHz	– 100.0 Hz	Monday	1200 MST 12:00 noon
2M 70cm	FM	146.880 MHz 447.650 MHz	– 100.0 Hz	Wednesday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
2M	SSB (USB)	144.250 MHz	N/A	Monday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
6M	SSB (USB)	50.140 MHz	N/A	Friday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
10M	SSB (USB)	28.444 MHz +/- QRM	N/A	Thursday	1900 MST 7 p.m.
2M 70cm	FM	146.880 MHz 447.650 MHz	– 100.0 Hz	Saturday	0900 MST 9 a.m.
Yavapai County ARES/RACES Nets					
2M	FM	147.260 MHz	+103.5 Hz	Monday	1830 MST 6:30 p.m.
2M	FM	145.290 MHz	–127.3 Hz	Monday	1900 MST 7 p.m.

## Submission Deadline for the Yavapai Signal from editor Loren Singh, AE7CG

The usual deadline for submission of articles and photos to appear in the Yavapai Signal is the 18<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month. That gives me time to edit and format submissions, and to have the newsletter available for distribution to the club membership by the 20<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month. The aim is to have the newsletter in the hands of club members approximately 10 days or so before the holding of the general meetings on the first Thursday of each month.

[ae7cg@arrl.net](mailto:ae7cg@arrl.net)

## Share Your Surplus Items

Bring any ham related surplus items that you no longer need to the next club meeting. There will be a table at the meeting where your items can be placed. Let your fellow club member take those things that they want. The table will be available at each monthly meeting.





**From the President's Desk**  
by Raymond Kolman, K17COM

YARC License Testing Session — October 7, 2023

I participated in a testing session at the Jeep Posse Building on Saturday. I wanted to experience what it was like to take a test using the club's tablet computers. Our club has a lot of volunteer examiners (VEs) to help make the testing process run smoothly. Our VE coordinator Don Bauer WB7TPH does an excellent job.

I was pleasantly surprised regarding how well the tablet computers worked. They are easy to read and use. If you skip a question, you can easily go back to it. The question number shows up on the top bar. It is all touch screen inputs. I used a stylus to enter my answers. You can use your finger if you like. When you finish the test, you press submit and you quickly have your score. Once you press submit you can't go back. It's over. I'm sorry to say I missed passing by two questions but I knew I wasn't really ready so it came as no surprise to me. I needed to see the whole process to understand the needs of our club. I don't like making decisions without knowing what is going on with the process.

The other thing that I found to be interesting is that no one signed up for the Technician test. Everyone there was upgrading their license. This shows that most people take the test after Kathy's classes. This relieves the demand on tablets during the Posse testing.

Remember, stay Radio Active!

**Meeting Minutes**

By decision of the board of directors, minutes of the board and general meeting minutes will no longer appear in the Yavapai Signal. They are posted online at the club's website:  
[www.w7yrc.org](http://www.w7yrc.org) .

**Upcoming General Meeting Programs, 2023-2024**  
by Mike Reid, WU7V

<u>Month:</u>	<u>Program:</u>
November	Elections and Awards
December	Member Appreciation Dinner
January	Portable HF Operating



**Mentor Buddies — Revised October 27, 2022**  
by Bill Noe, WG7W

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**License Testing**  
by Don Bauer, WB7TPH

Our next scheduled license test is **Saturday December 2, 2023**. The time is 9:00 AM at the Jeep Posse Building. **Remember, the FCC Application Fee is now in effect. That means that new licensees will be assessed a \$35 registration fee directly from the FCC.** It is delaying the receipt of licenses just a bit, depending on how quickly the candidate responds to the email from FCC. **A note to all our Technician licensees:** Upgrading to General is not that difficult and it is very rewarding. We have mentors and classes to help. **Try it, you'll like it! And, the fee does not apply to simple upgrades.**

**Upcoming License Testing**

Date	City	Location	Time	Sponsor	Contact	Walk-in
12/02/23	Prescott	Jeep Posse Bldg.	9 a.m.	Yavapai Amateur Radio Club	Don Bauer 928.775.4690	Yes

**New Membership Website**  
by Mike Reid, WU7V

Big thanks and congratulations to Robert Riester WA6FBA for successfully transferring 300 plus membership records to [HamClubOnline.com](http://HamClubOnline.com). Robert spent many hours handling membership data. He created a password system and a mass email application. We are very grateful for Robert's dedication in ensuring our club's success.

When directed to <http://hamclubonline.com/> you may need a new password — just click on "Forgot Password" and enter your call sign. If you don't have a call sign yet, use your appropriate email address. An email with instructions will be sent to you which may be the email address that the FCC has for you.

Send replies to [VicePresident@w7yrc.org](mailto:VicePresident@w7yrc.org) .





**NRA Special Event Operation**  
by John Broughton, WB9VGJ  
[wb9vgj@arrl.net](mailto:wb9vgj@arrl.net)

YARC will be sponsoring a special event operation on Saturday, November 17, 2023 to celebrate the 152nd birthday of the National Rifle Association. We will be operating from Gunsite Academy using one of the radio shacks of Gunsite's owner, Buz Mills, K7GST, for the phone portion of the operation. This year, the CW portion of the operation will be conducted from the club station at the Jeep Posse building. Anyone who would like to participate in the CW operation can contact me for more information. We will be using the call sign K7NRA. Mike Campbell of Clarkdale is generously letting us use his call sign as he has done in the past. The operating hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (10:00 to 5:00 for CW.) All YARC members and other hams are welcome to participate and/or just come up to Gunsite for some socializing. You will find Buz's radio shack to be interesting.

The listing for the special event is in the November 2023 issue of QST and is on the ARRL's website (Just enter K7NRA in the call sign box to search for the entry.) at: <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

There is more detailed information on the YARC website about the event: <http://www.w7yrc.org/nrbirthday>

We have the ability to provide certificates via email for hams who work us.

If you would like to come and participate, please bring a folding chair. The club will be supplying some food, but you can also bring whatever snack, lunch and drinks (non-alcoholic) that you would like. There is a refrigerator available in the shack and a bathroom.

Buz's address is 3300 West Ravengard Road. Here are the directions to the operating location —

Take Rt. 89 north to Rolling Hills Rd. (at about the 335 1/4 mile mark). Turn left on Rolling Hills Rd. and then turn right at the top of the rise (you'll see a small Gunsite sign with the raven on it) and follow the road to Gunsite. After entering through the Gunsite gate and when you get to the Gunsite buildings, stay on the road and bear left (actually, straight ahead) instead of turning right in to the facility. Stay on this road for about one mile to 3300 (It is well marked.). Turn right at the 3300 marker and follow the lane to the gate. Press the call button at this gate and it will be opened (It may already be open.). The barn is under the big tower at the top of the hill. Drive through the gate and straight up the hill to the barn.

The coordinates of the turnoff for 3300 are:

34 51.606N, 112 32.081W

Be aware that the speed limit on Rolling Hills Rd. is only 25 mph and it is reported the police keep an eye on speeders. It is too easy to drive faster than that, as it is a rural paved road.

If you need to contact us for directions on your way in, we'll be on the VVARA repeater. If the repeater is busy, you can call on 147.420 simplex, or you can call me on my cell phone at 928-830-5997.

I encourage any and all YARC members to participate in this event if possible. Please contact me if you have any questions. The past events have been a lot of fun. Buz is a great host and there was a lot of socializing as well as operating.



**October 2023 Foxhunt**  
by John Broughton, WB9VGJ

The October foxhunt was held Saturday, October 7, 2023. Pete K6VVR and Jerry KF7FPD were the foxes.

There were four teams for this hunt:

<b>1</b>	Robert WA6FBA, Tristan KK7LYR, and Yolande KK7NYO
<b>2</b>	Jeff WB7RFY, Keith KJ7GTX, and John WB9VGJ
<b>3</b>	Mike WU7V and Andy N7AAW
<b>4</b>	Byron KK7BFL and James AC9PH

The results of the hunt were:

Finish	Team	Time
1	3	31 min.
2	2	43 min.
3	1	56 min.
4	4	DNF

The foxes hid the transmitters at the corner of N. French Dr. and French Place in Lynx Mountain View Estates off of E. Old Black Canyon Highway.

The hunt was interesting due to all the hills and valleys in the area and the fact that the foxes used a beam antenna and had it pointed south. They also had an attenuator hooked to the transmitter. We, and the other teams, didn't get a good strong signal until we were coming up the hill about two blocks away from the transmitter. In our driving around, we received the signal several times, none real strong, but lost it in many places as we went uphill, downhill and around hills on the curvy roads. It was very interesting.

Congratulations to Team 3 for winning the hunt!

You can see pictures of the hunt here:

<https://tinyurl.com/YARCfoxhuntOct2023>

We went to the Prescott Junction restaurant for socializing after the hunt.

We invite anyone interested in foxhunting, especially anyone who has not done it before, to join us. Those new to the hobby can ride with an experienced hunter. We always have a good time, win, lose or draw.



# The DX Store

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## Breakfast and Lunch Gatherings

There are a number of breakfast and lunch gatherings in the area that are open to all radio amateurs and interested persons. Please let us know of any updates or corrections at [info@w7yrc.org](mailto:info@w7yrc.org).

**Third Thursday** of the Month – **YARC** holds an informal **breakfast** gathering at the **BackBurner** Restaurant at 0800 MST (8 a.m.). The restaurant is at 8400 Long Mesa Drive in Prescott Valley. Contact Don Bauer WB7TPH or Jeff Hanna WB7RFY.

**Every Monday** – **Dan Nichols (W6SAK SK) Memorial Lunch**, starting at 1145 at roving locations. Contact Bob Rosevear WB7RRQ, 928.910.2273 for more information.

**Every Wednesday** – **Lunch** – 1045 MST (10:45 a.m.) at **Costco** – “The Umbrella Club,” now without the umbrellas!

## Club Officers, 2023

Officer	Name	Call Sign	Email Address
President	Raymond Kolman	KI7COM	<a href="mailto:president@w7yrc.org">president@w7yrc.org</a>
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**Yavapai Amateur Radio Club — W7YRC Club Station Access List — Effective January 1, 2023**

**Permanent Station Access (defined by YARC role) —**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Call:</b>	<b>Lic. Class</b>	<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>
John Snedden	KT7P	E	YARC Ex-President	909.844.5108 – Do not contact for access
Frank Bender	K8FB	E	YCJP Bldg. Mgr.	928.379.5575 – Do not contact for access
Mike Belanger	W1DGL	E	Club Sta. Mgr.	928.710.2565 – OK to contact for access
Pete Morrison	K6VVR	E	W7YRC Trustee	928.899.8555 – Do not contact for access
Bud Semon	N7CW	E	ARES/RACES DEC	928.899.7400– Do not contact for access
Rob Redford	KG7LMI	G	ARES/RACES ED	623.252.3980– Do not contact for access
Jim Zimmerman	N6KZ	E	Elmer Group	928.713.0542 – OK to contact for access
Art Protas	KG6AY	E	Elmer Group	928.227.2954 – OK to contact for access
Doug Freeman	KV8TD	E	N7GMH Trustee	928.759.0958 – Do not contact for access

**Building Access for Other Reasons (includes station access) —**

Donald Bauer	WB7TPH	E	VE Chair	928.775.4690 – Do not contact for access
Kathy Laing	KJ6KMK	E	License Classes	928.778.2526 – Do not contact for access

**Rotating Access (changes every July 1<sup>st</sup>) —  
This category is limited and consists of volunteer members —**

Jim Custer	WØHJ	E	Rotating Member	507.720.4053 – OK to contact for access
Tony Jackson	K6PSR	G	Rotating Member	562.644.0528 – OK to contact for access

**Note to YARC Members —**

**For station access, first try to contact the Rotating Access members.  
If you are not able to contact the Rotating Access members, then try to contact the other “OK to contact for access” members.**

