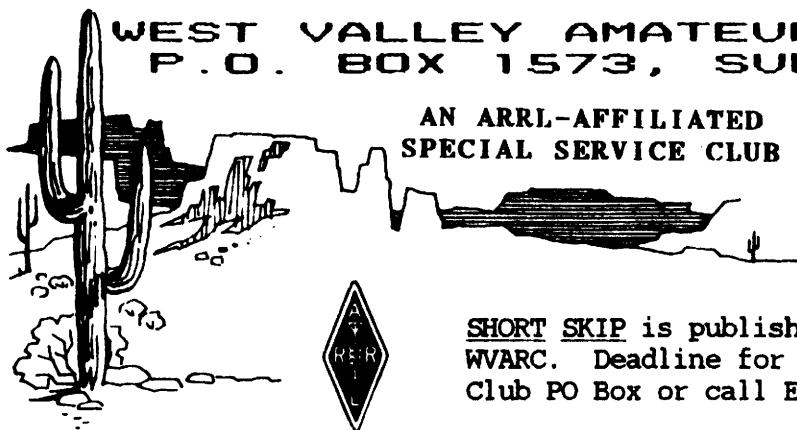


SHORT SKIP



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MAY 1st MEETING: IRIDIUM PROGRAM

The West Valley ARC meets the FIRST MONDAY of every month (including summer months) at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. Doors open at 6:30 PM; brief business meeting begins at 7:15, followed by a program of interest to hams.

The May 1st meeting will feature a talk by Rod O'Connor on the Motorola Iridium Program, a global personal communications system. Come early, have a cup of coffee and get acquainted with your colleagues. Meetings are usually over by 9 PM. Everyone with an interest in Amateur Radio is invited.

Tom Watts NY7S & George Hands KE7DH are planning an Amateur TV presentation for the June meeting. Members who are interested in exploring this facet of ham radio are urged to contact Tom or George or attend the meeting.

The March program on antennas, given by Bert W2GOB, created considerable interest. Of the 37 examples, everyone seemed to find one to fit his needs. The #1 doorprize (an ARRL Handbook) was won by Jim Hambright N7PPB; Larry Benjamin AA2SC won a log book and a Yaesu World Map; Dan Pierson W6NTX won the Standard Time Zone Map.

1995 WVARC ROSTER

With this issue of Short Skip, you'll receive the Membership & Suffix cross-index rosters for 1995. A large number did not renew. We hope that the members who don't receive their newsletter this month will miss us and rejoin us soon. We appreciate their past support. Some delinquent long-standing members were retained on the rolls this year as a courtesy. At this writing, we have 430 members.

C.A.R.L. NEEDS HELP FOR SUMMER STATION

At our April meeting Ralph Barr WODNO, Management Chairman of the Center for Amateur Radio Learning project (CARL), described the organization's efforts to establish a state-of-the-art multi-mode Amateur Radio station & exhibit in the Arizona Science Center that is being built on Washington and 6th Streets. The station is a part of the Center's attempt to create hands-on scientific projects to stimulate the interest and curiosity of the young people of the community. CARL's project leaders have asked the FCC for a club callsign which they hope will be as well known as W1AW in time. Most of the clubs in the Valley have demonstrated enthusiastic support for CARL. The project must have many volunteers in order to succeed.

A smaller HF/VHF station will be in operation this summer at the AZ Museum of Science and Technology, 147 E Adams St. This station must be in place on May 15th for preliminary testing. Tony Rogozinski N7BG chairs this effort and needs volunteers to help in the installation and one or two co-chairmen to oversee the project during his necessary absences due to business. Call Ray NW7R (972-8733) if you can help. The success of the summer station will determine if CARL project is do-able.

Once the summer station is on line, it will be manned from 10 AM to 3 PM each day from June to mid-September. If you are available from time to time this summer, call Ray. It may be possible, for example, to operate the West Valley Vacation Net on Mondays and Fridays from this location. We thank those who have already volunteered, as requested in our last issue. Four or five WVARC members and a dozen others have signed on.

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LADIES NIGHT BANQUET FRIDAY OCT 27

MARK YOUR CALENDAR. Crestview Restaurant in Sun City West will be the scene of this year's Ladies Night Out event. Members voted by a 2:1 margin to have a sit-down banquet instead of an outdoor barbecue. The dinner will be held the last Friday in October (the 27th), instead of the first, to accommodate more of our members who are away during the summer. Even at the earlier date, the BBQ site was too cool for last year's attendees. Please reserve the date. We will have info on menu choices, price and entertainment in future issues.

[From ARRL Letter 4/3/95]

W5YI PETITION WOULD SILENCE W1AW

A petition for rule making filed with the FCC would eliminate all one-way transmissions such as code-practice and information bulletins on amateur bands below 30 MHz, including those from W1AW. The petition was filed by Fred Maia W5YI, publisher of the commercial newsletter the W5YI Report...Maia said that "such transmissions do not comport with normal operating practices and, in 1995, they have outlived their usefulness."

He is "personally distressed at the level of anger that now exists on the HF bands, primarily caused when one-way type transmissions interrupt two-way communications that are already in progress"... Maia says that code practice is now available on computer software, and information bulletins about Amateur Radio can be had on various computer on-line services.

[Ed. note: the petition is now assigned "RM-8626", if you wish to send comments to the FCC.]

COCHISE ARA HAMFEST, MAY 6-7

From Sierra Vista, E on Hwy 90 to Moson Rd, then S two miles. No admission or parking fee.

\$5 Tailgate space. VE Exams Saturday.

ARCA Meeting at 11 AM on 7th. Talk-in: 146.76-. Info: CARA, PO Box 1855, Sierra Vista AZ 85636.

LATE ADDITIONS TO CLUB: Harry Fuller KA7IRP and Steve Pabin N7ZZS (renewals); Herb Ickes KE6KYX (Sun City West), John DiSalvo NX2I (Sun City), Bruce Tennant KE6PZW (Long Beach CA).

The DX world was kept alert last week as several hams led by Martti Laine OH2BH activated Scarborough Reef (actually called Huang Yan Dao) as BS7H. This time, according to DXperts, it should count as an all-time new country. In any case, you can count it as IOTA AS-116. QSLs to Kan JA1BK via his home address.

Barry Fletcher G4MFW has announced plans to activate another very important DXCC location, Kermadec Island ZL8 May 5-15. His on-the-air activity will be limited to just a few hours a day, but at least on several bands. This should be fairly easy from Arizona.

Another interesting operation will be from Gaza and Jericho by Mehdi, F5PFP. QSLs via F5PYI, who promises a colorful QSL. So far this will not count for anything special but you may want to work it anyway.

Various French operators have announced plans to activate Troix Island, IOTA EU-048, using the portable signature TM0. Also Bruno F5JYD will activate St Pierre and Mequelon using the special prefix T07. Other DX to look for include Central Kiribati T31, Tanzania 5H by OH2BBF, Rwanda 9X5EE, Afghanistan YA/UT9XL, Comoros D68QM, Djibouti J20SF, Lebanon OD5/OH1NOA, Maldives 8Q/HB9DIF, Nepal 9N1MWU, Dutch Sint Maarten PJ8AA, Sao Tome S92YL, Sri Lanka 4S7/HB9BRM, and Tokelau ZL1AM0/ZK3. There is also a station signing 4U/KCOPA which counts as Western Sahara S0.

One station NOT to work is P5BK, supposedly North Korea. Whoever it is has been working mainly on 15 CW, announcing JA1BK as the QSL manager. It's a great slim operation, so you may want to pass if you hear it.

Finally, look for several European stations operating with special events call signs celebrating the 50th anniversary of the allied WWII liberation. 9H50VE will operate from Malta, GB50LIB from Guernsey, LN1V from Norway, PI45 from the Netherlands, etc. Look for published information about awards for working these stations.

By the way, if you use the League's outgoing QSL bureau for sending cards to DX locations, it is no longer necessary to send in the mailing label from QST Magazine. The League will accept photocopies of the label or your membership certificate or wallet card, or simply jot down your membership number on a note. Same goes when submitting your cards for DXCC credit or endorsement.

Good Luck, Good DX, 73 es CU in the Pileups!

FOR SALE

CUSHCRAFT R7 ANTENNA (40-10m); \$275.
CUSHCRAFT A3WS 3-element beam, 17 and 12m; brand new in package; \$200.
AEA ISOLOOP ANTENNA (30-10m) w/manual remote control and 50' control cable, great for restricted location; \$225.
KENWOOD MC-60 DESK MIKE w/built-in pre-amp, up-down and PTT switches; \$85.
VIBROFLEX VIBROKEYER (bug), deluxe model paddle w/optional carrying case, mint condx; \$90.

Jean AA9CM 214-9047

FREEBIE!!! COMMODORE 128 COMPUTER, with drive, monitor. June KCOXZ 972-3342

AM/VHF PORTABLE RCVR (540-1600 kHz, 108-135 MHz); \$10 obo (will UPS free).

George N7SCC 995-2005

YAESU FT-101E; \$375.

Rick KC7HMA 972-9716

ICOM IC-229H 2m XCVR, 50W; \$350 obo.

Ken W6SQ 972-7610

COMPLETE STATION: 2 XCVRs (KNWD 830S, DRAKE TR-7), DRAKE L-48 LINEAR AMP, NYE MB4 ANTENNA TUNER, 50' TOWER with beam and rotator, 2m rigs (base/mobile and HH), Heath scope, many accessories; \$1500 or best offer.

Bernie N7BIE 974-5988

ESTATE OF STANLEY BLACK KF7BT: A house on 5214 W Parkview Ln (Glendale) with 80 ft tower, other antennas, satellite dish, etc.

Philip Arthur 972-0983 (Tri-Star)

SILENT KEY

JIM LANE WOZNG of Sun City died April 4 at his home. Jim became a member of the club in the mid-eighties, when he moved to Arizona from Nebraska after 41 years as railroad engineer for Union-Pacific. We extend our sympathies to his family.

ARRL SW DIVISION CONVENTION, SEPT 1-3

Aboard the Queen Mary, Long Beach CA

Early-bird Registration (\$10) must be in by May 20. Short Skip Editor has forms. Admission after May 20 is \$15. Grand Banquet (Saturday) \$25; Saturday Luncheon \$15; Sunday Breakfast \$12.

FT TUTHILL HAMFEST, JULY 21-23

ADMISSION FREE; ADVANCE TAILGATE \$15, (After June 1, \$20)

Send SASE to ARCA PO Box 32756, Phoenix AZ 85064 for Reservation Brochure

LICENSE EXAMS AT DeVRY SATURDAY MAY 6

Exams for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses will be given at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, on SATURDAY MAY 6th. Walk-in registration will be between 8 and 10 AM; no tests will begin after 10. Bring photo ID, FCC Form 610 (available at registration), original and copy of appropriate licenses/CSCEs. There is no charge for Elements 1A (5 wpm) and 2 (Novice written test). A single fee of \$5.90 will cover all other tests one time. If you fail to pass a test by one or two questions, you may repeat that test for an additional \$5.90. If paying by check, make payable to ARRL/VEC.

The NO-CODE TECH class of Feb/March is over. Many thanks to Instructor Larry Benjamin AA2SC, and to the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City for the use of their facilities. The class had about a 90% pass rate on at least one of two tests given on March 31st. (Some opted to take only the Novice written test.) A total of 18 candidates took tests for various classes of license. Another 42 candidates were tested at DeVry Institute on the following day.

Volunteer Examiners for these sessions:

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| Ed Blaszczyk N7EB | Ed Beyer WU7A |
| Ballard Bullion AB7HH | Jack Dow KE7ZQ |
| Mark Cuizon WH6CJD | Rick Dill WA0EDH |
| Jack DeWitt AB7AX | Allen Fusler K17NF |
| Doc Greene AB7BD | Bob Johnson KE7LZ |
| Eva Karnatz KC7RY | Art LaFleur K17ZR |
| Monte Nelson NX1Z | Archer Law W3KMD |
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| Ray Sumner NW7R | Rick Tannehill W7RT |
| Glenn Wade N7JWF | Harv Tetmeyer K5LJM |
| Bill Reiss AB7FA | Margie Tetmeyer AB5ZX |
| Hal VanDyke KD2PH | Roy Woodruff W2HTX |
| Merrill Butterman KF8DZ | Al Lee W6KQI |

TRI-CITY ARC will give tests on May 20 at Tempe Public Library, Rural Rd and Southern Ave. Registration 9:30 AM. No tests there in June, July. No tests at DeVry on July 1st. (Tests at Ft Tuthill, July 22. Walk-in registration, 8:30 to 10:30 AM.)

AZ AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAM-FEST, APR 29

6 AM to 3 PM at Park Central Mall, PHX. \$1 admission (includes an hourly prize ticket); \$5 for tailgate space. Raffle prizes: 1) KNWD TM241A 2m Mobile 2) MFJ Antenna analyser, 3) \$100 cert. Tickets 7/\$5 or \$1 per. Talk-in 147.28+ Info: George KQ7C 274-6212

ACCESS TO INTERNET

[In our last issue we mentioned that readers with computers and telephone modems could access internet through AzTeC (a free ASU service). The procedure, which we did not have room to include in the April issue, was supplied by Rich Piggott WB2LKU. Thanks to Ralph Barr W0DNO, who has loaned your editor the modem, and to Dave Pollack KF7WW, who has provided the software and hands-on demonstration, and to Rich for the suggestion, yours truly is now registered with AzTeC. So can you. Herewith are Rich's instructions....Ed.]

Here's an opportunity to find out how internet can help you get more enjoyment from ham radio. You can get Ham news, ARRL bulletins, information from local and national clubs, exchange messages with other hams and download computer programs -- and much more.

The AzTec Freenet provides free internet access in the Phoenix metropolitan area. If you have a computer, modem and phone service you can sign on. Some of the connections that commercial providers offer are not available on AzTec but if you use this free access for a while, you will be a better informed purchaser of access-for-pay services.

Set modem to no parity, 8 databits, one stopbit, terminal emulation VT102. To become registered user, have your 9600 baud modem dial 965-6699 (2400 baud modem should dial 965-4151) and then send a few CRs (Carriage Returns) after "CONNECT" comes on the screen. Log in as GUEST and type VISITOR for the password. At the MAIN MENU, select 1 and then 2 on the next menu. Register per instructions. You will be notified by return mail 2 or 3 days after you mail in the signed form. You may look around in AzTec while awaiting your registration letter.

You can try out the email service when you are registered. Let's email to ARRL and get their HELP package and tour the HQ offices, workrooms and laboratories. The returns will be by ASCII transfer, so be sure that you are logging to a drive when you receive the two files.

Don't use the line editor to send messages; you have already found it to be on the far side of abominable. From the

MAIN MENU select 5, then 5, 3, and 1 to import Chet's Editor. Type p to return to the "Set Your Parameters" menu and select 6 to save.

Here's how to send email to the ARRL Automatic Information Server: From the MAIN MENU select 3, then 3. At "To:" type INFO@ARRL.ORG; at "Subject:" type any character and a carriage return. The editor will load, then you move the cursor down to the first empty line.

Request 2 files, a HELP file that has instructions, and TOUR.TXT. Each file must be listed on a separate line, so type the message as shown:

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HELP
SEND TOUR.TXT
QUIT
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To review or send the message, type a control x then a control c. You'll receive the files by the next day. Ensure that you are logging the session. Select 3 from the MAIN MENU, then 2 to check your mail. Type an upper case T to read the files into your logfile. Do not delete the files from your mailbox at this session. Look at your logfile to see if you got everything, then delete the messages the next time you log in.

If you have any questions, email me on AzTec; my userid is NOBLE.

30 - Rich Piggott WB2LKU

VACATION NET TO START MAY 15th

Every year West Valley hams who head for cooler spots in the summer are able to keep in touch on the West Valley Vacation Net on 14.240 MHz on Mondays and Fridays at 10:15 AM local time. The net control operator is Chuck Bailey W7YU; other NCOs are on hand in his absence. Stay in touch!

CLUB NOTES: LUNCH at 11, every Thursday and BREAKFAST at 8, second Saturday, at Denny's, W Bell Rd 1 blk w of El Mirage. All hams, spouses welcome...Daily Call-In Net 9 AM on 147.30; everyone welcome (esp shut-ins)...Ham Newslines Net same freq, 6:45 PM Wed. Code practice before and after net (usually)...Renew ARRL membership (or join) through Jack Dow KE7ZQ (club ARRL rep); club gets \$2 per renewal, \$5 per new member. Call Jack at 584-5284 for details.