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CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY	DEC 5	LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, 8-10am
SATURDAY	5	SUPERSTITION ARC SWAPMEET, MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MONDAY	7	CLUB MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm
SATURDAY	12	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, Sun City, 8am
SATURDAY	JAN 23	C.A.R.L. GROUP ANNUAL MEETING, DeVRY INST, 9am

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. Join now and be paid thru Dec 1999. One fee includes all family hams at same address; only one Short Skip mailed to each address. The club badges that most members wear (black on yellow AZ-shaped badge) are available for \$5. The "Emergency Communications" sign for the side of your car, identifying you as a club Public Service amateur, is \$7. See Ray NW7R.

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club (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. On DECEMBER 7th, ARRL SW Division Director FRIED HEYN WA6WZO will join us and review briefly the new FCC proposal for changing the Amateur Radio Licensing structure; he will compare it with the ARRL proposal for similar changes. The holiday spirit will prevail, with seasonal music and refreshments to be enjoyed by hams and their spouses and guests. (Board members are requested to bring some cookies or cake or other goodies; contributions by others also welcomed.) FRANK SMITH AH0W will be back from Cambodia for this meeting and hopes to have some fabulous photography of this mysterious country to show us. (See Frank's DX column in this Short Skip for details of the trip.)

PLEASE WELCOME the following new members: Harold Asher N7EYR, Surprise (SC Grand); Herb Carson NONIZ, Sun City; Stan Douglas KK7QN and Valerie Douglas KD7DAY, Sun City West; Earl Finkbeiner WA7SMC, Sun City; Susan Heiberg KD7CVX, Peoria; Doug Jay KF6MOH, Sun City; Vernon Johnson WD0CPX, Phoenix; Lynn Noyes W7KGV and Linda Noyes N7VBH, Peoria; Merwyn (Bill) Wellendorf KD7DCF, Phoenix.

SHIRLEY BARR IS CLUB HAM-OF-THE-YEAR. The West Valley ARC has named Shirley Barr KB4HSP as our Ham-of-the-Year. Appropriately, the award was made at the Annual Ladies Night Banquet on Oct 23. Shirley is the first YL to receive the award in a dozen years of recognition. She is a former and current treasurer of the club and a former director. She is also treasurer of the CARL group, which operates AZ Science Center's ham station W7ASC. Shirley recently up-graded to Advanced Class amateur, no easy task for any of us. The choice was roundly applauded by the members attending the banquet.

SLATE OF OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR 1999. In the absence of a groundswell of volunteers for positions on the Board, the current officers have agreed to serve another term, except for Vice President Bob (Doc) Greene, who has been unable to attend board meetings because of other commitments. Ron Rasmussen K6OP has accepted the nomination for VP. Ralph Barr, Don Korous and Shirley Barr have agreed to serve again as Pres, Sec'y and Treasurer, if elected. The two Directors whose two-year terms end this year are Rich Piggott and Allan Fusler. They have also agreed to stand for election again. Doc Greene has asked that his name be put in nomination for one of the two Directors' slots. Other nominations for any and all positions may be made from the floor. Be sure you have the candidate's permission when doing so. Elections will take place at the December meeting.

LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY on DECEMBER 5th; NO TESTS at DeVRY in JANUARY. Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses are given on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month (except holiday weekends) at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave. Register from 8 to 10am; no tests to begin after 10. Bring photo ID and original and copy of any ham license or CSCE. Fee of \$6.35 entitles you to one exam in as many different Elements as desired. A second fee is charged for a second try in any Element. NO CHARGE FOR ELEMENTS 1A, 2. FCC Form 610 is available at registration.

These tests are sponsored by WVARC and DeVry ARC, who invite all ARRL-accredited VEs to take part. Exams are held in the DeVry Library, 2nd floor East hallway, unless otherwise posted.

Starting in January, the fee will be \$6.45. The fee goes to ARRL to maintain their testing program. The FCC has set the permissible fee as \$6.49 for 1999.

At the November 7 session there were 9 No-Code Tech and 2 Tech Plus licenses earned, out of 14 candidates tested. VEs who participated:

Ed Beyer	WU7A	Joe Brian	AB7VY	Jack Dow	KE7ZQ
Joe Gordon	KC7TNT	Bob Johnson	KE7LZ	Jeff Johnson	KL7JO
Stan Kieffer	N7QB	Bob Knight	N7LPD	Monte Nelson	W1MN
Shelley Newman	AB7LQ	Jack Richards	KB7WPH	Yoshi Sano	K7YS
Sheldon Skiff	KA7K	Ray Sumner	NW7R	Roy Woodruff	W2HTX
Dwight Yard	KB7KON	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU	Liaison & Session Mgr	

The 1999 dates for exams at DeVry Institute:

FEB 6, MARCH 6, APR 3, MAY 1, JUNE 5, AUG 7, OCT 2, NOV 6, DEC 4.

NO-CODE TECH CLASS ENDS. The beginners radio class at the Sun City Posse HQ, sponsored by the West Valley club, will end on Friday Nov 27. Instructor Dan Pierson W6NTX has presented an excellent treatment of the No-Code Tech course, with plenty of show-and-tell material to help students understand how radio works. Two members of the class passed their Tech Plus tests on Nov 7th, and more will be taking exams in December. Several have asked about General Class instruction, and if enough interest is shown, a General class will be held concurrently with the next Technician class in February. Call Ray NW7R to register for February classes - No-Code Tech, General or other classes. [Chet Karpinski KD7DFU (Surprise/Sun City Grand) and Harold L Bowsher KD7DFT (Sun City West) are the two new T+ hams.]

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AHOW/OH2LVG.

These past few weeks have generated real excitement for DXers, especially as 10m has so generously yielded a plethora of rare DX, particularly Africa.

The next exciting event will be, of course, the CQWW/CW contest - always a great way to improve skills, test new gear, and garner "new ones" and band/mode fills. Once again the Woodudes Contest Club, including Phoenix's Vince K5VT, Mike KC7V and Lee KY7M, will activate Togo as 5V7A and also Ghana 9G. It is predicted that they will take first place world-wide.

Another group of Arizonans is headed to Myanmar (Burma) as XZ1N. The team is led by Mike Bill N7MB of Glendale, who is very familiar to WVARC. Mike is president of the Central Arizona DX Association.

Two big operations will be winding down as you read this. Look for Pratus Island as BQ9P and Eritrea as E30GA.

Two French operators are on their way to Amsterdam Island FT5Z via Reunion. They may be on the air Nov 27th. Don't miss this one. In other DX, look for Benin TY8A, East Kiribati T32IW, Malawi 7Q7LA, Minami Torishima JD1/JL1KFR, Ogasawara Island JD1/JD1BIA, Albania ZALMH, Antarctica 8J1RL (from Ongul Island AN-015), Central Africa TL5A, Lesotho 7P8HH, Rwanda 9X/G4HCL, St Lucia J6DX and J6A, Awaji Island (Japan) JI3DST (AS-117), Congo TN7OT, Belau T88II.

Lebanon has elected Emile Lahoud OD5LE as its new president. Wonder if Governor Jesse "The Body" has a callsign!

A "special event DXpedition" XULA, held in conjunction with the Angkor Wat International Half Marathon (including a number of Olympic medalists), will operate from within the shadows of ancient Buddhist and Vishnu temples of Angkor Wat, Cambodia, on Nov 26-Dec 4, with 4 full-fledged HF stations, CW, SSB and RTTY; 6m thru 160m. Your DX editor will be part of the team, with hams from Japan, Sweden, Finland, Hong Kong. The effort is an attempt to raise donations to assist Cambodia's victims of landmine accidents. Hams worldwide are invited to participate in this international humanitarian effort with their donations, large and small. Any such contributions will be sent immediately to Cambodia for this purpose. Send via Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa JH1AJT, who heads up this DXpedition.

C.A.R.L. GROUP WILL HOLD ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY. The Center for Amateur Radio Learning will hold its ANNUAL MEETING at DeVry Institute on Jan 23rd at 9am. The group is in charge of Amateur Station W7ASC at the Arizona Science Center. A slate of officers will be elected to serve in 1999. Everyone interested in the operation of the station is invited. Station Manager Bob Burleson KG7QJ (961-1109) reminds us that more operators are needed to man the station on 4-hour shifts (9am-1pm, 1pm-5pm). Many of WVARC's club members reside 25-30 miles from the Science Center but making the trip one day a week or less is a rewarding experience in promoting our hobby among the bright-eyed youngsters visiting the Center. Give it a try!

CLUB NOTES: Larry Teel KJ7QP of Sun City has joined Frank Smith AHOW of Glendale and Bob Moyer KC7CMM of Wickenburg on the Silent Key Estate Disposal Committee.....Gordon Stanger KB7GSQ will work with Ken Wakershauser N7OWP on the RFI Committee and chair that committee next year.....David Cain KB7WDD has offered to help prepare the Short Skip for mailing. Ray NW7R would like to train someone to take over as editor of this monthly newsletter.....At the Nov monthly meeting, members approved making up to \$500 in matching funds available to Rich Haworth's Ad Hoc committee for legal assistance to answer several questions regarding the status of ham antennas in the new deed proposals for Sun City.....There will be no board meeting in December.

LADIES NIGHT BANQUET HELD. Some 44 people were in attendance at the Annual Ladies Night Out, held at the Sun City Country Club on Oct 23rd. Following their dinner, the folks were entertained by former show biz personality Gordon Mortensen, who rendered selections from a number of Broadway shows and asked the audience to join in. This once-popular annual event is an effort by club members to thank their spouses for their forbearance with our hobby. In some years attendance has been over 100 (e g, in Oct 1992, the first year we tried a barbeque). The Board would like suggestions on how the popularity of this event can be revived. Talk to Ralph if you have any ideas -- different location, different time of year, etc.

SIREN TEST A SUCCESS. Each year in the fall, the sirens on the periphery of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Plant are turned on and their performance observed by Valley hams at each site. John Kornbeck, our club Public Service Chairman, reports that the following people were among those taking part in the exercise on November 4th:

Richard Jackson K7VCI, NCO; John Kornbeck WA9HBT & Mary; Dick Taubert KB7NLI; Jerry Overeynder W6IWR; Walt Schwiebert W8EPO and Peggy; Hal Van Dyke KD2PH; George Watling N7JSA; Steve Fordham K2HPN and Mariam; Mit Thompson K9CCX; Rudy Strothmann WA9RKI; Roy Woodruff W2HTX and Betty; Joe Cutitta WA0SLI; Bert Davidson W2GOB; Howard Barnes K6QWH and Grace; Reuben Deerhake W7RD; Del Young W7EOY; Ken Hopper KD7KH; Eva Karnatz KC7RY; Jerry Basso W9JIF; Ron Rasmussen K6OP; Paul Kummel N7MYS; Alex Cost KD7CLQ; Chris Cost KD7BTF; George Van Rooy KB0PK; Don Korous K9EJC; Tom Ivy KA7ESP; Chuck Bailey W7YU; Clarke Clayton N7IYV; David Cain KB7WDD; Al Lee W6KQI; Bruce Stuart KB7ZFF; Ronnie Janneke KC7DHN; Ed Carlstrom N7SPX; Tim Cantele; Fred Boughton KB2CT; Chuck Waldron K0VEB; Charles Buell N7WXO; Sam Macdonald N7MUV;

SILENT KEY..... LEO STASZAK KA7YBN died in Sun City Oct 25. Leo was a member of the club in the '80s. He is survived by his wife Betty KA7YBO, daughter Linda and son Leo Jr. Our sympathy is offered to Betty and the family.

FOR SALE

KENWOOD TS-930S/AT w/MC60 mic; \$700. Walt W8EPO 972-0370

ICOM IC-706; \$800. ICOM AT-150 FULLY AUTOMATIC TUNER; \$200. KLITZING 2m AMP-LIFIER (10W in, 160W out); \$100. Jerry W6IWR 584-5716

ASTRON RS20 POWER SUPPLY 13.8VDC, 20A ICS, like new; \$75. Fred W7MCP 584-6100

JOHNSON VIKING MATCHBOX #250-23-3 with directional coupler built in, will read SWR and RF output, exc cond w/instruction book; \$100.

B&W VS200A Transmatch (will match any rcvr, xmtr, or xcvr 1.8 to 30 MHz to almost any ant (coax or balanced line), will read SWR and RF out, like new with instruction book; \$150. Al W8PAL 814-6387 (wkdy am).

HEATHKIT 2KW HF Linear Amp, includes two 350TH tubes and Power Supply for 120 or 240 VAC, manuals and update info; \$350. Don W4DYJ 546-2223 or 975-2367

NEW, GAP Eagle 6-band vert ant, assembled and ready to install; \$250. Murray W7XY 933-1132

ICOM W21AT DUAL BAND HT w/2 battery packs, 1 hr desktop charger, speaker mike, adapter for cigarette lighter, 2m/70cm antenna 5/8 wave performance, like new; \$325. Jim K5DED 584-6090

TOWER (40'), 3-el MOSELY BEAM, ROTATOR, etc. TITAN TEN-TEC POWER AMPLIFIER. Best Offer. Kip W2JHS 972-4587

KENWOOD TS-940 w/MC-60 desk mic, spkr, headphones; \$700. 45' RHONE FOLD-OVER TOWER, ROTATOR, MOSELY TA-33 ANT; \$350. Variety of Power Supply gear, headphones, ant sel switches, vert ants, etc. Chuck W7YU 977-7427