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NOV PROGRAM: HAM RADIO DISASTER PREP

West Valley Amateur Radio Club meets on the FIRST MONDAY of each month at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. Doors open at 6:30pm; meeting begins around 7:15. Come early and enjoy a cup of coffee with friends before the meeting begins.

The NOVEMBER 4 program will stress how Amateur Radio responds to emergencies. Four short videotapes (about 30 minutes worth) will cover the subject from a national standpoint and Ron Reynolds N7WTF, District Emergency Coordinator, is expected to add a local perspective to the subject. The slate of nominees for club officers & directors for 1997 will be announced. (Elections will take place at the December meeting.)

The DECEMBER 2 MEETING will observe the Holiday spirit with refreshments on hand and a humorous video titled What are those crazy sounding signals saying! Bring your spouse and friends.

Membership in the West Valley ARC is extended to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Dues are still \$10 a yr, payable by the January meeting, and include all family hams at the same mailing address. Payment on or after November 1 will cover you thru December 1997.

CLUB CALENDAR

(Please mark your calendar)

1st MONDAY, GENERAL MEETING, 7:15pm
 2nd MONDAY, BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm
 TUESDAYS, OCT/NOV, NO-CODE CLASS 7pm
 WEDNESDAYS, 2m NEWSLINE NET, 6:45pm
 THURSDAYS, LUNCH, COUNTRY BOYS, 11am
 1ST SAT, LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY 8am
 2nd SAT, BREAKFAST, BRANTLEY'S, 8am
 DAILY 2m CALL-IN NET 9am, 147.30 MHz

OCT 25, LADIES NIGHT, SC COUNTRY CLUB
 NOV 2, LICENSE EXAM, DeVRY, PHOENIX
 4, WVARC MEETING, ST CLEMENT, SC
 9, BKFST, BRANTLEY'S, T-BIRD RD.
 11, BOARD MEETING, PREZ QTH
 26, LICENSE EXAM, SC POSSE HQ, 7pm
 DEC 7, SUPERSTITION FEST, MESA CCo1
 JAN 11, 1997, WESTFEST, GLENDALE CCo1
 APRIL 13, 1997, AZ SCI CENTER OPENS

NEW MEMBERS/NEW CALLS

Please welcome these new members
 Joe Cutitta WAOSLL, Glendale
 Al Divan KD7ZS, Peoria
 Art Dunnick W0BSG, Sun City
 George Ensign N9HI, Sun City
 Fred S Jones KC5AC, Sun City West
 Wally Klandrup AA7HF, Glendale
 Penny Lanoue N0WMB, Sun City
 Norman Lanoue N0WMC, Sun City
 Vernon Lewis KC5FGJ, Sun City
 Dave Luke N7IHI, Glendale
 M E "Mac" McGrew K6RL, Sun City
 Susan McGrew KA6BMT, Sun City
 Irvin Weinman W9GA, Sun City
 Also late renewal:
 Sid Body KC7DHR, Wittmann
 Rudy Strothmann WA9RKI, Sun City

Hams having new calls since roster:
 Brian Harrod KC7QKD
 Rick Martin W8JFR
 Bill Nelson KC7QJY
 Walt Schwiebert W8EPO
 Charles Wallace W1OSV
 Del Young W7EOY

"RACE TO HEALTH" RUNS SMOOTHLY

WVARC had 21 volunteers on hand to assure that the "Race to Health", held in Sun City West on October 12 would be well monitored. Paramedics were called in two separate instances. Joe Nowakowski W7FPG was Net Control, with the following stations:

Tom Ivy KA7ESP	Baldwin Hallaway W0JD
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Rudy Strothmann WA9RK1
Tim Hayes KF7XY	Charlie Frankel N7NSY
Paul Ashby KB7YTF	Sam Macdonald N7MUV
Gene Klein N7OBM	Clarence Reid K0BHJ
Paul Kummel N7MYS	John Kornbeck WA9HBT
Norm Fulmer N7JAQ	Rich Haworth W7MDQ
Ron Wamsley W8QVG	Ed Carlstrom N7SPX
Jerry Basso W9JIF	Archie Hayes KC7ADY
Bill Silvis N7ERQ	Chuck Buell N7WXO

LICENSE EXAMS SATURDAY NOV 2 AT DeVRY

Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses will be held on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2nd at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave. Register from 8 to 10am; no tests to start after 10. Bring photo ID, originals and copies of appropriate licenses/CSCEs. Fee is \$6.05; no charge for Elements 2 (written Novice) and 1A (5wpm code). FCC 610 Forms available at the site.

There were 19 candidates at the Oct 5 session. The following VEs participated

Ed Beyer WU2A	Rich Piggott WB2LKU
Marc Cuizon WH6CJD	Bill Reiss AB7FA
Jack DeWitt AB7AX	Yoshi Sano KE7NC
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Leo Staley NS9Y
Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Ray Sumner NW7R
Stan Kieffer N7GEZ	Glenn Wade N7JWF
Bob Knight N7LPD	Charles Wallace W1OSV
Art LaFleur KI7ZR	Dwight Yard KB7KON
	Shelly Newman AB7LQ

There will be an evening test session in Sun City on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26. Tests for all classes of licenses will be given. Tests start at 7pm; no tests to start after 8. The place: Sun City Posse HQ, 10861 Sunland Dr; from Bell Rd, go S on Del Webb Blvd two blks to Hutton Dr, W to Sunland Dr (about 1 mi).

NO-CODE TECH CLASS IN 1997

Paul Playford W8AEF reports that a NO-CODE TECH class will be held at HAM RADIO OUTLET starting next January. More details from Paul later.

The text based web browser LYNX v2.5 allows you to create a convenient personal file of bookmarks. A bookmark file enables you to keep a list of links to websites you visit often and instead of typing a long URL, you simply "click" on the bookmark.

A bookmark comprises a URL and an attached title. For example, a title might be "West Valley Amateur Radio Club". The URL is "http://www.starlink.com/~chuckh". The title is what is seen on a web page or in a bookmark file.

Here is how to create a bookmark file to the West Valley ARC home page; (when you type the commands and your responses, do not type the quotation marks and end with a carriage return).

From Aztec's Main menu choose 12, World Wide Web using Lynx. On the "AZTEC COMPUTING HOME PAGE" type "g". Respond to the "URL to open:" prompt with

"http://www.starlink.com/~chuckh". In time the WVARC home page will appear.

To add the home page to your bookmark list type "a". The system will prompt "Save D)ocument or L)ink to bookmark file or C)ancel? (d,l,c):" Respond by typing "d". The system should reply, "Title: West Valley Amateur Radio Club". Hit the ENTER key to accept. The system should advise "Done!".

In the WVARC home page there are 7 links to other web pages. Suppose you want to add a link to the SHORT SKIP newsletter. Use the down or up arrow to move the cursor to "Look at it". Type "a", hit ENTER key, then choose "l" for link and hit ENTER key. The system should respond, "Title: Look at it". Hit ENTER; the system will advise, "Done!".

To access your bookmark list of titles type "v". You can jump to a link: click it on. You can also remove bookmarks.

A longer tutorial on LYNX commands is available by email from
noble@aztec.asu.edu.

AZ SCIENCE CENTER HAM STATION

When the new Arizona Science Center opens on 12 April 1997, its Amateur Radio Station will be in full operation. The Fund Raising Committee is in touch with a number of companies and hopes to have a state-of-the-art multimode station on line. Standby equipment will be on hand for opening day if the new gear is not in place.

Station Manager Bob Burleson KG7QJ, who did a great job at the old Center station in the summer of 1995 is asking for volunteers to sign up for the new schedule. A large pool is required if the operation is to run with no overworked operators. We hope that the West Valley club, with its large number of retirees, can fill in on week days. Two or more hams are needed on each shift, with at least one an HF operator. Call Bob at 961-1109 to volunteer.

Hams will be given a preview of the station on April 5 and a training session on how to relate to the young visitors will be scheduled. The Center is on 6th St and Washington. More later.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION CONVENTION

The ARRL Southwest Division Convention held in Mesa AZ Oct 11-13 was enjoyed by many hams. The Scottsdale ARC did a fine job hosting the affair. Bob Myers W1XT, General Chairman, reports that the venture "did not lose money". Attendance was lower than anticipated, and some disappointment was expressed at the lack of a swapmeet, but we understand that the cost of staging one at that location was unrealistic. The forums were well attended and the banquet was excellent. Next year's SW Convention is in Riverside CA.

THURS LUNCH, NEW RESTAURANT, SAME SITE

West Valley hams meet for lunch EVERY THURSDAY at 11am at COUNTRY BOYS (formerly Denny's) Restaurant on Bell Road, one blk W of El Mirage Rd, Surprise. It is a leisurely affair, but if you need to leave early, Lynette will serve you promptly. Folks start arriving at 10:30.

Our Breakfast is the SECOND SATURDAY of the Month at BRANTLEY'S STEAKHOUSE, Peoria, Thunderbird Rd at NW corner w/ Loop 101. Doors open at 8am. Spouses welcome at both events.

October and November are big months for Arizona guys headed out to Myanmar (Burma) and Togo, both of which will also participate in the CQWW/CW contest during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Look for Burma as XZ1N on all bands. The team will include operators known to WVARC hams including Jack WA7LNW, Millie WY7K, John AA7WP, Warren KF7AY and Vince K5VT. QSL via W1XT. Then, making the link between the two, Vince K5VT will leave the Burma operation and fly on to Togo (5V) and join Phoenix DXers Mike AA7NO, Tony N7BG and Mike KC7V to participate in the Voodoo Contest Group's annual contest effort. The whole weekend ought to be exciting, offering DXers many "new ones" as well as valuable band fills.

Many other DXpeditions and contest efforts have been announced including an all-band operation from Sable Island by Craig AH9B and crew, Angola D25L by Alex PA3DZN, Maldives 8Q7 by Joseph EA3BT, Tokelau ZK3YA, Tonga A35CQ, Uganda 5X1R and others, Swaziland 3DA for both the SSB and CW CQWW contests, Tuvalu T28RW by Ron ZL1AMO, Tajikistan by Nodir EY8MM, Palau as T88T (new prefix) by OKDXA members and many more.

As you are reading this you may be able to work Barry ZS1FJ/G3MFW from a new IOTA location, Seal Island, signing ZS24I. QSL via KA1JC. Another IOTA DXpedition to listen for is Martim Vaz Island as PY0M.

Finally, a less heralded DXpedition, but certainly very much a "new one" for truly many, will be an operation by Spanish DXers EA3KL and EA3ELM to Rodriguez Island 3B9, October 31st thru November 5th. If the operating permit is granted, they will operate on 10m thru 80m, CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL info to be announced. This one will generate massive pileups!

In the meantime, 73, GD DX and GL in the contests. CU in the pileups!

[Our DX editor has recently returned from Finland, where he gave the DXpresentation at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Finnish Amateur Radio League, of which he is a member. His subject: Midway AH4/AHOW DXpedition.]

SUPERSTITION HAMFEST, SATURDAY DEC 7
7am to 3pm

MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
(SE Corner Dobson & Southern)
PRIZES: (1) Deluxe TH-79A Dual Bander
(2) DX-70; (3) DR-MO6 6m;
(4) C508A 2m/70cm mini HT
General Admission: \$2/car
Tailgate \$5 for 2 spaces
License Exams @ 12 Noon.
Talk-in 147.12+, 449.025- 100Hz PL.
Hosted by Superstition ARC
More Info: Chuck KB7ICP 986-3060

FOR SALE

TEN-TEC TRITON IV w/digital readout.
VERTICAL ANTENNA.
MODEL MFJ-1798 ALL BAND (incl 2m).
MFJ 901B VERSA TUNER.
AZDEN PCS 4000 2m w/PL.
KRIKETTE SPKR for mobile or base.
PACKAGE \$500.
Donna KB8Y 974-6666

KENWOOD TH-415A HT 430-440FM XCVR
w/DTMF, 10 memories, scans, wall
charger, mint condx; \$150.
Bill WA8KFC 972-7741

MINI-BEAM B-24 (3-el), 10-15-20m,
w/20' mast; \$125.
ROTOR CD45-2 (med wt); \$120.
Fred W7MCP 584-6100

BUTTERNUT BUTTERFLY BEAM ANTENNA,
10, 12, 15, 17, 20m; \$100.
Ed WK7L 584-1449

CRANK-UP TOWER and 4-el BEAM (needs
minor straightening); make offer.
Kip W2JHS 972-4587

KENWOOD TH-22AT 2m 3W FM HT, w/extra
battery case for alkalines, cig lighter
cable w/filter, cable w/auto bat clips;
\$175. Ken KT7E 546-2834

YAESU FT-990 w/mic, headphones; \$1300.
DRAKE XMTR T-4XC, RCVR R-4C, ant tuner,
power supply, spkr, mic, cables; \$300.
ICOM 22A 2m XCVR w/mic, portable ant,
power supply, manual; \$35.

HY-GAIN VERT ANT 10-40m, 50' coax; \$30.
SPECIALIST 2m MAG-MOUNT ANT 1/4 ; \$15
KNWD TS-130S w/WARC bands, mint; \$350.
HY-GAIN 18-ATV VERT ANT (10-80m); \$50.
LABTEST HEADSET stereo, vol contr; \$15
Misc soldering irons, multimeters,
adapters, straight keys, etc.
Chuck W7YU 977-7427

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ARRL FORUM - SW DIV CONVENTION

ARRL President Rod Stafford KB6ZV and
SW Division Director Fried Heyn WA6WZO
answered a variety of questions at the
Saturday afternoon forum. Rod gave slim
hope to victims of CC&R restrictions on
towers. FCC now requires that TV satel-
lite dishes 1 m in diameter be exempt
from restrictions but is unlikely to ex-
empt ham towers. In the light of limita-
tions on RF exposure the best hope is
to persuade Congress to require that a
transmitting antenna be set as high as
practical. ARRL continues to lobby Con-
gress and the FCC on this subject.

The League is also asking the FCC to
raise the power level at which stations
need not meet configuration standards
for RF exposure - from 50 to 150W. ARRL
is also asking that question pools for
license tests phase in the 5 questions
per license class (Novice, Tech, Gener-
al) on the subject of RF exposure re-
quirements over the regular time frame
for changing each question pool. Thus
Elements 2 and 3A will have an addition-
al 5 questions in 1997, General in 1998.

ARRL continues to oppose vigorously a
threat by LEOs to our 2m, 70cm bands.

WESTFEST, SATURDAY JAN 11, 1997

6am to 1pm
GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Olive and 59th Ave (North lot)
Parking - \$2/car
Tailgate - \$5
License Exams
Prizes; Food, Refreshments
Talk-in 145.43-, 146.52 Simplex.
Hosted by ThunderBird ARC
More Info: Ralph WODNO 582-8208

CLUB NOTES: The magnetic signs that the
Public Service team members have on car
doors are available for \$7/ea from your
Editor. We suggest that you use one on
each side. The signs say "Amateur Radio
Emergency Communications, West Valley
Amateur Radio Club" and have the ARRL
logo. See Ray at meetings, lunch, and
breakfast or call 972-8733. He also has
club badges, \$5. Your call and name on
State of Arizona shape badge, with same
information as above (minus logo). Ray
is looking for a volunteer to take over
badge and sign orders. He is also seek-
ing a new Short Skip Editor, starting
in 1997.