

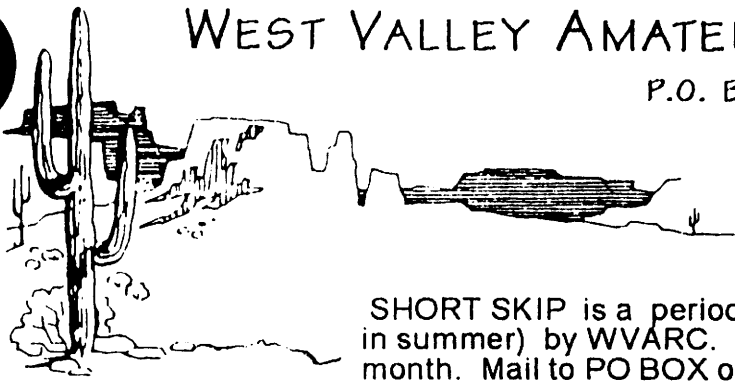


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MARCH PROGRAM: TVI TALK BY TV ENGINEER

West Valley ARC meets the FIRST MONDAY of each month at St Clement Social Hall 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. Doors open at 6:30pm; meeting starts at 7:15. Come early; enjoy a cup of coffee, and an eyeball QSO with your ham friends.

The MARCH 3rd PROGRAM will be a presentation on TVI by Ed Sutton, Director of Engineering at KPHO TV (Channel 5). A brief business meeting will precede the program.

The ANNUAL AUCTION at the meeting in February was a modest success, with a little over \$300 added to the club's treasury. Auctioneers Frank Smith AH0W and Paul Playford W8AEF did a fine job as did a large number of helpers. As in the past, some large ticket items were left to the end, when many buyers had left. Suggestions on improving the system will be welcomed by the board. The attendance, according to the sign-ins, was 122 members and 48 visitors. Eight new members joined. The club thanks all of the participants and those who gave the club items to be auctioned off. If you desire a charitable deduction form, contact Treasurer Ernie Brewer N7EBN.

CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH	1	LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY, 8am
	3	WVARC MEETING, ST CLEMENT
	8	BREAKFAST, BRANTLEY'S, 8am
	11	BOARD MEETING, PREZ QTH
	15	SPRINGFEST, SCOTTSDALE C Coll

WEDs	2m NEWS NET, 6:45pm, 147.30 MHz
THURs	LUNCH, COUNTRY BOYS, 11am
DAILY	CALL-IN NET, 9am, 147.30 MHz

WEST VALLEY ARC membership is available to anyone with an interest in ham radio. Dues are \$10/yr, payable Jan; \$5 after July 1. The one fee includes all hams at same mailing address. Members not paid up by March 1 will not be included in the 1997 Roster. Check expiration date on mailing label; should be 1/98 or later. The club appreciates your support. Some 380 members have paid at press time.

Your editor has FCC 610 Forms for members renewing licenses, other changes.

Please welcome these new members:

George Benko II	KB8WWD	Peoria
Anthony Forzano	KC7SAM	Wittmann
Gary Greer	KE6KRG	Sun City
Charles Hammerslag		Sun City West
Shelly Hammerslag		Sun City West
Audrey Hunt		Glendale
Bob Moyer	KC7CMM	Wickenburg
Shirley Moyer	KC7HDZ	Wickenburg
David Smith	WC9Y	Sun City West
Gerald Wood	KC7RKG	Phoenix

SCOTTSDALE SPRINGFEST, MARCH 15, 1997, Scottsdale Community College, Chaparral and Pima Roads. (Note that this is the THIRD SATURDAY in MARCH; previously was on Second Saturday.) SWAPMEET, RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES, LOCAL VENDORS, FORUMS, REPEATER OWNERS MEETING, ARCA MEETING, LICENSE EXAMS. Host: Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club.

"HAM RADIO AND MORE" QRT AFTER MAR 30??
[...from ARRL Letter, February 14, 1997]

Ham Radio and More radio program host Len Winkler KB7LPW says the show's last broadcast could be Sunday, March 30, if ad revenues don't make a drastic turnabout. Winkler, who's been the program's host since it first aired on April 21, 1991, says flagging financial support has prompted KFNN (Phoenix), which produces the program, to cancel it. Winkler is still holding out hope that the program can continue. "March 30 is the deadline but it is not in concrete yet," he said this week.

Ham Radio and More, the only weekly ham program on commercial radio, once was carried on more than 70 local stations; today the number has dwindled to fewer than two dozen. The show is also aired live via RealAudio on the Internet and on WWCR shortwave. "I have been promoting Amateur Radio as strongly as humanly possible to the general public since the beginning," said Len. "Listenership has soared since we went live each week on shortwave. Not only do the licensed hams listen but tons of shortwave listeners around the world!" ARRL Lab Supervisor Ed Hare KALCV has been among the program's guests.

Generating advertiser dollars to support the program has been less successful, however. "It is sad that the industry is complaining about sagging sales, yet they refuse to advertise to potential licensees," Winkler said. "If the show dies, it will be just another nail in the Amateur Radio coffin."

Winkler says he is not compensated for his role in the show and has spent \$10,000 of his own money on it. Listener donations are welcome to keep the show on the air.. Checks should be made out to KFNN Radio and sent to Ham Radio and More, 4800 N Central, Phoenix AZ 85012. No checks will be cashed unless the show stays on the air past March 30.

Information is available on the Web at <http://www.goodnet.com/~lenwink/hrm.htm>. The program is heard in Phoenix Sundays at 4pm on 1510 AM as well as on WWCR at 5.070 MHz and on RealAudio via Internet at <http://www.AudioNet.com/radio/business/kbnp>. The program airs on a delayed basis via WWCR Mondays at 1000 UTC on 3.210 MHz.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR W7ASC

Amateur Radio Station W7ASC at Arizona Science Center will be in operation in April. Station Manager Bob Burleson KG7QJ would like a large pool of volunteers to man the station. At least two are needed for a shift, preferably one HF and one VHF/UHF operator. If you can help, call Ralph WODNO (582-8208) for a registration form. Please help to make W7ASC a success. Team up with a fellow ham to carpool.

Officers of CARL (Center for Amateur Radio Learning), the group charged with equipping & operating the station, are Ralph Barr WODNO, Chairman, and Al Lee W6KQI, Secretary, Management; Charlotte Horwitz KB7TKQ, Fundraising; Bob Burleson KG7QJ, Technical Committee; Shirley Barr KB4HSP, Treasurer; Rick Horwitz AB7FH, Communications. If you are willing to serve on any of these committees please contact the appropriate chairman.

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE STATION, W3AA, in the Philadelphia Science Museum, will observe its 45th Anniversary March 5th as Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club station. Look for it in the General portion of most bands and earn a certificate. Stan Kieffer N3GEZ once helped with W3AA.

NO-CODE TECH CLASS

A class for NO-CODE TECHNICIAN license began on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12 at Ham Radio Outlet. Paul Playford W8AEF and Ralph Barr WODNO are instructors. Sessions begin at 7pm and include some instructions in Morse code operation. To register, call Paul at 580-0015. The class will run 11 weeks. Text is the ARRL manual, "Now You're Talking".

TAPR KEEPS INFO ON DIGITAL SYSTEMS

The North American Digital System Directory (NADSD) will now be maintained by Tucson Amateur Packet Radio. Up to now information on amateur digital systems has been printed in the ARRL Repeater Directory. The 1997-98 edition will no longer contain this information. The Digital System Directory will be based on information provided by regional, state and local organizations and distributed on CD-ROM as well as some future publication. It is also available on the TAPR website at

<http://www.tapr.org/directory>

[.....from W5YI Report, Feb 15, 1997]

As you are reading this month's report, you've probably just wrapped up a fun weekend in the ARRL DX CW Contest. If you missed it mark the weekend of March 1 & 2 on your calendar for the SSB version, always a quick way to add to your totals. See the December QST Magazine for details and rules.

There is plenty of DX out there including a few more days of Karl Leite's (PS7KM) DXpedition on Peter and Paul Rocks as ZYOSG and ZYOSK. There are also several very active Namibian stations signing V5/, especially on the low bands.

Look for many Caribbean stations including Barbados 8P, St Martin FS and Sint Maarten PJ7, Curacao PJ2/9, St Kitts V4, Jamaica 6Y, Aruba P4, Antigua by Sean as V26B, and more.

Other DX to work includes Mauritius 3B8 by Adriano IK2GNW, Ghana 9G2BQ, Gambia C56XX, Uganda by Gus 5X1D, Burkino Faso by Dan XT2DP and XT2AR, Cambodia by Bob XU2FB (US Embassy employee), Micronesia by Sam V63KU, Vietnam on the low bands by 3W5FM, Minami-Torishima as JG8NQJ/JD1 and others, Gibraltar by Andy ZB2/G4ZVJ and lots more.

Although it is not accredited for ARRL DXCC, look for Palestine ZC6. This will be another operation by noted DXer Ray G3NOM (often active from Burma) from the Gaza Strip, possibly signing ZC6MPT. Other Palestine operations are led by Yoshi JALUT and Jiro JA3UB. These operators advise that they may be limited to 14190 only. Meanwhile G3NOM has said that "DXers are reminded that the European World Wide Award does recognize Palestine as a separate country...". Good luck with this one.

IOTA guys should note that a Russian DXpedition to Wagoniha Island RR-22-01 is in the works to include Nick RA1QQ (ex-4K2QQ) and others. They should be signing UE1QQQ. Another IOTA operation is planned from Maury Island WA-16S by Jim W9HAO.

Next time your DX-editor should have more information about possible plans for North Korea P5 that reportedly have been announced in Spain by Martti Laine OH2BH.

Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses are held at DeVry Institute on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month except holiday week-ends. Next session is MAR 1st. Registration 8 to 10am; no tests to start after 10. Please have original and copy of appropriate license/CSCE as well as a photo ID. FCC Form 610s are available; versions dated 3/95 or 11/93 are acceptable. A new version should be out by September 1997.

There is no charge for Element 1A, 5 wpm Code, and Element 2, Novice written test. A single charge of \$6.25 is made for all other elements taken once; another \$6.25 is charged for a repeat of a test in which a candidate has failed by one or two questions. ARRL VEs are welcome to participate at these exams.

There were 16 candidates and 17 Volunteer Examiners at the test session on February 1st. Twenty-eight tests were administered, with a 75% pass rate. One EXTRA CLASS, one ADVANCED, one TECH+ and 7 NO-CODE TECH licenses were earned and 3 of 5 candidates passed code tests.

VEs who participated included Liaison Rich Piggott WB2LKU and the following:

Ed Beyer WU7A	Bob Koons WE7T
Merle Bodine KC7OGU	Art LaFleur KI7ZR
Jack DeWitt AB7AX	Yoshi Sano KE7NC
John DiSalvo NX2I	Ray Sumner NW7R
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Larry Teel KJ7QP
Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Glenn Wade N7JWF
Jeff Johnson KJ7LO	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
Stan Kieffer N3GEZ	Dwight Yard KB7KON

The session was dedicated to the memory of Ed Blaszczyk N7EB, who had run the VE program for the club since our initial test session at Menke Sun City Meeting Rooms on April 11, 1986. We had 47 candidates at that session. The last session that Ed captained was the February '96 exam at DeVry. As a nostalgic footnote, VEs and assistants at the '86 event included John Allen W7YR, Floyd Emanuel K7BN, Eva Karnatz KC7RY, Ralph Karnatz N7FNU (SK), Bob Koons WE7T, Ray Sumner NW7R, Mike Forchione KC7XV (SK), Carl Moore W7YQ, Ruth Stone WA8FSX and Chuck Stone K0OSN.

A test is tentatively scheduled for THURSDAY evening APRIL 10 at the Peoria Sports Complex. More info next issue.

SILENT KEYS

ED BLASZCZYK N7EB of Sun City died on January 19 at the age of 79. He joined the club in 1978 and served in several capacities, most notably as head of our club Volunteer Examiners from the start of the VEC program. He gave up the job last year for health reasons. Ed was a well-known DXer and was QSL manager for 9N1MM Father Moran of Nepal for many years. We offer our sympathy to his family and to his friend Jo Winney.

KEN BARCLAY WA0IOK died in Sun City on January 20. Ken was 78. He had been a member and supporter of the club since 1986. A supervisor for Southwest Bell, he moved here from Missouri in 1984. We extend condolences to his wife Mildred.

BERNARD R BAILEY N7BIE passed away on January 27 at the age of 82. He was an active club member from 1980, until his illness slowed him down a few years ago. Bernie came to Sun City from Billings, Montana. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Margaret and to his sisters.

CLUB NOTES

Larry Benjamin AA2SC, Instructor for the club NO-CODE TECH class and avid DX operator, is recovering from emergency triple-bypass surgery. His many friends and former students wish him a speedy recovery. His class, which is normally held in February/March, was postponed until October/November because another class had become available this month.

Leo Fournier W6JWZ wants to be remembered to his friends locally. Leo moved to CA recently to be near his two daughters. His e-mail address is
W6JWZ@utech.net

His Santa Maria address will be in the new club roster.

E L (Lou) Bennett, formerly KF7BU, has a new vanity call: W7LOU (neat!)

Members are reminded to give Short Skip your address (including 9-digit zip) if you spend your summer away from the Valley. Bulk mail is not forwarded.

Correction to NW7R's e-mail address:
rwsunmer@aztec.asu.edu

Send Short Skip items to this address or club PO Box.

THRULINE BIRD WATTMETER w/six slugs for 2 MHz to 1000 MHz, carrying case; \$275.
George KE7DH 974-3361

ICOM IC-3230 DUAL BAND MOBILE 2m/70cm, 45w/35w with Voice synthesizer unit, DTMF encode/decode unit, Tone squelch unit, expanded RX; \$450.
Steve KB7TBZ 938-1398

MISCELLANEOUS GEAR: MFJ ANTENNA TUNER, SIGNAL GENERATOR, FREQ COUNTER, UHF/VHF AMPLIFIER, OSCILLOSCOPE, EARPHONES, 2m MAGMOUNT ANT, 160m ANT WHIP, MOBILE ANTENNA, CDR ANT ROTOR, STD CW KEY, EARPHONES, SEARS PORTABLE WORKBENCH w/VICE
Doc AB7BD 876-2087

ESTATE SALE ITEMS: Various electronic equipment including Tektronic pulse generators - models 502 & 508; function generator - model 504; tracking generator - model 502; oscilloscope/spectrum analyser - model 7613 and oscilloscope - model 475. Also are a number of HP power supplies - models 6214A, 6216A, 6216B, 6218A and Harrison 6268A and Kopco model JQE; Bird wattmeter - model 43; Wavetek signal generators - models 3000-200 and 3000; Fluke digital multimeter - model 8000A; RF Communications amplifier - model 805; various portable VHF and UHF antennas; Kenwood HTs; etc.
Frank Smith AHOW 938-8000 (home).

CLUB REPEATERS

WVARC maintains 2m repeater KC7KLC on Del Webb Hospital, SCW, and 70cm W7JHQ on Boswell Hospital, SC. Tom Watts NY7S Tim Hayes KF7XY and Harvey Tetmeyer K5LJM keep them working for us.

AUTOPATCH ACCESS, 147.30 MHz repeater: Please give your callsign and say "Accessing patch" and dial *83 plus the number you are calling. Release PTT and when machine says "Autopatch", push and release PTT. If you do not PTT and release at this point, machine will read number back to you; push-to-talk and release IMMEDIATELY after last digit is read. When finished, give callsign and say "Clearing patch" and dial #.

AUTOPATCH ACCESS, 449.80 MHz repeater Please give your call sign, etc, and dial *83. Release PTT. At dial tone, dial number and release PTT. To clear patch, dial #D. There is a 3-minute timeout on both machines.