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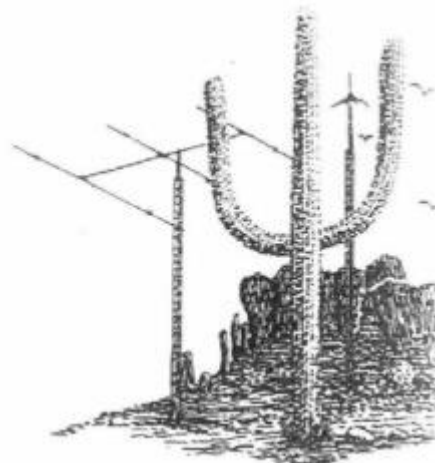
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Mesa, Arizona

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<http://WB7TJD.org>



President's Column

November is here and it's going to be the start of a busy time for the club.

We start with our Hamfest on Dec. 6th, move through the Holidays and then into the Marathon on Jan. 18th. These are our main two events for the club. The Hamfest is pretty well set thanks to Ed Cole KB7RMO and all his preliminary work. The Marathon is handled mostly by Jim Pierse N7QVW and additional info will be announced on the nets so stay tuned in.

The November meeting is our Junque Action and Elections. Steve KJ7WK will be our Master of Ceremonies for the action. Dust off some of your best Junque and bring it to the club meeting. Show up to the meeting to make your vote count.

The December Meeting will be held at the Old Country Buffet on Southern west of Power in Mesa. On the same day as our meeting (third Tuesday). We will have a small meeting at 7:00 pm but come as early as you would like to get your fill of all the good food.

See you at the meeting

Ron KD7FGY

C.A.R.L. ADAW Column

We now have two computers running on Windows 2000, more memory and speeds better than 400MHz. Thanks to all that helped get the new setup working. One more to go a slow 160MHz 48 MB Turkey. Please contact me if you have an older computer available for donation so we can replace one last Turkey for Thanksgiving!!

Announcing an HF Digital Class, a first time exclusive for members of C.A.R.L. (Volunteers of the W7ASC Ham Shack). Rick Checketts, KA0KZB, will hold a 1-day presentation-seminar of HF Digital Modulation Demonstrations Saturday January 10th, 2004 - 8AM to 12 Noon in the ASC Boardroom. There will be a 'Hands On' for Participants 8-10AM on Sunday the 11th.

See, listen and learn more about the latest developments in digital HF modulation, including RTTY, PSK31, PSK63, MFSK16, MFSK8, SSTV, Hellschreiber and other 'soundcard' techniques, available for demonstration at the Arizona Science Center W7ASC 'Ham Shack'.

Subjects to include advantages/disadvantages of each mode, 'sound card' modes vs. multimode controllers, band plans, general equipment discussions, information on free and low cost resources, specific information on equipment in the shack, demonstration techniques and interaction with the Science Center guests.

Intended primarily for General or higher class license participants of W7ASC, the class is open for all W7ASC volunteers and on a 'Space Available' basis for hams interested in learning more about the Arizona Science Center demonstration station.

Space is limited, so sign up today: contact Rick Checketts, KA0KZB, at rickc@cableaz.com

-- Regards, Bob Burleson

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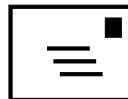
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Meeting House

The Club Meets at the Mesa Community College, at Southern and Dobson in Mesa.

Our meeting room is in the basement of the Clock Tower, center of Campus.

Our General Meeting is on the Third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, November 18, 2003.

The Board meets at Peter Piper Pizza, Greenfield and Main, Mesa, NW corner, at 6:30 PM on the second Tuesday, November 11.

VE Testing is held at 6 PM on the third Monday at Mesa Utilities Office, 640 North Mesa Dr.

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Club Website on the Move

By Larry Kuck, WB7CRK

This is to alert our membership that the Superstition ARC Web site has moved from www.qsl.net/wb7tjd/ to a new and more powerful server at <http://sky.prohosting.com/wb7crk/>. However, if you have linked to our site as <http://wb7tjd.org/> or as www.wb7tjd.org/, your links will have automatically followed the site to its new home.

Likewise, if you have bookmarked us as wb7tjd.org in your bookmark or Favorites folder, then you too will have been seamlessly transferred.

Our site will remain intact here until I get a newly revised version of the site ready one level up. I will be moving us again, this time up one level, to <http://sky.prohosting.com/wb7crk/sarc/>, and I will point the WB7TJD domain to that location once I finish the work there. Our new host has some capabilities I had never dreamed of having access to without spending real money on a site. We will have Server Side Includes, which is technical jargon for a capability to do things like serve the contents of one file that contains our top of page menu on every page in the site. Make a change to that one file and all the menus on all the pages change accordingly. This is compared with individually editing every page to reflect the change, or using JavaScript to accomplish it. JavaScript is ok, but some people can't use it, and worse yet, some people get error messages when they visit the page because of it.

Total cost of setting up this site is \$4.95. You can't beat that with a stick, considering there are no banner ads. QSL.NET was free, but it runs on a limited budget, out of its owner's pocket, and from donations. Service has been spotty from time to time, and such was the case in early November when I made a Google search for free Webhosting and found our new home.

I will still maintain a presence on our www.qsl.net location, but I will remove most of the site content from the server once I get finished building the new site. The old site will direct visitors to the new site for up-to-date information.

The www.qsl.net site is a free service to amateur radio operators, and we have had a site on there for a number of years. It is a site dedicated to amateur radio, and there are a number of hams from around the world hosting pages on that site, including DXpeditions.

The club continues to maintain an outgoing mailing list, with a signup box is on our Web site with links from the front page and from the newsletter page. Occasional announcements including notice of the posting of the newsletter are sent over the list. Feel free to sign up to keep current with the club news.

HAM RADIO TRIVIA

What does GMT stand for

- A General Military Time.
- B Greenland Mean Time.
- C Greenwich Mean Time.
- D General Maritime Time.

What style of connector do hams use most at HF frequencies?

- A BNC
- B N
- C PL259
- D TNC

Which band is known as... the "Top" band

- A 80M
- B 160M
- C 20M
- D 40M

Answer B is Correct!

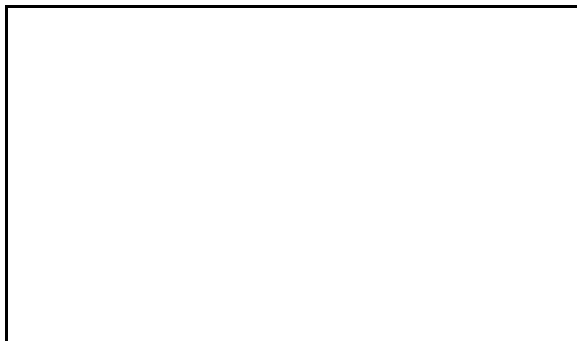
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Which radio manufacturer's name is not based on a person's name

- A Johnson(r)
- B Motorola(r)
- C Hallicrafters(r)
- D Collins(r)

What layer of the ionosphere is generally known to be the cause of "Short Skip" on 10m and up

- A D
- B E
- C F
- D G

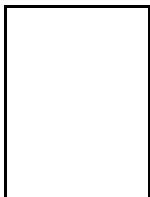


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HAMFest

December 6:

Superstition Hamfest - Mesa, AZ. Mesa Community College. Sponsored by Superstition ARC. 6:00 A.M. till 2:00 P.M.

ARCA meeting 11:00 A.M.

Newsline Scripts found on WB7TJD.org

Check there if you miss a week's report or need a Web address.

HAM RADIO TRIVIA ANSWERS

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Motorola(r) started out as Galvin Manufacturing, but changed its name in the 40's. Hallicrafters(r) is based on the founder Mr. Halligan, and Johnson (r) and Collins(r) are obvious.

What layer of the ionosphere is generally known to be the cause of "Short Skip" on 10m and up?

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