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CLUB CALENDAR

MARCH 2 CLUB MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm
7 LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, 8-10am
9 EXEC BOARD MEETING, W0DNO QTH, 7pm
14 CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8am
14 SPRINGFEST, SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, dawn to 2pm

APRIL 18 AARC HAMFEST, DeVRY SOUTH PARKING LOT, 0600-1400.

WEDNESDAYS 2m HAM NEWS NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
THURSDAYS BKFST/LUNCH, FAYLENE'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10:30am
FRIDAYS NO-CODE TECH CLASS, SC POSSE HQ, 7-9pm (thru March 27)
DAILY CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

PROGRAM FOR MARCH 2nd: ATTIC ANTENNAS. The West Valley Amateur Radio Club meets the FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. Doors open 6:30pm; at 7:15 a short business meeting begins, followed by a program of interest to Amateur Radio operators. The program for MONDAY, MARCH 2nd, is a demonstration on how to make an attic antenna. Fred Jones KC5AC has considerable experience in this area, having rarely used an outside antenna in his operations. The antenna that he will construct will be one of the door prizes.

On APRIL 6th Frank Smith AH0W will take us on his latest DXpedition to Laos with many interesting slides. Our MAY 4th program will feature our RFI Committee chairman, Ken Wakershauser N7OWP, who will describe the various problems encountered in handling radio interference complaints. Fortunately, Ken has had to handle fewer than a dozen complaints this past year and most have been resolved satisfactorily.

The FEBRUARY AUCTION was a social success but not a club money maker. After deducting expenses from contributions there was a profit of \$170 (preliminary estimate). There were nearly 200 people in attendance and most appeared to enjoy the evening. The club picked up six new members at the event.

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AHOW/OH2LVG.....

As you're reading this the long awaited Spratly operation 9MOC will be up and running on all bands with an international team of 13 operators including Phoenix's Dr Vince Thompson K5VT. This operation will run until the 24th of February. For updates:

<http://members.aol.com/spratly98>

Also look for astronaut Dr Chuck Brady N4BQW and friends at Palmyra, Kingman and Baker-Howland Islands. QSL these operations to AC7DX.

Another rare one to look for is Chatham Island ZL7 by Joe YB1AQS and German friends operating between Feb 23rd and March 8th as ZL7DK.

The Dateline DX Association has announced plans for an early March DXpedition to Wake Island KH9 with emphasis on low bands. This is the same group that activated North Cooks last fall with Tom Harrell K8XP as the team leader.

Look for Bob Furzer N6BFM, who has returned to Kuwait where he will resume operating for several months as 9K2ZZ. And Kurt S79MX has announced plans to operate on 80m from the Seychelles. Look for Chad TT8JE by Eric F5JJK (QSL via F6FNU), Cambodia XUF2B [sic!], Curacao PJ2 and Grenada J37 by Mike N9NS and friends, Aruba P4 by Rusty W6OAT, Maldives 8Q by various teams, Morocco as CN/F5LMK, Nepal by Vladimir RU6FP as 9N1FP, Greece as J47XCF (special event call from the Thrace Folk Festival) and much more.

For the IOTA guys: OPDX has announced that Tarut Island AS-111 will be activated for the first time ever by Ibrahim as 7Z1IS/P. This is in the Arabian Gulf group.

Finally, for those who need Kerguelen, try to listen for Elios FT5XN who operates fairly regularly on 14031 our time in the evenings. Another operator, Rene FT5X/FR5HR is more active on SSB and will be at Kerguelen until the end of the month. Good luck on this exceedingly rare one.

It is now time to make plans for the International DX Convention in Visalia, to be held this year the first weekend of May as well as for all the fun at the Dayton Convention two weekends later. Your DX editor will be speaking at both conventions with presentations on K7K Kure and XW30(A) Laos. Our own Chuck Bailey will once again be in the limelight as the ONLY person to have attended every single Visalia Convention. Congratulations, Chuck.

Meanwhile, best 73/DX, GL and CU in the (ARRL DX) pileups!

SILENT KEYS.....CHARLES "GIL" ARON KA0LVA died January 26 in Sun City at the age of 82. Gil joined the West Valley club in 1982 and was active as a ham until recently. He spent his summers in Lincoln NE and kept in touch with the local group via the Vacation Net. We offer our condolences to his wife La Toi and sons Michael and Timothy.

MERLIN MYERS KB7TKJ passed away on January 26 in Sun City. He was 86. Merlin checked in every morning on our 2m Call-In Net until his recent illness. We extend our sympathy to his wife Margaret and family.

CLARENCE REID K0BHJ died in Wichita KS on January 30. He was 69. He was a team captain in our Public Service operations and helped with the RFI Committee. He is survived by his wife Detta KA0DSR, daughter Pamela in Wichita and son Craig in Japan.

ROSTER CUTOFF DATE EXTENDED. As in past years, a significant number of members have overlooked paying their dues on time, and the cutoff date for making the roster has been extended to the March 2nd meeting date. Please check the expiration date on your label of this Short Skip. It should be "1/99" or later. Check with our Treasurer if your records do not agree. Over 400 members are in good standing at press time. The club appreciates your support.

LICENSE EXAMS. Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio licenses will be given at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, on SATURDAY MARCH 7, from 8 to 10am (no exams to start after 10). Bring photo ID and original and copy of appropriate license/CSCE. The new FCC 610 Form (September 1997) is available at registration. There is no charge for Elements 1A and 2; a \$6.35 charge will cover all other Elements taken once. A second \$6.35 is charged for a second test of any Element (permitted if you miss by one or two questions the first time). Beginning July 1 there will be a revised pool of questions for Element 3B (General written), to include RFI safety questions.

At the February 7th session, 4 candidates earned No-Code Tech license, one General, two Advanced and one Extra class, out of eleven examinees. Volunteer Examiners included Session Manager Rich Piggott WB2LKU and

Ed Beyer WU7A	Merle Bodine KC7OGU	Joe Brian AB7VY
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Jeff Johnson KJ7LO	Bob Johnson KE7LZ
Stan Kieffer N7QB	Bob Knight N7LPD	Shelly Newman AB7LQ
Bill Reiss AB7FA	Yoshi Sano K7YS	Sheldon Skiff KA7K
Ray Sumner NW7R	Rick Tannehill W7RT	Hal Van Dyke KD2PH
Roy Woodruff W2HTX	Dwight Yard KB7KON	

License exams are held at DeVry the FIRST SATURDAY of every month except holiday weekends. ARRL-accredited VEs are welcome to participate in the sessions, which are sponsored by the WVARC and DeVry ARC.

CARL NOTE: In a letter to CARL Chairman Ralph Barr, Sheila Grinell, Executive Director of the Arizona Science Center, has expressed the Center's appreciation for the efforts of all the Amateur Radio operators who participate at the W7ASC station. The operators in turn would like to thank the ham community for responding to calls from the Science Center station. The young (and old) visitors enjoy talking on the air to real people. Ralph is seeking more volunteers to take an occasional four-hour shift at the Center. To join the Center for Amateur Radio Learning (CARL) call him at 582-8208.

CODE CLASS. There is a 20 wpm Code Class in progress at the QTH of Irv Weinmann W7GX. Some five or six club members are aiming for a comfortable speed above 20 wpm at these Tuesday night classes. At present Irv cannot accommodate a larger group. If interested, you might ask to be put on a waiting list for future participation. Irv would also like to know how many would be interested in a 5 wpm class. Call him at 815-2469 (Sun City).

NEW CLUB ARRL REP. Many thanks to Jack Dow KE7ZQ, our club ARRL rep for several years. Jack is turning his duties over to George Watling N7JSA. WVARC is an ARRL Special Service Club and receives \$5 for each member who joins the League, \$2 for each renewal. There is a new way to handle these transactions. Make your check out to WVARC for total amount; the club will make the appropriate deduction and send a club check to ARRL with your form. Mail your check and form to George at 10742 Connecticut Ave, Sun City AZ 85351.

NO-CODE TECH CLASS: Twenty-six candidates were at the opening session of a class for prospective hams which started on February 6 at Sun City Posse HQ. Classes will be held each Friday from 7 to 9pm through March 27. **THERE IS NO CHARGE!** The textbook is "Now You're Talking", available at Ham Radio Outlet, Radio Shack stores and Arizona Science Center gift shop. Instructor Jean Deslover AA9CM hopes to cover the required topics by the eighth week, but another session may be added if needed. Posse HQ is at 10861 Sunland Drive (off Agua Fria Drive).

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTE: West Valley ARC Public Service teams will help to monitor the Senior Olympics Races to be held on March 7th in Sun City Grand. There will be 10K, 5K and Fun Run footraces, starting at 8am. Joe Nowakowski W7FPG will coordinate our communications stations. Call your team captain to volunteer. (See Feb Short Skip for list of team captains.) Primary frequency: 147.30 MHz Repeater. Backup: 147.57 S.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CLUB:

Jules Bilodeau KD6YNB Surprise	Frank Maruna W6RDY Surprise
Elzie Campbell AA7TU SC West	Tom Peterson KK7KW Glendale
Paul Johnson W7KBE Sun City	Keith Lamb N7MSG Peoria
Brian Kassel W5VBO Peoria	Jack Richards KB7WPH Phoenix

FOR SALE:

MACO 2-el BOOMLESS QUAD (20-17-15-12-10m), has Fibreglass arms;
Lightning Bolt matching transformer. \$100.
Jerry W6IWR 584-5716

10, 15, 20m 5-element tribander - Model SY-1 Wilson Electronics
2m 11-element Cushcraft Antenna
TRX-EX Model LM354 54' Crank-up tower with shur-worm safety winch
Cornell-Dubilier CDR Ham Rotor Model Ham-M
You take down tower and move. All for \$1600.
Sheldon KA7K 488-2508

Commodore 64, hard drive and monitor. 2 Boxes of software and plug-in program cartridges w/documentation. Call if interested.
Jeff KJ7LO 864-0400

KNWD XCVR TS940 W/SURE 444 MIC, SPKR, YAESU HEADPHONES, man.; \$900.
WILSON 44' TT44 TOWER, rotator at bottom, raising base. Take down (easy job - call W7YU for info); \$395.
ROTATOR, CDR TYPE SERIES 5-307; \$100.
KNWD 7400A 2m XCVR; \$50. BENCHER CW PADDLE (Std); \$45.
HEATHKIT HD-1416 ELECTRONIC KEYS; \$15. COMMODORE-64 COMPUTER; \$25.
NPC POWER SUP, 13.6V @ 12A; \$30. DRAKE 3300 LP FILTER (kw); \$10.
HEATH HO-10 PORTABLE 'SCOPE; \$10. 4-pos ANT SW (kw), UHF conn; \$15.
HUSTLER 4BTV VERT ANT (10-80); \$30. SWR/FIELD STRENGTH METER; \$10.
Estate of Ed KD7XK (Call Chuck W7YU 977-7427)

ALLIANCE HD-73 ROTATOR, \$100; ROHN 44' TT-45 FOLDOVER TOWER, \$250;
TRIBAND (10-15-20) single trap ANT, \$85. Or all 3 for \$400.
BATTERY ELIMINATOR 13V 20A (great battery charger) w/meters; \$10.
PRECISION 10-12 TUBE CHECKER w/manual; \$15.
Estate of Harry W7LHB (Chuck W7YU 977-7427)

WILSON TT-45 TOWER, rotator at bottom, RBRF-20 raising unit; \$375.
WVARC/CARL SALE (Chuck W7YU 977-7427)

STRAIGHT KEY (brass) w/shorting arm, heavy duty mtd on board; \$10.
1935 ARRL HANDBOOK (good condx); \$15.
NATHANIEL BALDWIN HEADPHONES (ANTIQUÉ), TYPE C; \$25.
Chuck W7YU 977-7427