RAINBOW CANYONS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
CEDAR CITY, UTAH 84720

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Application Avalanche Under Way as New Codeless Testing Regime Ramps Up

The avalanche of Amateur Radio license and license upgrade applications prompted by the FCC's elimination of Morse code as a licensing requirement is well under way with no end in sight. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports that paperwork from upward of 450 Amateur Radio exam sessions held since the new rules went into effect February 23 has arrived so far this week. The ARRL VEC, which typically receives paperwork from about 70 sessions each day, has had to add personnel and schedule extended hours to keep up with the workload.

President's Message

Make sure to attend the March meeting! Joel will be presenting information regarding the Red Cross. This is Red Cross month and we will learn how the Red Cross plays a part in disasters and how our radio communications can help play a part with the Red Cross.

Get your dues money in to the Treasurer. Ken will be happy to take your check! Your dues help with our operating expenses. Contact Ken regarding the dues amounts if you need information.

Visit our website for handy Ham Radio resources. http://www.rcarc.info. You can look up callsigns, learn about the club activities and get valuable information about our hobby including links to other websites and solar and weather reports.

Join one of the club nets and have some fun talking with other hams in the area. The friendship net is every evening at 9:00 PM on 2 meters at 146.76. The breakfast net is every morning at 7:00 AM except Sunday on 10 meters at 28.400.

See you at the March meeting on the 13th!

Terry Lee, President

Treasurer Report

As of 3/02/07 Bal. $575.77
02/17/07 Check #453 $40.00 Bal. $535.77
02/20/07 Deposit ....$360.00 Bal. $895.77
03/02/07 Deposit ....$30.00 Bal. $925.77

VHF Society - Sat. Feb.23 was the VHF Society Meeting in SL. Don Blanchard, Dick Parker, Ken Oliver attended. No one won any of their prizes of the many offered. Afterwards there was a meeting of repeater owners. They said if you don't use your repeater that it could be used for someone else's repeater. Lets use the repeaters we have locally. Also I have noted that some have not ID'ed properly. We should ID before using and at the end, also at least every 10 min. 73's de Ken Oliver W7KBM