

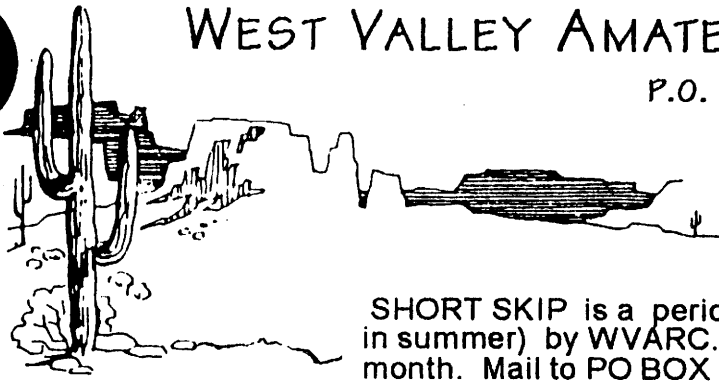


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CLUB CALENDAR

JULY 24-26 FT TUTHILL HAMFEST
AUG 1 LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, 8-10am
3 CLUB MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm
8 CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8am
14-16 SW DIV CONVENTION, SAN DIEGO, CA

SEPT 7 CLUB MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, 7:15pm
12 CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8am

OCT 23 LADIES NIGHT BANQUET, SC COUNTRY CLUB

MON & FRI VACATION NET, 14.240 MHz, 10am local
WEDNESDAYS 2m HAM NEWS NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
THURSDAYS BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10:30am
DAILY CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. Dues are \$10/yr (\$5 after July 1) and include all family hams at same address; only one Short Skip mailed to each address..

The club badges that most members wear at club meetings (black on yellow AZ-shaped badge) are available for \$5. See Ray NW7R.

WVARC meets the FIRST MONDAY of EVERY MONTH at ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, 15800 N DEL WEBB BLVD, SUN CITY. Doors open at 6:30pm; meeting starts at 7:15 with a brief business session, followed by a program usually related to Amateur Radio. The AUGUST 3rd program will feature a demonstration of the KACHINA 505DSP TRANSCEIVER by Aubrey Stewart W6ODG. The SEPTEMBER 7th program has not been determined at press time. Come early and join your colleagues for coffee and an eyeball QSO.

NO-CODE TECHNICIAN CLASS. A beginner's class in Amateur Radio will be held in SUN CITY on FRIDAY EVENINGS from 7 to 9pm, beginning October 2 and ending December 4. THERE IS NO CHARGE! Text is the ARRL Technician License Manual "Now You're Talking", available HRO or Radio Shack. Call Merle KC7OGU 546-1737 or Ray NW7R 972-8733 for more info or to register.

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AH0W/OH2LVG.....Just as one big DXpedition to St Brandon is completed (with over 53,000 QSOs!) another one is in progress. Look for Taher 3B8DB/3B7 until the latter part of the month. Plans are also in the works for a fall DXpedition to nearby Rodrigues Island 3B9 by the Midway-Kure DX Foundation -- details in next Short Skip.

Another semi-rare one is Kermadec Island by Bob ZL8RS maily on 20m. Another fun one is Benin by Sigi TY1IJ who has been busy giving out needed WARC band contacts, especially 17 and 30m.

Other DX to look for includes Tanzania 5H by Ted WORA, Eastern Kiribati as T32Z, Namibia by Ken as V5/SM7DZZ, Pitcairn Island by Tom VP6TC, St Pierre and Miquelon Island FP by various DXpeditions, St Paul Island as CY9AOE by VE1AOE, Mauritius by Jacky 3B8CF and certainly many more.

One special callsign to listen for is BI5Z China, from Zhoushan Island. QSL this one via W3HC.

As an update, plans continue to move forward to an expected early 1999 DXpedition to the Kingdom of Bhutan A51, which remains second only to North Korea on most DXers' needs list. This project has come about by government invitation to team leader Zorro JH1AJT who operated there in February of 1995. Zorro so far has assembled a team of DXers from Europe, New Zealand, Japan and the USA. It is expected that he will make a more detailed announcement on this within a few weeks.

And looking again down the DX road, January appears to be the likely time for a world-class DXpedition to Auckland ZL9 by ZLs, JAs, Ws and others.

And in case you haven't yet made plans, the New Orleans International DX Convention is being held the weekend of August 14-15 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel -- right on Bourbon St -- which is one of North America's ten best hotels according to reviews. The programs will include many DX presentations, technical seminars, hospitality suites, a gala banquet and the chance to meet DX friends from all over the world. Contact your DX Editor at 876-2718 if you need more information.

Finally, your DX editor would like to suggest a very interesting DX web site of interest even to non-DXers. Many topics are covered, including vanity callsigns, a lively discussion on no-code and everyone's favorite (so far): the List Lizard Home Page. The site also has some magnificent photography from the Northern Marianas and information about the Marianas DX Association. Check out

<http://www.qsl.net/~kh2d>

In the meanwhile, GL, GD DX, Best 73 and CU in the pileups!

AMATEUR RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION BILL. ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield N1MZA reports that HR 3572, the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act, now has 39 co-sponsors, and several more members of Congress have indicated their intention of signing on....The bill would protect existing Amateur Radio spectrum against reallocation to or sharing with other services unless the FCC provides "equivalent replacement spectrum" elsewhere....The bill points out Amateur Radio's basic purpose as a "voluntary, non-commercial radio service" that has "consistently and reliably" provided emergency communication during and after disasters. The measure notes that the FCC has "taken actions which have resulted in the loss of at least 107 MHz of spectrum to radio amateurs."....Amateurs are encouraged to contact their Representatives and urge them to support the bill or to sign on as co-sponsors. [from ARRL Letter, June 26, 1998] [Ed. note: As of the date of publication, no Arizona representative has indicated support. The bill is not expected to be reported out of committee at this session.]

LICENSE EXAMS AT DeVRY ON AUGUST 1ST----NO EXAMS ON SEPTEMBER 5TH. Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses are held at DeVry Institute on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month except those on holiday weekends. Register 8 to 10am; no tests to start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate license or CSCE. Latest FCC Form 610 (Sept 1997), the only form now accepted, is available at registration. Charge for test is \$6.35, which will include all Elements taken once; there is no charge for Elements 1A (5 wpm) and 2 (Novice written test). Remember that Element 3B (General written test) is the new revised version (including 5 RF Safety questions). Volunteer Examiners accredited by ARRL are most welcome. VE turnout is typically light during the summer; your help is appreciated.

Twenty candidates took exams on June 6, resulting in 5 new No-Code Techs, 4 Tech Plus and one Advanced upgrade. Some of the other candidates earned partial credit. VEs participating:

Ed Beyer WU7A	Jeff Johnson KJ7LO	Yoshi Sano K7YS
Joe Brian AB7VY	Stan Kieffer N7QB	Ray Sumner NW7R
Marc Cuizon WH6CJD	Robert Knight N7LPD	Hal VanDyke KD2PH
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Shelley Newman AB7LQ	Charles Wallace W1OSV
Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Bill Reiss AB7FA	Dwight Yard KB7KON
Rich Piggott WB2LKU, Session Manager and Liaison		

There was no test session at DeVry in July. There will be an exam at Ft Tuthill (County Fairgrounds, Flagstaff) from 8:30 to 10:30am on July 25.

LADIES NIGHT BANQUET. The Annual Ladies Night Banquet will again be held at the Sun City Country Club. The date is FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd. This popular event is held each year to express appreciation to our spouses for their tolerance towards our hobby. The club HAM-OF-THE-YEAR award is presented at this time. "Attitude-Adjustment Time" is 6pm; dinner will be served at 7. The entree choice is Beef Rouladen or Chicken Marsala; the price is \$17.70 per dinner. Send check (payable to WVARC) to Bob Greene AB7BD, 10341 W Floriade Dr, Sun City AZ 85351-2230; specify the entrees. Let's make the dinner as successful as last year's. There will be a flyer in the next newsletter to remind you of this event.

SILENT KEY. CHAD KNOWLTON W1ATE of Sun City died in Sun City on May 29. Chad joined the club in 1991. He was active on the HF bands and well-known to old-timers in the club before retiring to Sun City.

PUBLIC SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR SUN CITY WEST NEEDED. Ever since our Public Service teams were formed, Joe Nowakowski W7FPG has handled the geographical assignment of the SCW members to the appropriate teams; there are now five such teams in SCW. Joe has also worked with ARES Coordinator Bill Johnson in assuring the smooth operation the Public Service teams in Sun City West events. We thank Joe for all his past efforts. He will work with his successor for an easy transition.

ARIZONA CONVENTION (FT TUTHILL HAMFEST) JULY 24-26. The Big Event for AZ Hams. Here is an excuse to motor up into cool Flagstaff for a day or two. Attend the ARRL Forum and other seminars, check the offerings of major manufacturers and tailgaters, enjoy the Saturday night dinner, and more. Raffle tickets \$2 or 3/\$5. Grand Prize: IC-821H VHF/UHF All Mode XCVR; other prizes: Knwd TM-V7A Dual-band Mobile, Yaesu VX-1R Mini Dualband HT, Outbacker Perth Mobile HF Antenna.

ARRL SW DIVISION CONVENTION - 1998, August 14-16, San Diego, CA. Registration, until Aug 1st \$12, at door \$15. Saturday Ladies Luncheon \$22. Saturday Banquet (Prime Rib) \$35. Sunday DX Breakfast \$20. Checks payable Sandarc, Inc. Place: Town and Country Convention Center. More info: Sybil Albright W6GIC, (619) 278-4284.

C.A.R.L. NOTES. The Center for Amateur Radio Learning (CARL) will hold No-Code Tech classes at the AZ Science Center on Saturdays beginning on September 12. Three-hour sessions will run for about ten weeks. Fee of \$20 will include textbook. Class will be limited to around 25 students and Morse code instructions will be included at the end of the theory class if there is enough interest. Call Bob KG7QJ 961-1109 to register.A Senior Science Day at the Center is being planned for some day in December. A presentation on Amateur Radio will be offered in a classroom environment, and a tour of the ham station will follow....The CARL group is planning a potluck picnic at North Mountain Park (7th St and Peoria Ave) on Oct 18 (tentative date)....The group's Articles of Incorporation are being restructured to conform with 501(c)(3) requirements.....The Worked-All-Kids certificates are ready. Anyone who thinks that he has worked 50 or 100 kids at the Science Center, call Charlotte at 561-8405. Operators at W7ASC appreciate those who respond to CQs from the station.More hams are needed to man the station, especially during summer months. If you can serve an occasional four-hour shift once or twice a month to help keep this project going, call Ralph W0DNO at 582-8208. Access to the Center is easy. Exit 1-10 at 7th St (just E of tunnel), S to Washington St, W to 5th St, N half a block to garage entrance on right, adjacent to Science Center.....The CARL Group consists of hams from all Valley clubs as well as unaffiliated operators. All classes of licensees are welcome.

VANITY CALL SIGNS. The new application fee for a vanity call sign will be \$13 for a ten-year term, effective September 14. The old fee is \$50. There are no plans to reimburse earlier applicants for the difference.

NEW MEMBERS. Please welcome the following:

Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU	Peoria	Al Heneman	K0HOZ	Surprise
Sandy Ehrhardt KC7VTM	Peoria	John Gray	K7GFZ	Phoenix
Mike Ehrhardt KD7CDZ	Peoria			

FCC LICENSE RENEWALS. The Licenses of these members are up for renewal soon:

8/98 Tom Fenton W1IUC	9/98 David Smith WC9Y	11/98 Frank Horn W7NSN
	9/98 Hal Zabel N7KXZ	

DEED CHANGES POSSIBLE IN SUN CITY. The Home Owners Association of Sun City is attempting to revise the deeds of home owners in Sun City in order, they say, to have them all conform to the same standards. The first section in which the effort was made was the Quail Run area, south of Grand Ave and east of 99th Ave. We understand that 57% of the owners supported the change. Representatives from HOA have told at least two club members that Amateur Radio support structures will not be affected by the changes, but no one has been willing to state this in writing. The status of this effort will be discussed at our next meeting.

WANTED. Mobile 2m/70cm XCVR. A1 W6KQI 933-1942.

FOR SALE. TRISTAO US TOWER 40' Crank-up, tilt-over, w/3 el triband beam and Ham M rotator; includes 40m inverted V wire antenna. \$400.
Motorola 2m vert mobile roof-mount antenna TAD 6170A, brand new; \$5.
Antenna Specialist ASPG-80 152-159 MHz antenna; \$5.
GC Electronics CB mobile antenna 17-1025; \$5.
Miscellaneous mobile antennas, \$1 each.
Bert W2GOB 584-6260

FREEBIES. Looking for Radio Handbooks of the 60's and 70's (ARRL and others)? A1 W8PAL has 9 such handbooks. Call 814-6387 (mornings).