

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE T.A.R.A.
INVENTORY – JUNE 01.2026**

From January 22 – June 01.2026, J. Patrick Mc Donald, KD6PZB. Went through all records and paper files for the team, 22 pages of data. The following are those highlights of what was discovered.

36. T.A.R.A. use to use **146.400** for its teams simplex operations.

64. According to these documents the Tonto Amateur Radio Association was **incorporated on June 15.1996**. The first set of Tonto Amateur Radio Association **by-laws were adopted on July 09th.1988**.

65. A photo copy of the first F.C.C. amateur radio license, call sign **KC7YYM** under the name of – Tonto Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (under the name of – Kenneth C. Hollemon) **Effective date – August 07.1997 / Expiration Date – August 07,2007**.

77. Renewal application for the – **Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (A.R.C.A.) 2004**. As of this year the dues for membership were as follows –

5 to 25 members per organization was	- \$10.00 annually
26 to 50 members	- \$20.00 annually
51 members and over was	- \$30.00 annually

96. **Town of Payson** – Facility Reservation Permit for June 28 & 29.2002 (Field Day)
Fee Charged - \$62.00 / Check number – 3838, Ramada No. – 3

101. An Award Certificate presented to T.A.R.A., W7BNN for “Defending Amateur Radio.”

A proclamation presented by the Town of Payson to – T.A.R.A. for their service and dedication regarding volunteer amateur radio service. Dated 11 June 1998 by Vernon M. Stiffler, Mayor [**June 21 – June 27.1998 as Amateur Radio Week in Payson**]

A thank you letter from “Time Out Inc.,” a Domestic Violence Shelter for T.A.R.A.s Donation, dated – July 27.1998

104. A manila envelope containing the following – A light yellow notebook containing the initial documentation for the start of the “Tonto Amateur Radio Association.” The original name of T.A.R.A. was – “THE PAYSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION.” Founded in October of 1976 by the following amateur radio operators. Their names are as follows –

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104. A manila envelope containing the following –

Robert (Bob) Ely WA7 PGW / Al Butler K7 CXA / Lionel Boisblanc W7 JWC /
Jack McGinley W7 TWH / John Bennett WB7 DLX / Dorothy Bennett WB7 FEC /
David Fitzgibbons WB7 CEC / Larry Bauer WA7 NMK

Original Starting Operators / Members = 8

“The Payson Amateur Radio Association” was changed to
“The Tonto Amateur Radio Association” by unanimous vote at the
August 8th. 1978 meeting, which was a Tuesday.

106. A manila envelope containing the following – A letter from the Town of Payson,
dated August 04. 1992 concerning possible amateur radio interference. After an
investigation, the interference was actually caused by – Citizen Band radio transmissions
NOT amateur radio. Complaint – CLOSED.

Elks Club on the first Saturday of each month at 0930 AM or the -

Breakfast meetings which were held at the – Swiss Village Bakery on the 4th Saturday of
each month at 0830 AM. Or to join the

“T.A.R.A. Club Round Table Nets” were held weekly on Thursday nights at 1830 (6:30 PM.)

Some other interesting tidbits –

On December 04, 1978 – Monday

The new 1979 T.A.R.A. officers were chosen, they were – NCR - No current Record (2026)

President	Mike Johnson	K7 RZU	NCR
Vice President	Vic Devlin	W8 KPO	(Currently living in Mesa)
Treasurer	Larry Hayes	WB7 VIR	NCR
Secretary	Mary Devlin	WB8 SNP	(Currently living in Mesa)
Trustee	Lionel De Boisblanc	N7 XA	(Reissued call to another operator)
Trustee	Jack Pierce	WB7 BXN	NCR
Trustee	Jim Jeffson	KA7 ACF	NCR

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106. There was a change as of Monday – March 19, 1979 to the following below –

President	Vic Devlin	W8 KPO (Currently living in Mesa)
Vice President	Russell K. Bailey	WB7 WAW
Secretary	Mary B. Devlin	WB8 SNP (Currently living in Mesa)

T.A.R.A received a letter of a “Thank You” and “Contribution” for the teams communications assets during the “Dude Creek Fire,” dated – Monday - July 30. 1990
From – The Arizona State Senate, Senator Tony Gabaldon (Phone 602-542-4486)

107. A manila envelope containing the following -

Informational fliers regarding the “Amateur Radio Council Of Arizona” (A.R.C.A.) and more. Dates noted are – 1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1994 and 1996
A copy of A.R.C.A.s constitution

July 26. 1985 – A.R.C.A.s Arizona Repeaters (Donation For The List .35)

T.A.R.A. applied to be a member of A.R.C.A. on Monday, April 08. 1985 – X

1984 - Maps for the 2-meter repeaters throughout the State.

1984 - Maps for the 220 MHz and 440 MHz throughout the State

111. A manila envelope containing the following – A newspaper clipping containing information regarding “Articles of Incorporation” for T.A.R.A. dated – June 6th. 1987 and By-Law for T.A.R.A. dated – September 9th, 1988 / amended September 9th, 1989. As of These dates above – **Team dues were \$15.00 annually with student dues were \$7.50. If in the future, dues are increased it will be by a 2/3 majority of the voting members. ONLY licensed, paid members are allowed to vote on team business.**

113. (3) An official letter from the A.R.R.L. dater August 2. 1983 declaring that T.A.R.A. is now an official affiliated member of the A.R.R.L.

115. A manila envelope containing the following – 2 Copies of the T.A.R.A. – Association By-Law. First copy is the proposed copy. Second copy is the final copy (signed off by – Ray J. Kleinberg, KF7VC T.A.R.A. President) Adopted July 9, 1988 / Amended September 9. 1989.

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125. October 1976 – Organizational meeting at the home of ELY, Bob. Those present at this meeting were – BENNETT, John / BUTLER, Al, sk* / De BOISBLAC, Lionel sk* / FITZGIBBONS, David / FRAZER, Doug / PIERCE, Jack /
(sk* – Silent Key, 2 above as of this original posting)

September 1977 – FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF T.A.R.A. –

President De BOISBLANC, Lionel
Vice Present PIERCE, Jack
Security / Treasure FRAZIER, Doug

Members of the “Peanut Whistle Gang” consists of 9 members
(Students)

One “CQ bell” engraved with the call signs of – (12 Call Signs)

K7ZTZ	Robert T. Erkens	Phoenix
W7BNN	Walter W. Carlson	Payson
N7AJQ	No listing (assuming S/K)	
W7YOF	Melvin H. Crain	Payson
W8KPO	Victor B. Devlin -	Mesa
K7RZU	No listing (assuming S/K)	
WB7UUL	No listing (assuming S/K)	
WB7WAW	No listing (assuming S/K)	
KJ7I	Robert D. McMasters	Hope, Idaho
KC7MMT	No listing (assuming S/K)	
N7XA	Norman R. Angerhofer	South Jordan, Utah
W8KPO	Victor B. Devlin	Mesa

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