

**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.

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

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

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**- 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

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**- 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 High School – 301 S Mc Lane Rd, Payson, AZ 85541**. Visit the About Us page at N7TAR.org for directions to the classroom.

**- 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 starts 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.
2. Monthly Family & Friends Breakfast - The fourth Saturday of each month, 0800 hrs.
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
<b>146.460</b>	<b>Simplex- Payson Backup</b>	155.235 FD	Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 5
<b>146.520</b>	<b>Simplex- National Travel Channel</b>	155.430 FD	Pine & Strawberry, Blue
<b>147.360 + PL 162.2</b>	<b>Mount Ord, #5 Rim Link</b>	162.425 WX	National Weather Service
<b>147.390 + PL 100.0</b>	<b>North Payson-TARA</b>	164.625	USFS Tonto N.F. Car to Car
151.5500 / 151.7450	Tonto Search & Rescue	USFS All Forests Common Use (below)	
153.1750	FD Payson	167.5500 F-1	/ 168.6750 F-2/ 168.7750 F-3
153.8300	FD Payson	170.4750	Tonto N.F. Administration
153.9950	Gila County Mutual Aid	170.5000	Tonto N.F. Forest Net 2
154.0250	FD Tonto Village	447.4250 - PL 77.0	North Payson - TARA
154.2050	FD Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 3	460.4750	Dept. of Public Safety, Payson Area
154.2650	FD Pine & Strawberry, Ch. 1 & 6	462.5750	GMRS + PL 82.5 Diamond Pt. Ch. 16
154.2800	FD Mutual Aid, Ch. 2	462.6125	GMRS Simplex Emergency Ch. 03
154.3850	FD Payson, Ch. 6	462.6500	GMRS + PL 156.7 Pine & Strawberry
154.4000	FD Payson	462.6500	GMRS + PL 136.5 Young
154.4300	FD Payson, Ch. 1 Primary		
154.4450	FD Tonto Basin		
155.0475	FD Tonto Basin		
155.0550	FD Tonto Village		