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### CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY APR 3 LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8-10am  
MONDAY 5 MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm  
SATURDAY 10 CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, Sun City. 8am  
9-11 1999 DX CONVENTION, FRESNO (CA) HOLIDAY INN  
MONDAY 12 BOARD MEETING, PREZ QTH, 7pm  
SATURDAY 17 AZ ARC SWAPFEST, DeVRY South Parking Lot.

WEDNESDAYS 2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm  
THURSDAYS BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10:30am  
DAILY CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

PROGRAM FOR APRIL 5th MEETING: HDTV, HOW SOON? Charles Whitlatch W7VF, of TV Channel 15 (KNXV-ABC), will present an update on the progress of High Definition TV, which will be available to Valley viewers soon. At press time we have no program for May. The club meets at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, the 1st MONDAY of every month, including summer months. Doors open at 6:30pm; a brief business meeting begins at 7:15, followed by the program. Come early and enjoy coffee and conversation with your colleagues.

The March program about the Last Voyage of the Queen Mary was a treat. Al Lee W6KQI took us to many ports of call along the way, with interesting pictures. The old Queen now rests in Long Beach CA. Be sure to visit the radio shack when you attend the ARRL SW Division Convention aboard the ship this OCT 1-3.

Membership in the West Valley ARC is open to anyone with an interest in ham radio. Dues are \$10/yr. Fee includes all hams at same mailing address; only one Short Skip to each address.

1999 ROSTER SHOWS DROP IN MEMBERSHIP. The new roster that is mailed with this newsletter to members has 426 listings, about 25 fewer than last year. About 85 members did not renew but we picked up 60 members since our last roster. There are more pages because of more email addresses, but many email listings were deleted because messages were undeliverable to the addresses on hand. If your email address is not listed, send it to Rich WB2LKU at [noble@starlink.com](mailto:noble@starlink.com)

Members who join or renew after the roster deadline will be acknowledged in the future Short Skips.

PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT. A Senior Olympics Road Race event was held in Sun City Grand on Saturday, March 6. Public Service Coordinator John Kornbeck WA9HBT and the following club members monitored the races:

KF7XY	TIM HAYES	W7VPL	VERNON LEWIS	W7MDQ	RICH HAWORTH
W2GOB	BERT DAVIDSON	W7FPG	JOE NOWAKOWSKI	N7OBM	GENE KLEIN
W9GZR	BOB HARKNESS	K6CLK	RUSS WHEMPNER	W7RD	REUBEN DEERHAKE
K9CCX	MIT THOMPSON	KA7ESP	TOM IVY	W6NTX	DAN PIERSON
NY7S	TOM WATTS	KD7UP	GENE RUSSELL	WB8YQK	DWAIN MITCHELL
N7SPX	ED CARLSTROM	W7EOY	DEL YOUNG	KOHOZ	AL HENEMAN
N7MYS	PAUL KUMMEL	WC9Y	DAVE SMITH		

The only problem reported was that one of the contestants was unable to finish his race and he was picked up by race officials. He was not reported to be in serious condition.

Signs (8" x 18 3/4") for the side of your car, identifying you as a West Valley ARC "Emergency Communications" operator, are available for \$7 each. Club badges (black on yellow, AZ-shaped) are \$5. See Ray NW7R.

LICENSE EXAMS AT DeVRY ON APRIL 3rd. Exams for all classes of Amateur Radio Licenses will be held at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, on SATURDAY APRIL 3rd. Walk-in registration starts 8am. No tests to start after 10am. No charge for Elements 2 and 1A. A single fee of \$6.45 will cover tests in all desired Elements taken once. A second fee is charged for a repeat of any element. Bring photo ID and original and copy of any appropriate license or Certificate of Successful Completion. Form 610 is available at registration. Exams are held the FIRST SATURDAY of each month, except holiday weekends, and are sponsored by DeVry ARC and West Valley ARC.

Thirteen candidates took tests on March 6. Five earned Technician, one a Technician Plus, one General and one Advanced license. Others earned partial credit towards a license or upgrade. The following Volunteer Examiners participated in the testing:

WA7U	ED BEYER	AB7VY	JOE BRIAN	KE7ZQ	JACK DOW
KK7NU	KEN EHRHARDT	KC7JRY	WILLIAM GADBOIS	WA7UID	PHIL HAZLETT
KE7LZ	BOB JOHNSON	N7QB	STAN KIEFFER	KB7MDX	BILL KUCHINSKI
N8NVB	BERT LITTLEPAGE	AB7LQ	SHELLY NEWMAN	KB7WPH	JACK RICHARDS
K7YS	YOSHI SANO	NW7R	RAY SUMNER	KD2PH	HAL VAN DYKE
N7JWF	GLENN WADE	W1OSV	CHARLES WALLACE	W2HTX	ROY WOODRUFF
KB7KON	DWIGHT YARD	WB2LKU	RICH PIGGOTT, LIAISON AND SESSION MGR		

#### SILENT KEYS

WALTER SYDNEY DACK KA7OGN of Lexington KY, formerly of Sun City, died on Feb 21. He was club treasurer in 1983 and an active member for many years. He moved to Lexington in November to be near his only child Stephen. Walter was born in London, England, in 1908.

EDWARD CANNON WA3IHI of Sun City West died Feb 24 at the age of 91. Ed had been a club member since it became the West Valley club. He was chief of the Math Division of the National Bureau of Standards when he retired. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Irene and family.

CRANSTOUNE BLISS KA7TYF died in Peoria AZ on February 13. Cranstoune was a long-time member of the club, earning his Novice ticket in 1983 in one of Chuck Bailey's classes. He is survived by his wife Lee, who chauffeured him to all the club functions because of his failing eyesight.

ALMEDA GIVEN WA8YMJ of Youngtown died at Boswell Hospital on Feb 20. She is survived by her husband Pate W8ATC and a son and daughter. The Givens were club members in the late '80's and early '90's.

CLUB NOTES

Thanks to the committee that worked on the 1999 roster: WODNO Ralph and KB4HSP Shirley Barr, preparation and printing; WB2LKU Rich Piggott, data manager and proof-reader; NW7R Ray Sumner, proof-reader and stapler; KB7WDD Dave Cain, labeler, stamper and stuffer of envelopes. Collating and folding party, hosted by WB8YQK Dwain and KB8YXA Deanna Mitchell, includes Ralph and Shirley, Rich, Ray, W7KIV Chuck and WA2MFR Sylvia Hilliker, and W2QL Tony Cipolla.

Sealed bids for the Kenwood TS-870 were opened at the March board meeting. Successful bidder (out of four bids) was our President, WODNO, with a bid of \$1401. The proceeds will be used to acquire a less complicated HF rig to be loaned to the W7ASC Amateur Radio Station at the Arizona Science Center to replace the Kenwood TS-870 (which was on loan to them).

This year's LADIES NIGHT BANQUET has been scheduled for FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12th (a later date than usual) to give more of our winter visitors an opportunity to join us. The event is planned for LINDA L RESTAURANT in Sun Village, where we have our Thursday brunches. The food is excellent, the atmosphere congenial. The banquet committee (Ron Rasmussen K6OP) has made a fine choice.

Callsign changes: Orly Stires W7OOS, was WA7BZW; Vern Lewis W7VPL, was KC5FGJ.

William (Pete) Pedersen W7KTK has offered to be Alternate Representative of the club to the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona meetings. He replaces Tom Watts NY7S, who has served in that capacity for several years. Pete will serve with long-time ARCA Rep George Hands KE7DH.

At the April meeting the members will be asked to approve a \$500 Scholarship award to a student at DeVry Institute, as we did last year. The Board voted down at this time a motion to increase the number of scholarships to two.

Time for renewal of FCC license: Jean Good KA6EDX (exp 5/99).

Rich Haworth W7MDQ, Chairman of CC&R Problems, suggests that Sun City hams do not return to the HOA an affirmative vote on those deed restriction changes. You may have no plans to erect an antenna support structure (tower), but you may wish to sell to another ham. Call Rich (933-2191) or Prez Ralph (582-8208) if you have any questions. Legal aspects of the situation are being reviewed. A Legal Fund has been established. Hams are encouraged to contribute.

Last classes for Technician and General Class licenses will be held on March 26 and 31 respectively. We thank Instructors Dan Pierson W6NTX and Ted Torrence KB7MMT for their dedication in teaching these small classes of a handful of candidates (five). Each year we hope for greater interest.

Members who are leaving for cooler environments are asked to send your summer addresses to WVARC at the club PO Box in order to receive your Short Skip by bulk mail. Have a wonderful summer!

CONGRATULATIONS to President Rollie Hudson W90BU and his Scottsdale ARC for their Spring Swapfest on March 13. All attendees we spoke to had a good time. Rollie thanks those who drove to the Scottsdale Community College site to support his club's efforts. The Scottsdale group will host the ARRL SW Division Convention in 2000.

SWAPMEET APRIL 17 6am-2pm, ARIZONA ARC. SOUTH PARKING LOT, DeVRY INSTITUTE. TALK-IN 147.28. ADMISSION \$1, TABLES \$5. INFO: George KQ7C (274-6212).

NORTHWEST DX CONVENTION JULY 30 - AUG 1 at Monarch Hotel, Clackamas OR, Sponsored by Willamette Valley DX Club. Pre-registration \$15; after June 30, \$20. [Your Editor has registration forms for anyone planning to be in the Northwest at that time.]

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AH0W/OH2LVG

Just about as you are reading this, members of the Midway-Kure DX Foundation will be departing homes from five different countries to stage a DXpedition to Rodrigues Island in the Indian Ocean as 3B9R. Operators include Ned AA7A and your DX editor from Arizona, Kimo KH7U, Jari OH2BU, Vic XE1VIC, Jacky 3B8CF, Yuuji JA3IG, Garry NI6T and Bruce W6OSP. Our team will be on the air from April 1st through April 11th. QSL via Joyce Johnson N7LVD.

Other DX to look for include Crozet Island as FT5W, Equatorial Guinea 3C1SG, Mauritania as 5T5U, Egypt as SU9ZZ, Malta as 9H3XY, Lord Howe Island as VK9L, Western Kiribati as T30R.

Look also for much activity from Palestine E4 by various groups activating the latest of the new DX entities. Reports have it that groups from Denmark, Spain, Italy and many others will be keeping Palestine on the air following the recent operations of E44DX and E4/HA1AG. Listen also for E44A and E44B.

There is still time to plan for the International DX Convention in Fresno CA, April 10-12. Many Arizonans will be in attendance. For information contact Chuck Bailey W7YU, who has the distinction of being the only person to attend every one of these conventions in its now 50 years of history.

In the meanwhile, Best 73/GD DX and CU in the Pileups!

NEW IARU LEADERSHIP TEAM CHOSEN.....In voting completed Mrch 12, International Amateur Radio Union member-societies overwhelmingly ratified the election of Larry Price W4RA as president and David A Wardlaw VK3ADW as vice president. A former ARRL president, Price succeeds Richard L Baldwin W1RUU, who served as IARU President since 1982. Wardlaw succeeds Michael J Owen VK3KI, who served as vice president from 1989. Price and Wardlaw begin five-year terms on May 9th.....(from ARRL Letter, March 19, 1999).

FOR SALE

KENWOOD TS-940S/AT HF XCVR w/IF-232 Computer Interface Unit and Cables. Excellent condition, microphone, instruction & service manuals, shipping boxes; \$1000, firm.

KENWOOD SM-220 STATION MONITOR w/BS-8 Pan Display Option, excellent condition, instruction & service manuals, cables, shipping box; \$200, firm.

Ralph WODNO 582-8208 w0dno@worldnet.att.net

ICOM IC-3210A DUAL BAND XCVR, 25W out, has CTCSS (PL), mobile dual band ant, AC power supply, spare power cable, manual, see now in car working; \$250.

Stan K8RAL 584-4287

HUSTLER ANTENNAS: G6 (2m); \$50. G7 (2m); \$75. 6-BTV (HF); \$80.

TRI-BAND J-POLE COPPER (2m - 1.25m - 70cm) ANTENNA; \$25.

CUSHCRAFT 11-Element BEAM (70cm); \$35.

Bob KC7CMM 520-684-1219 (Wickenburg; will deliver PHX area)

TRI-EX LM 354-HD, 3-section crank-up free-standing tower (manual crank-up, easy to crank).

TRI-EX RAISING AND TILTING FIXTURE.

YAESU ROTOR (G-2800 Heavy Duty) and controller.

20-ft STAINLESS STEEL MAST (Heavy Duty).

HY-GAIN TH-11DX 5-band 11-element Super T-Bird antenna.

CUSHCRAFT MODEL A270-10S 10-element antenna.

All, best offer. Must take down installation.

George WB7CLR 439-0101 (Phoenix)