

RACE S Notes for 08/13/2008

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events:

8/30-31 9/1 - Paradise
9/12-14 – Southwest Convention, Mesa
9/20-21- SAR Training: Overnight at E. Stronghold—All Specialties
9/27 – Operation 3C Support, a 3 County Exercise
10/11 – Cochise Perimeter Bicycling Classic

2) Paradise – Just a reminder that Paradise is only two and a half weeks away. The Announcement has been placed and the Porta Potti reserved. We have put the 20 Meter 2-element Yagi together, retuned it and replaced the RF feed-line to take with us to support this event and we will also have the Inverted V for other bands. We will have two ICOM 756 Pro transceivers to use as well as some experimental RF filters to reduce cross band interference this year. This should help. If you have not committed yet to go, please consider coming out for at least one day to be a radio operator.

3) Navajo Code Talkers SPECIAL EVENT - On August 14th through the 17th, the Navajo Radio Club will operate Special Event Station N7C in Window Rock, AZ. Operational frequencies will be 14.265 MHz and 7.265 MHz +/- QSL to Herbert Goodluck, N7HG, PO Box 3611, Window Rock AZ 86515 n7hg@citlink.net. Throughout "Radio Operator" history, the Navajo Code Talkers and their story are one of the most significant life saving Radio Operator roles of all time.

4) Operation 3C Support, a Three County Exercise - I have received an warning order from Mike Evans, the county Emergency Services Coordinator, that we will be tasked to support an exercise on 27 September. The name alone implies something in the southern region, probably Santa Cruz, Pima & Cochise Counties. I have no details yet but we will probably try to turn this into our annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test. At this point, just put the date on your calendar as a date we will be assisting in a major event.

Training - 5th Annual National Preparedness Month Coming This September

WASHINGTON The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced last week that more than 1,200 national, regional, state and local businesses and organizations have pledged their support and joined the 2008 National Preparedness Month Coalition. Sponsored by the department's Ready Campaign, National Preparedness Month helps to raise awareness and promote action by Americans, businesses, and communities on emergency preparedness.

"As we approach our fifth National Preparedness Month, I want to thank the hundreds of coalition members who are making a difference in their communities by helping raise the basic level of preparedness in our country," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "Individual preparedness is the cornerstone of emergency preparedness. Experience shows that if Americans take steps ahead of time, they stand a much better chance of coming through an emergency unharmed and recovering more quickly."

The Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps (www.citizencorps.gov) are specifically encouraging individuals across the nation to take important preparedness steps. These steps include: getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about the different emergencies that may affect them, as well as taking the necessary steps to get trained and become engaged in community preparedness and response efforts.

National Preparedness Month Coalition members have agreed to distribute emergency preparedness information and sponsor activities across the country that will promote emergency preparedness. Membership is open to all public and private sector organizations. Groups and individuals can register to become members by visiting www.ready.gov, and clicking on the National Preparedness Month banner.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph I. Lieberman and Ranking Member Susan M. Collins, along with House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie G. Thompson and Ranking Member Peter T. King, will serve as honorary Congressional Co-Chairs of National Preparedness Month 2008. Together, they will lead the effort to increase public awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness on Capitol Hill and throughout the country.

For more information on the Ready Campaign and National Preparedness Month, please visit www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov. Information is also available by phone at 1-800-BE-READY or 1-888-SE-LISTO.

February 2008 marked the Ready Campaign's fifth year at the Department of Homeland Security. Launched in 2003 in partnership with The Advertising Council, Ready is designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. It has proven to be one of the most successful campaigns in Ad Council's more than 65-year history. Since its launch, the campaign has generated more than \$703.2 million in donated media support. Individuals interested in more information about family, business and community preparedness can visit www.ready.gov or call 1-800-BE-READY to receive free materials. Both the Club and the ARE S/ RACE S unit have been signed up. We are still working on exactly how we are going to support this effort but at least part of the effort will be updating our support plans.

We will now go down the roster for comments.

Bob

Robert L. Hollister

Thought for the day:

"The more you depend on others, the less happier you will be. Happiness is mostly about independence and freedom from past misery. You must forgive yourself for your errors or those errors will be permanently engraved in your memory!"

Timothy John Waterhouse