

**TONTO AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB**

Hello and welcome to the Tonto Amateur Radio Association. We're glad you're here. For without you and your participation, this group may not exist. We would like to provide you with a quick overview of some of the things we offer. If you would like to help or add something that you feel may be of interest, please let us know. We are always open to new ideas and concepts.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 765 Payson, Arizona 85547
Our web site is: N7TAR.ORG, members have access to our website.
Please contact: Woody Phillips, KJ7YYI, TARA webmaster for additional information
WINLINK email over radio – VARA-FM RMS N7DDT-10 145.070 MHz

Team dues are currently **\$35.00 annually** and deadline for payment is January 31st.

- 2026 TARA OFFICERS -

President	J. Patrick McDonald "Pat"	KD6PZB – 760-415-3024
Vice President	Steve Hersey	K7OFG - 858-610-1231
Treasurer	Curt Arndt, KK7JAL	Web Master Woody Phillips, KJ7YYI
Secretary	Jim Blackshire, KK7LFL	Repeater Trustee Felix Barndt, KF7LB
P.I.O.	Rick Lovdahl, KJ7ROX	Trustee Todd Longfellow, N7TWL
		Trustee Bob Mell, KJ7ZTF

- MONTHLY MEETINGS -

We have our general monthly meetings every second Saturday of the month, unless that Saturday falls on a major holiday, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter. Meetings start at 0900 and normally run for about 2 hours +/- . Our meeting location is held at the **Payson Center For Success – 514 W. Wade Lane in the town of Payson**, right behind the Payson high school.

- MONTHLY FAMILY & FRIENDS BREAKFAST -

We have a "Family & Friends" monthly breakfasts every fourth Saturday of the month, unless that Saturday falls on a major holiday, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter. Breakfast start at 0800 and normally runs for about 2 hours +/- . We meet at **Tiny's Family Restaurant 600 E. Hwy. 260 in the town of Payson**. Bring your family and friends and let's enjoy each other's company. Normally, we meet in the back room.

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- WEEKLY RADIO NETS -

1. The Gila County Breakfast Net, Mon. – Fri. Mornings at 0800, H/F 40 Meters, **7.243**
 2. The Tonto Amateur Radio Association – Trivia Net Thursday Evenings at 1930
 3. The Tonto Amateur Radio Association – Round Table Net Thursday Evenings at 2000
- Both of the above Nets (2. & 3.) can be heard on: **147.390 + PL 100.00**

If you would be interested in participating. Please, come and join us. Or, if you would like to host your own net, please let Pat or Steve know and we will help you get that done.

- 2026 IMPORTANT DATES -

1. Monthly general membership meetings – The second Saturday of each month, 0900 hrs.
Payson Center For Success, 514 West Wade Lane in Payson
2. Monthly Family & Friends Breakfast - The fourth Saturday of each month, 0800 hrs.
Tiny's Family Restaurant, 600 East highway 260 in Payson (in the backroom)
3. Pine Trail Run May 02 Service Event C.P. Rick, K7ROX
4. Summer Field Day June 27 Ponderosa C.C., C.P. OPEN
5. Fire On The Rim Sept 26 Bicycle Race, C.P. OPEN
6. TARA Swapfest October 03 Ponderosa C.C., C.P. OPEN

- IMPORTANT LOCAL RADIO FREQUENCIES – (37)

7.243 HF	The Gila County Breakfast Net 0800	155.160	Search & Rescue, Ch. 1
122.800 AM	Unicom, Payson Airport	155.235	Search & Rescue, Ch. 2
146.460	Simplex – Payson Backup	155.235 FD	Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 5
146.520	Simplex – National Travel Channel	155.430 FD	Pine & Strawberry, Blue
147.360 + PL 162.2	Mount Ord, #5 Rim Link	162.425 WX	National Weather Service
147.390 + PL 100.0	North Payson – TARA	164.625	USFS Tonto N.F. Car to Car
151.550 / 151.745	Tonto Search & Rescue		USFS All Forests Common Use (below)
153.175	FD Payson	167.550 F-1 / 168.675 F-2 / 168.775 F-3	
153.830	FD Payson	170.475	Tonto N.F. – Administration
153.995	Gila County Mutual Aid	170.500	Tonto N.F. – Forest Net 2
154.025	FD Tonto Village	447.425 – PL 77.0	North Payson - TARA
154.205	FD Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 3	460.475	Dept. of Public Safety, Payson Area
154.265	FD Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 1 & 6	462.575	GMRS + PL 82.5 Diamond Pt., Ch. 16
154.280	FD Mutual Aid, Ch. 2	462.6125	GMRS Simplex Emergency Ch. 03
154.385	FD Payson, Ch. 6	462.650	GMRS + PL 156.7 Pine & Strawberry
154.400	FD Payson	462.650	GMRS + PL 136.5 Young
154.430	FD Payson, Ch. 1 Primary		Several agencies within the Gila County area have
154.445	FD Tonto Basin		switched their communication systems to an
154.4525	CERT Team – Pine & Strawberry		encrypted type of transmission. In other words,
155.0475	FD Tonto Basin		they can't be monitored by the general public. That's why
155.055	FD Tonto Village		several agencies are not listed.