

SCARS enjoys Winter Field Day

Over a dozen members of Sun City's Amateur Radio Society (SCARS), set up five portable ham radio stations at the Cowan Creek Pavilion to take part in ham radio's annual Winter Field Day. Amateur radio operators from around the U.S. did the same at their locations to field-test how well their portable emergency shortwave communication 'go-kits' work in remote operations, using battery power and easy-to-erect portable antennas. SCARS' members talked with other hams from the east to west coasts, and as far north as the Canadian border.



Farrell Pitts' battery-powered miniature Elecraft ham station was manned quickly and leisurely from his fold-up lawn chair.



John Price dials in another distant contact.



R.C. Stephenson's "golf cart mobile" is a complete "radio station in a cart" that can broadcast worldwide and be quickly deployed anywhere his golf cart can go.



Steve Lawrence, Don Parrish and Vince Lawrence prepare a lightweight portable antenna for use.



Members of the Sun City Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) used radio directional finding equipment to search for a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") during the January Fox Hunt.

Left to right: Gary Bowers, Farrell Pitts, Iris Chauffe, Wayne Chauffe, Jeff Hahn, Don Parrish and winners Bob Frost and Steve Lawrence.



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Georgettes perform at UT

The Sun City Georgettes performed at the women's basketball game at the University of Texas in January.

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Georgettes perform at University Village

In February, the Georgettes performed at University Village, a memory care and assisted living community in Round Rock. Left to right: Carrie Feinstein, Jeanne Heinsohn, Courtney Inman, Pam Porcella, Priscilla Cartier, and Marian Phillippi.



Outfoxing the fox

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PHOTO BY ANNE MARSHALL

Crocheting for the birds

Ladies from Women Helping Others (WHO) and the Nature Club crocheted bird nests for All Things Wild Rehabilitation. The organization rescues and rehabilitates sick, injured and displaced wildlife and releases them back into their habitat.



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Ham Radio operator Bob Frost, using radio directional finding equipment, was the first person to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of last month's hunt. Monthly, on the third Saturday morning, a hunt is sponsored to help HAMS hone radio operation and signal-tracking skills.



Hey, good lookin'

Resident Jim Reichel photographed this handsome grey fox in N30.



Pink blast

An explosion of pink cactus blooms appeared at Brenda Carl's home recently.

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Farrell Pitts, left, and Don Davidson, HAM radio operators, used radio directional finding equipment to locate the hidden transmitter (the "Fox") at the most recent Saturday morning hunt. SCARS members hone radio operation and signal-tracking skills each month. The winners hide the "Fox" for the next hunt.





SCARS Field Day

Amateur Radio Society (HAM) operators at Sun City participated in an annual event called Field Day, a nationwide training exercise for emergency preparedness. Field Day allows HAMs to test equipment and develop skills so they can provide emergency communications in the event of a disaster resulting in the loss of customary communication methods.



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SCARS Fox Hunt
Ham radio operators Jeff Hahn, left, and Curtis Guyote were the first team to find a hidden transmitter using directional finding equipment. The transmitter (the "Fox") was hidden by the winners of last month's hunt.





A Proud Performer

Dot Doehring, N24A, shown here with a fur friend Ozzie, has been entertaining the residents of Autumn Leaves on Williams Drive for about a year. Judy Worth, N13, drives Dot for Faith in Action and discovered that Dot was a pianist and singer once upon a time in the Billy Graham Revival.

Each week Dot prepares her program, then Judy and Ozzie take her to perform. The residents, staff and everyone knows that this is truly a blessing for all.

SCARS Fox Hunt

Sun City Amateur Radio Society's August Fox Hunt Winners

Ham radio operators Steve Lawrence, left, and Don Parrish plot readings taken at multiple locations with radio directional finding equipment to determine the hiding place of the radio transmitter (the "Fox"). Their accuracy helped this winning team claim the "Fox" in August and they will hide it somewhere in Sun City for the next month's hunt.





SCARS Fox Hunt

Ham Radio operator Jim Richardson, using radio directional finding equipment, was the first hunter to find a hidden transmitter (the "Fox") hidden by the winners of last month's hunt.



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RC Modelers

Friends and family joined Sun City residents in attending an RC Modelers regatta. Attendees enjoyed sailing, flying and remote control car events.



Front Row: Leslee McMurrough, Jo Bryan, Janice Valdez, Carol Tinney, Susan Ballard and Char Snyder.

Back row: Jerry McMurrough, Gary Bryan, Mike Tinney, Ed Valdez, Cole Ballard and Denis Snyder.

Not pictured: Linda and Sam Cleveland.

N46 Caribbean Cruise

Some members of N46 took a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate their ten year anniversary of living in Sun City.



N19 Hippie Party

Neighborhood 19 held a Hippie Party at The Retreat in October. Guests dressed in costumes, enjoyed Woodstock-era music and memories and posed for pictures at a "Protest" photo booth.

Thank you to party organizers Marty Kendrick, Judy Herwig, Diana Forest, Gini Carey, and Duncan Forest. (Top right photo).

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