

Rainbow Canyons Amateur Radio Club

Cedar City, Utah

Club Officers:

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KF7YWY
Cameron Abbaticchio

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K7ZI
Richard Parker
and
KF7WIY
Denice Sheffield

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AL7BX
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Secretary:

K6QOG
Bill Stenger

Local Repeats:

146.980 Mhz

146.940 Mhz
Tone 100hz

146.760 Mhz
Tone 123.0Hz

Remote Base
449.500 Mhz
Tone 100 Hz

IRLP/Echolink
449.900 Mhz
Tone 100 Hz

Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Sheriffs Search & Rescue Bldg.

Next Meeting July 8th
Activity:

The meeting will be a field trip to Blowhard mountain to see 146.800 Mhz repeater site. Meet at 6:30 pm for short meeting and arrange car pooling.

FROM ARRL NEWSLETTER

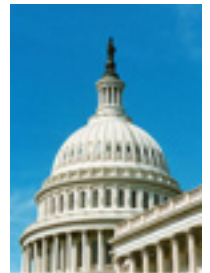
Changes to Amateur Service Part 97 Rules Go Into Effect on July 21

The FCC's recently announced revisions to the Part 97 Amateur Radio rules governing exam credit to former licensees, test administration, and emission types will go into effect on Monday, July 21. The new rules were published in The Federal Register on June 20. Earlier this month, the Commission announced that it would grant examination credit for written elements 3 (General) and 4 (Amateur Extra) to holders of "expired licenses that required passage of those elements." The FCC will require former licensees falling outside the 2-year grace period to pass Element 2 (Technician) in order to be relicensed. The Commission declined to give exam credit to holders of expired Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCEs) or to extend lifetime validity to CSCEs.



House Bill Would Require FCC to Extend PRB-1 Coverage to Restrictive Covenants

A bill with bipartisan support has been introduced in the US House of Representatives that calls on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions. HR.4969, the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" was introduced on June 25 at the request of the ARRL, which worked with House staffers to draft the proposed legislation. The bill's sponsor is Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL). It has initial co-sponsorship from Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT). If the measure passes the 113th Congress, it would require the FCC, within 120 days of the Bill's passage, to amend the Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply PRB-1 coverage to include homeowners' association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as "covenants, conditions, and restrictions" (CC&Rs). Presently, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances.



"There is a strong federal interest in the effective performance of Amateur Radio stations established at the residences of

licensees,” the bill states. “Such stations have been shown to be frequently and increasingly precluded by unreasonable private land-use restrictions, including restrictive covenants.”

The 11-page PRB-1 FCC Memorandum Opinion and Order is codified at § 97.15(b) in the FCC Amateur Service rules, giving the regulation the same effect as a federal statute. In short, PRB-1 states that local governments cannot preclude Amateur Radio communications; they must “reasonably accommodate” amateur operations, and the state and local regulations must be the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish a legitimate governmental interest. Subject to those guidelines, municipalities may still establish regulations with respect to height, safety, and aesthetic concerns.

==== 2014 Rocky Mountain Division Convention: August 8-10 ====

Registration (both event and hotel) is wide open for the 2014 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention which takes place August 8-10 in Albuquerque, New Mexico in conjunction with the annual Albuquerque Duke City Hamfest. The Convention will be held at the 188-room Hotel Albuquerque, located a short walk from the city’s historic Old Town.

Planning is underway, and here is just a taste of what to expect:

New/used ham equipment sales, manufacturers and vendors, outdoor tailgating, technical and non-technical forums, DX University, Friday night mixer, Saturday morning DX and Contesting breakfast, Saturday evening banquet, Sunday morning breakfast, notable speakers, special event station, competitions, QSL card checking, amateur radio license exams, numerous prizes, ARRL forum, midnight Wouff Hong ceremony, satellite QSO demonstrations, a near-space balloon launch, specialized modes demos, Rocky Mountain Division awards presentation, and much more.

Special guests include:

- Mike Corey K1IU (ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager...and DXer...and tester);
- Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH (retired FCC special counsel);
- Bob Heil K9EID (owner of Heil Sound and co-host of HamNation);
- Rob Sherwood NC0B (RF engineer), and;
- Dave Jorgensen WD5COV (contester and DXpeditioner)

For more information, please visit the 2014 ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention website at

www.DukeCityHamfest.org

Mark your calendars and make plans with club members and friends for a great weekend of ham radio fun this August.

WHAT HAPPENED AT LAST THE MEETING

EDITOR’S NOTE:

My special thanks to Denise Sheffield KF7WIY for taking role and Greg Jackson K2GRG for taking the minutes.

President Cameron Abbaticchio KF7YWY called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Those Present:

Larry Bilyeu	KG7MAY
Brian Amos	KF7OVD
David Williams	KG7HTJ
Don Blanchard	WA7GTU
Dennis Porter	KA7QJN
Joel Clements	N7SIY
Sylvia Clements	KB7UMU
Johnny Ellison	KE6ZIM
Michael Sherman	KE7HNV
Lynnette Sherman	KE7HNT
Merlin McKay	N7TCE
Mardi Biedermann	KB7HHB
Brad Biedermann	WA7HHE
Jim Beal	KG6LFU
Dick Parker	K7ZI
Denice Sheffield	KF7WIY
Fred Sheffield	KF7GPZ
Cameron Abbaticchio	KF7YWY
Greg Jackson	K2GRG

Guests:

Gene Robinson, Kevin Solie and Devin Elliot

Treasurer not present, secretary not present, so no reports.

Discussion items:

Upcoming meetings:

Club will send out survey via email to paid members for best start time for monthly meeting, will affect September meeting. Cameron suggested an earlier start, 6:30 or 7.

July meeting is a field trip to Blowhard. Meet at 6:30 pm at usual location (SAR building) on scheduled day.

August meeting will be Saturday barbeque, combined with fox hunt. Time TBA.

Topics:

Field Day: June 28th. Motion by Brad to skip field day activities this year. Seconded by Cameron. Passed. Joel --N7SIY – 173 E 820 S – will host anyone wanting to see HF operations starting at 1800 hours at his house.

August BBQ: Chairman – Dave has volunteered to be Chair for the BBQ, August 16 at Three Peaks, start time TBA. Event will have a fox hunt with 3+ foxes. The purpose is to learn to use radio direction finding, such as used to find downed aircraft. Club members have been used to perform this emergency function in the past.

October equestrian endurance ride: Larry is chair. Date is Oct 4/5, time TBA. The club usually pairs up volunteers on the check stations. The event has a volunteer dinner as a perk for signing up. Volunteers need handheld with 440 coverage. Volunteers need to be on station for 2-3 hours.

Ham Class: If you know anyone wanting to take a Tech class/test, please let Cameron know ASAP. Class time will be announced in newsletter, class will be held shortly (next test is July 1). Class will be 3 days, with the test a few days afterward.

Elmers: Elmers are people who specialize or have expertise in certain aspects of ham radio, and teach others. Cameron encourages folks to arrive before meeting to bring up questions. The following volunteered to be Club Elmers: Cameron (antennas, HF Dxing, digital) Dick, Don (later in year) VHF/electronics/ Brad: narrow band emergency messaging (digital). George. Bill (volunteered in absentia). Joel.

Free gear: Bill KC7GXN has free equipment 435-867-1469. Power supply and misc equipment, may need work.

Motion to be adjourned KB7LFU, seconded by Dave, unanimous. Adjourned at 8:37.

Congratulations to our new hams:

General Class

Terry Meissner KG7MBB
Tyler Whitkker KE5BWR (Up-graded to General from Technician)

Technician Class

Debra Frank KG7MAZ
Neal Forbes KG7MBA
Larry Bilyeu KG7MAY
