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## A club is a good way to start on your way to ham radio operating!

The Arizona Amateur Radio Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM at the American Red Cross Building, 4747 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in Phoenix. Visit the web site at [www.W7IO.org](http://www.W7IO.org) for a map. You are welcome to attend our meetings even if you are not a member or a ham radio operator.

Other AARC activities:

**The 2018 Field Day is on June 23 and 24.** We held **last year's** Field Day at the Methodist Camp atop Mingus Mountain with portable antennas and power. At 11:00 AM on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin operating several radios continuously until 11:00 AM on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Check the web site for all the information and think about attending. It is a good time for newly licensed hams to get a little experience in operating.

**Testing for obtaining amateur radio licenses.** Volunteer Examiners (VEs) will test individuals for Technician, General, or Extra class licenses the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 7:00 PM in Phoenix at the American Red Cross Building. (That morning some of us meet for breakfast at Denny's on Camelback and 7<sup>th</sup> Street at 8:30 AM. All are welcome.)

**The AARC website.** Take a look at our club website. It is filled with information and photos about our club activities. The website can be reached at the following URL:

[www.W7IO.org](http://www.W7IO.org)

**Annual Hamfest.** Every April, the AARC **partners with the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) to host the April Hamfest at DeVry. This year's hamfest will be held on April 14, 2018 in the DeVry University parking lot located at 2149 W. Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix, AZ.** There are usually about 55 vendors **in attendance** selling new and used radio equipment and electronics of interest to ham radio operators. It starts at 7:00 AM (or earlier) and lasts until **11:00 AM (or a little later).** **For more details, visit the website at [www.w7io.org](http://www.w7io.org) and click on the Hamfest link on the left. Pictures of previous years' hamfests can be found in the Photo Gallery.**

**Weekly Net.** The AARC has a weekly net which is held each Thursday evening except the second Thursday when we have our monthly meeting. The net starts at 7:00 PM on 147.060 and utilizes the W7UXZ repeater which requires no PL tone. We also have an Echolink connection for the net. If you prefer to check in or listen via Echolink, connect to W7IO-R.

For more information about the Arizona Amateur Radio Club, call our president, Gary Hamman, K7GH, at 602-996-8148, or club member Lori Cripps, WA7EDI, at 602-955-7517. Gary Hamman's email address is [K7GH@arrl.net](mailto:K7GH@arrl.net), and Lori Cripps can be reached by email at [cripps@cybertrails.com](mailto:cripps@cybertrails.com). We welcome you to join in our fun.

