

Here is my viewpoint on the two Northern AZ swapfests planned for 2009.

I plan to attend Williams; I have never suggested boycotting ARCA's swapfest.

I don't know much of anything about ScQRPions, I don't know if they are a club or a loose group or how or, what they have retained at Tuthill. I support their attempt to be sensitive to the interests of the people that usually go to the swaps. Tuthill and Flagstaff are a great combination, I believe that the people that have voted with their feet to stay away from Williams largely agree with this point of view.

To show my support for getting a swapfest held again at Tuthill I have decided to hold my annual open house on that Saturday that coincides with the CactusCon at Ft. Tuthill. The CactusCon dates are Friday and Saturday July 31st and August 1st.

While I am not planning on any particular party in conjunction with the Williams/ ARCA activity, it should be known that, hams are always welcome to stop by and that includes the Saturday at the end of Williams, but the main spread will be on August 1st after Tuthill. We have had about 40 people here in the past years. The group represents a wide range of interests from AM to Microwave, Cactus, VVARA so anybody that wants to come, should be a part of the party. We can and have in the past accommodated several overnights.

Making the circle tour from Prescott up I-17 to Tuthill leaves you about 20 Miles from Parks. Going west in I-40 to Ash Fork and down 89 is about 80 miles and an easy drive. I hope folks will want to include a stop on the Prairie along with their August 1st plans.

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