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SHORT SKIP

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DEC PROGRAM: FRIED WA6WZO, SW DIV DIR.

West Valley ARC will meet at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, on MONDAY DECEMBER 4. Traditionally, a holiday atmosphere will prevail with refreshments provided by the Executive Board. Bring spouses/friends.

The meeting is more a social event than a technical session, but ARRL SW Division Director Fried Heyn will be there to bring hams up to date on happenings at FCC and the League. Learn about the Vanity Call Sign program, prospects for more HF privileges with no code requirements, and other actions and proposals. CLUB OFFICERS FOR 1996 will be elected at this meeting.

The large group of hams who turned out for the November meeting were rewarded with an superb program by Warren Hill KF7AY on the 1994 CQWW Contest DXpeditions to Ghana. Even hams with only a passing interest in the subject were fascinated by Warren's description of the life and politics of the country. This DX crew's next trip: Viet Nam.

Door Prizes at the November meeting were won by Bill Reiss AB7FA, Pat Rice KC7HLV, Floyd Smithberg NQ7X and Tom Ivy KA7ESP.

Future Programs: January 3 (A Wednesday!), History of the Electronics Industry; Feb 5th, ANNUAL AUCTION.

LADIES NIGHT BANQUET ENJOYED BY ALL

The Annual LADIES NIGHT BANQUET was held at Crestview Restaurant on October 27th, with 73 people in attendance. The dinners were excellent and the service was fine. Responses from those attending suggest that next year's event may be at the same place. A tip of the hat to Banquet Chairman Chuck Hilliker, who kept track of the hams and chickens and did a great job.

WEST VALLEY ARC OFFICERS - 1995

PRES	GEORGE WATLING	N7JSA	933-0854
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CLUB DUES ARE STILL \$10 per YEAR

Club dues (\$10) are payable by the JANUARY MEETING. Please help our treasurer by renewing at the December meeting or mailing check to the club PO Box. Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio is welcome to join. All family hams at same mailing address are enrolled for a single \$10 payment.

NEW LOCATION FOR 2nd SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Beginning December 9, the club's 2nd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH Breakfast will be held at J E Brantley's Steakhouse, 8706 W Thunderbird Rd (NW corner of Loop 101 and T-Bird). Time: 8 AM (doors open at 8). Prices are comparable to Denny's, our previous location. The new site is more convenient for our members east of the Sun Cities. We hope to see more of the hams from Phoenix, Glendale, Peoria etc at this location but hope that the Sun Cities gourmets will continue to attend this event.

At present, our EVERY THURSDAY lunch will continue to be held at Denny's on Bell Rd in Surprise at 11 AM.

SUPERSTITION ARC HAMFEST DECEMBER 2nd
MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, from 7:00 AM
Admission \$1/car; \$5/Tailgate
Talk-in (PL Req): 147.12+, 449.6-
Info: Rick Checketts KA0KZB 898-9158

At the Ladies Night Banquet, the HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD was presented to Dave Pollack KF7WW by last year's recipient, George Hands KE7DH. When Dave learned that a new Arizona Science Center was being planned for downtown Phoenix, he contacted planners and suggested that a state-of-the-art Amateur Radio station would be a fitting addition to the Center.

With much help from enthusiastic hams from a number of Valley clubs, the feasibility of the project was demonstrated this summer with the operation of a VHF and HF station at the old Science Center at Adams and 2nd Sts. Some twenty West Valley ARC members were recruited by Dave and others to man the station along with about forty other Valley hams.

Dave continues to be involved as club representative to the project, which is called C.A.R.L. (Center for Amateur Radio Learning).

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 1996

At the December meeting, the club members in attendance will vote for officers for the coming year. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate at the November meeting; there were no nominations from the floor.

- President: George Watling N7JSA
- VPresident: John Kornbeck WA9HBT
- Secretary: Merrill Buttermann KF8DZ
- Treasurer: Ernie Brewer N7EBN
- Directors: Tim Hayes KF7XY
- Bruce Stuart KB7ZFF
- Rich Haworth W7MDQ
- Larry Benjamin AA2SC

MARCONI ANNIVERSARY STATION

The Society of Newfoundland Radio Amateurs has announced sponsorship of a special Marconi Special Event Station and Award.

From December 12 of this year (anniversary of the day Marconi bridged the Atlantic from Signal Hill in Saint John's, Newfoundland in 1901) through the year 2001, the 100th anniversary, anyone who works station VO1AA on 5 or more anniversaries of December 12th will be eligible for a special award. The station intends to be active on 14030, 7030, 14300.

VO1AA is a well-known club station which is located within 100 miles of where Marconi received the first ever transatlantic radio signals. Listen also for VO1IMD, which the club also signs on international Marconi Day each year.

Exams for Amateur Radio licenses will be held at Sun City Posse HQ, 10861 Sunland Dr, on FRIDAY EVENING DEC 1, 6:30 to 9 PM, and at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, on SATURDAY MORNING, DEC 2, 8 to 10 AM. FCC 610 forms are available; bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate license or CSCE forms. For one \$5.90 fee a candidate may take as many DIFFERENT CLASSES of tests as he wishes ONCE (no charge for Elements 1A and 2). (After January 1 the charge will be \$6.05.)

The Saturday exam is on the same day as the Superstition Hamfest in Mesa. The examiners would appreciate the help of ARRL-accredited VEs who are not going to Mesa. THERE WILL BE NO TEST ON JANUARY 6, as DeVry will be closed that Saturday; Vol Examiners please note!

Many thanks to the volunteers who give their time each month to these sessions. A total of 25 prospective hams took tests on November 4; VEs on hand were:

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| Ed Beyer WU7A | Ballard Bullion AB7HH |
| Marc Cuizon WH6CJD | Jack DeWitt AB7AX |
| Elliott Klein KJ7KH | Art LaFleur KI7ZR |
| Shelly Newman AB7LQ | Wayne Lowe N7MVP |
| Bill Reiss AB7FA | Glenn Wade N7JWF |
| Dwight Yard KA7KON | Stan Kieffer N3GEZ |
| Ed Blaszczyk N7EB | Ray Sumner NW7R |

THIRD PARTY COMMUNICATIONS

No US Amateur Station shall transmit messages for a third party to any station under the jurisdiction of any foreign government that has not made arrangements with the US to allow amateur stations to transmit international communications on behalf of third parties.

The following countries have made such arrangements:

- Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia
- Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia-Herzegovina,
- Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Federal Islamic Republic of Comoros, Costa Rica,
- Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, The Gambia, Ghana, Grenada,
- Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Liberia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Federated States of Micronesia, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Phillipines, St Christopher & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay and Venezuela. Also UK special events stations with call sign GB plus number other than 3; also UN stations 4U1ITU in Geneva and 4U1VIC in Vienna.

This upcoming weekend will be a major one for DXers and Contesters as the bands will be filled with all kinds of DX participation in the CQWW/CW Contest, perhaps the most popular of them all. Listen especially for local contesters Vince K5VT, Mike KC7V and Tony N7BG, who will be operating from both Benin TY and Ghana 9G.

It now appears that the anticipated Heard Island DXpedition is going to be postponed. Organizers Ralph Fedor K0IR and Bob Schmieder KK6EK have explained that the ship that they had contracted turned out to be unsuitable for the trip and that the ship's owners have disappeared with over \$80,000 of the team's personal funds. It appears that the team will try again next year. Chances for any other stations signing VK0- are likely to be slim.

Members of the Rhein Ruhr DX Association will soon be activating Tunisia and will also be in the CQWW/CW Contest, signing 3V8BB. This should be an excellent opportunity to work Tunisia on the low bands, and for many it is still a new country.

Gerard F2JD has announced that he will soon be in Kenya 5Z for a ten day stay beginning December 1st. Prior to that date listen for him in Seychelles S7. Other rare Africa to look for includes Ethiopia ET3BC on CW and Angola D2 by Valenty YO3YX.

Other DX to watch for, including many in the CQWW/CW Contest, are Madeira CT3, African Italy IG9R, Ascension Island ZD8Z, Chatham Island ZL7CW, Christmas Island VK9XH, French Polynesia FO0ZR, Isle of Man GU4UOL, ITU HQ 4U1ITU, Kerguelen FT5XL, Jan Mayen JX4CJA and other YLs, Monaco 3A/K1VWL, Oman A45ZN, Sao Tome S92PI and S92AD, South Shetlands VP8 as CE9AP, United Arab Emirate as A61AF, Morocco CN2EME, Vietnam 3W5FM (esp. on low bands our mornings) and many more.

Best 73, Good Luck in the Contest and CU in the Pileups!

CLUB NOTE: New phone number of club RFI chairman Ken Wakershauser N7OWP is 972-5839. Call him if you cannot solve your RFI problems yourself.

George Thompson AA7LA, Instructor for the NO-CODE TECH CLASS, reports that some fifteen candidates will be ready to take the exam at Sun City Posse HQ on December 1. Upgraders will also be able to take tests at this session.

Classes are held twice a year at the Posse HQ. The next one will start in February. Classes are held one night a week (usually Friday), from 7 to 9 PM. If you know of anyone who's interested in becoming a ham, have him call Ray NW7R at 972-8733.

SILENT KEY

We are saddened to report the death, a few months ago, of CHUCK MCGINNIS W7GJH. Your editor was not aware of Chuck's death until it appeared in the Silent Keys column of the December QST. Chuck, who had been ill for some time, was one of the club's earliest members. Charlie Blake W7BP, who is still active, has the distinction of being a member the longest.

[from W5YI Report, Nov 15, 1995]

We understand that the World Radio Conference-95 (held in Geneva) took up the RR2735 issue on Oct 30. That is the international regulation that requires amateur radio operators to be Morse Code proficient when operating on the HF ham bands. New Zealand has proposed to abolish the international requirement.

The delegate voting won't be known until November 17th, however. It appears that we will have something to report on this matter in our next issue. By that time all delegates will have returned to their home countries.

MORE CLUB NOTES: Remember the Annual Club Auction on Monday, February 5th. Here is your opportunity to dispose of workable equipment that has been gathering dust, or to add more to your collection. More details later..... The Daily Call-In Net meets every AM at 9 on 147.30. Originally established to keep track of our shut-ins, it has become a pleasant way for us all to start the day.....Also listen to the Wed night Newline net at 6:45 on the same frequency.

PUBLIC SERVICE SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

WVARC members were monitors in the following recent events:

Oct 28 Race to Health, Sun City West:

Rudy Strothmann WA9RKI	Tom Ivy KA7ESP
Baldwin Hallaway WOJD	Jack Dow KE7ZQ
Reuben Deerhake AB7DH	Ed Gross KF8CG
Joe Nowakowski W7FPG	Al Ellis W7RTA
John Kornbeck WA9HBT	Tom Watts NY7S
Clarence Reid KOBJH	Bob Delph KB7SLG
Sam MacDonald N7MUJ	Tim Hayes KF7XY
Chuck Waldron KOVEB	Paul Ashby KB7TYF
Rich Piggott WB2LKU	Bill Silvis N7ERQ
Ed Barranger N7YLC	Paul Kummel N7MYS
Ed Carlstrom N7SPX	Chuck Trudel K8JVB
Bill Johnson W9WVW	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
Lou Einstein N7RCB	Don Kavanagh W4DYJ
Archie Hayes KC7ADY	

Nov 4 SC West "Homecoming Daze" Parade

Tom Ivy KA7ESP	Baldwin Hallaway WOJD
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Ronnie Janneke KC7DHN
Bill Silvis N7ERQ	Joe Nowakowski W7FPG
Monte Nelson NX1Z	Archie Hayes KC7ADY
Tony Cipolla W2QL	Bert Davidson W2GOB
Ed Carlstrom N7SPX	Charles Buell N7WXO
Chuck Waldron KOVEB	

Nov 8 Palo Verde Siren Test; Richard Jackson K7VCI was Net Control.

Paul Ashby KB7YTF	Chuck Bailey W7YU
Donna Bradley KB8YS	Norma Buell KB7NYD
Charles Buell N7WXO	Ed Carlstrom N7SPX
Tony Cipolla W2QL	Phyllis Cipolla N2AGY
Clark Clayton N7IYV	Bert Davidson W2GOB
John Crowley KC7HLF	Walt Davis WA6EMG
Dennis and Eric Dannemiller N7QMU/N7QHA	
Reuben Deerhake AB7DH	Fred Jones W7MCP
Al Ellis W7RTA	Clarence Reid KOBJH
Archie Hayes KC7ADY	Sheldon Shanken KC7HLO
Ronnie and Dorothy Janneke	KC7DHN/KC7DHO
Tom Ivy KA7ESP	Floyd Emanuel K7BN
Chuck Waldron KOVEB	Hal VanDyke KD2PH
John Kornbeck WA9HBT	Ron Wamsley W8QVG
George Watling N7JSA	Mit Thompson K9CCX
Bruce Stuart KB7ZFF	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
Joe Nowakowski W7FPG	Glenn Wade N7JWF
Bill Peoples KB7TCJ	Hal Zabel N7KXZ

The sponsors of these events are grateful for the efforts of the participants. We apologize if we have left out any names. They'll be acknowledged in the next issue.

FOR SALE

COMPLETE HF STATION, including KNWD TS-520S XCVR w/CW filter and DG-5 digital display, MFJ 949-C Deluxe Versatuner, Butternut 6-band vertical antenna, Bencher BY-2 paddle w/keyer mic speaker, manuals, feedlines; \$650.

George AA7LA 977-9855

FOR SALE

YAESU COMMUN. RCVR FRC-7000; \$100.
HEATH XCVR 32A, 14.2-14.35 MHz only, 12VDC, USB/LSB w/120VAC PS/12V PS; \$35.
HEATHKIT HM15 Reflected Power Meter; \$10.
SW Radio/Recorder DX-392, 1.711-29.999 MHz, local AM/FM, 700ma adapter; \$200.
Chuck W7YU 977-7427

YAESU HEADSET, 1/4" Plug; \$10.
Old " " ; \$8. MFJ Key; \$8.
KS PRESELECTOR, 8-30 MHz, 120V; \$10.
Heath Code Practice Osc, HD-1416; \$10.
Realistic CBxcvr TRC 40 Channel; \$50.
(Estate Jack KB7VCJ) Chuck 977-7427

RADIO SHACK SW RCVR DX-300 (excellent condx), no manual; \$65.

Tim KF7XY 878-1728

KNWD TS-930S w/built-in ant tuner, CW filter YK-88C, Speaker SM-220, Micro- phone MC-60A; \$800.

CLIPPERTON LINEAR AMP w/811 tubes; \$300

TRANSMATCH ANTENNA TUNER; \$75.

DENTRON DUMMY ANTENNA (1 kw); \$10.

HEATHKIT ELECTRONIC KEYS; \$25.

HEATHKIT HM-2140 OUTPUT AND SWR; \$15.

Wilson 3 Triband beam, with 40' crankup tower, CDE Rotator, control; \$500.

Ray W7LQM 974-1322

RIG SAVER Transmission Hump Mount for HF XCVR; \$50. MOBILE MAST w/10-15-20m add-ons (needs bumper mount); \$50.

Art K17ZR 995-9198

KNWD TS-440 XCVR w/internal antenna tuner, mic and CW filter, no manual; \$750.

ASTRON RS-20M Pwr Sup, V-meter+A-meter; \$80.

MJF-981 ANTENNA TUNER; \$50.

HI-GAIN (!) XCVR Mod 3750, mic, spkr, external VFO, "collector's item"; \$200.

AZDEN PCS-3000 XCVR (2m), no manual; \$75.

HEATHKIT 2103 LOAD METER (KW size); \$10.

HOMEMADE 5-pos Antenna Switch; \$10.

DIGITAL Mod 3466a MULTIMETER, no man'l; \$25.

Estate Angelo W4MLV (Chuck W7YU) 977-7427

100M 725 XCVR w/Telex earplug phone, mic; \$550

BUTTERNUT HF6V-X ANTENNA w/AT-7, -12 adapter (tunes 10, 12, 15, 17, 20, 40, 80); \$75.

VERSA TUNER MJF-901B Ant Tuner; \$30.

ASTRON 20M PWR SUP (20A, 13.8V); \$85.

ALINCO ALR-22T 2m XCVR 25w, dual VFO; ?.

SWAN FIELD STRENGTH METER, portable; \$5.

PRO-AM MAG MT 1/4 wave 2m Vert Ant; \$10.

HEATHKIT DUMMY LOAD ANTENNA; \$10.

APOLLO ANT SWITCH 2-pos rotary, UHF; \$10.

Estate Ray W7AFG (Chuck W7YU 977-7427)