

History of the SCW Broadcast Club

In February, 2013, ten interested SCW residents met to establish what was to become the SCW Broadcast Club.

On June 5, 2013, the SCW Broadcast Club was granted chartered-club status by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, Inc. This meant applying for an FCC construction permit to build a radio station, a tower and ultimately obtain an FCC license to broadcast. A core group of volunteers worked together to meet the fall of 2013, application deadline for a low power radio frequency.

At the August 8, 2013, meeting, members began to discuss what would be the best IRS designation for the club. This discussion continued at the board meeting on March 21, 2014, and by the April 4th meeting the board agreed to apply for 501-C3 status. This would allow grants to qualify as deductions and allow the club to solicit donations, funding, and underwriting. It would also exclude the club from paying federal income tax. In a letter dated September 29, 2014, the IRS approved the 501-C3 request granting the club tax exempt status.

On February 10, 2014, the SCW Broadcast Club received FCC approval to build a radio tower. An fm frequency of 103.1 was assigned. In March of 2014, approval was received to use KSCW-LP as the radio call letters for the upcoming station. The next step to a permanent license involved the purchase of an Emergency Alert System.

On June 18, 2015, a 50 foot steel pole with antenna assembly and cable was installed by Ken's Signs on the concrete slab at the east side of the Men's Club.

KSCW began broadcasting music, local announcements, and other programming on the internet to listeners worldwide by the fall of 2015.

Radio broadcasting began with the goal of applying for an FCC broadcast license by October 1, 2016.

The year following installation of the antenna was characterized by a variety of glitches and set-backs including, but not limited to, equipment failures, trial and error endeavors, funding scarcities. Volunteers continued to put forth monumental efforts to correct the problems that arose. Membership continued to grow and the SCW Broadcast Club continued to provide broadcasting that met and even exceeded listener approval.

In late 2016, the Broadcast Club purchased the required Emergency Alert System and the application for the station license was filed with the FCC on January 17, 2017.