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SHORT SKIP

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CLUB CALENDAR

MONDAY	NOV 1	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	NOV 6	LICENSE EXAMS, De VRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8 TO 10 AM
FRIDAY	NOV 12	WVARC LADIES NIGHT BANQUET, LINDA L RESTAURANT
SATURDAY	NOV 13	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8 AM
WEDNESDAYS		2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
THURSDAYS		BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10am
DAILY		CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One \$10 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one Short Skip mailed to each address.

PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 1 MEETING:

Morgan Hoaglin, WW7B will present our November meeting program-What's New in Ham Radio Equipment. Morgan is quite familiar with the latest trends in ham radio equipment as he is one of the familiar faces at Ham Radio Outlet in North Phoenix.

"LADIES NIGHT OUT" BANQUET

Time is getting short... don't forget to make your reservation for the "Ladies Night Out" banquet November 12th. Please make reservation by November 1st. Contact Ron Rasmussen K6OP

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES

"REMINDER: To support Sun Health (who provides us with tower space for our 2 Mtr and 440 repeaters) we need additional club members from Sun City and Sun City West to sign up for our New Years Y2K backup program. The hospitals have asked for our help on New Years Eve in case of possible Y2K problems. I guarantee you it will be a New Years to remember. Call Richard Haworth, W7MDQ, at his office at 602-843-2700 to sign up or send him an e mail at rhaworthaz@aol.com. Please consider helping with this effort.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTE: Richard Jackson K7VCI has informed us that the Siren Test at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Plant will be held on Wednesday December 8th. The club Public Service Coordinator John Kornbeck WA9HBT will be looking for 35 to 40 volunteers with 2m mobile units (or good handhelds). Please mark your calendar.

Club "Emergency Communications" magnetic signs for the side of your car are available for \$7 each. Club badges (black on yellow, AZ-shaped) are \$5. See Ray NW7R to order.

CLUB NOTES

FCC License expirations: Milt Derr K6CKB, 1/2000.

Former club treasurer (1988) Jason Eberhart ZL4KY, now of New Zealand, was at the October meeting, renewing old acquaintances. Jason has been traveling through much of Europe and South America recently.

AUTOPATCH ON BOSWELL REPEATER. The 70cm repeater on Boswell Hospital (449.8-) has a new autopatch access method: push * and release PTT, wait for dial tone then PTT and dial 7- or 10-digit number, release PTT. Disconnect with # sign.

WVARC PROPERTY. If you have any property belonging to the West Valley Amateur Radio Club, please contact George Watling, N7JSA at 623-933-0854

SILENT KEY...ED BALAKER WK7L of Sun City West died on September 23 at the age of 93. Ed was an active member of the club, serving on our Public Service team and in other areas. He was also a member of QCWA as well as a variety of Sun City West clubs. We extend our sympathy to his wife Dee and family.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

David Smith	WC9Y	20618 N. Natchez Dr.	Sun City West, AZ 85375-5942
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Please welcome new members:

Bill Merdick	KC7DJL	7147 W Caribbean Ln.	Peoria, AZ 85381-4420	623-979-6934
Brian Adams	KD7BJF	7722 W John Cabot Rd.	Glendale, AZ 85308-8133	623-843-0611
Bud Holmes	WJ7Q	17839 W Club Vista Dr.	Surprise, AZ 85374-2909	623-975-1773
Robert McManus	KC7LXJ	14401 N Cameo Way	Sun City, AZ 85351-2227	623-875-7048

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jim Berkheimer KC7HLM upgraded to General class.
 Mary Berkheimer KC7HLQ upgraded to General class.
 Chet Karpinski KD7DFU upgraded to Advanced class.

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY NOVEMBER 6th. Register 8 to 10am; no tests will start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate licenses or CSCEs. Form 610 (or Form 605, if activated) is available at Registration. Fee is \$6.45; please have correct change. For this fee you are entitled to one test in all desired Elements; a second charge is made for a repeat test in any Element. No charge for Elements 1A, 2.

On October 2, 21 candidates were tested; 1 earned Advanced class licenses, 3 General, 4 Technician and 5 Tech Plus. Others earned partial credit to a new license or license upgrade.

VEs on hand:

Edward Beyer WU7A	Joe Brian AB7VY	William Gadbois KC7JRY
Jack Richards WA9TV	Yoshi Sano K7YS	Ray Sumner NW7R
Harold Van Dyke KD2PH	Glenn Wade N7JWF	Dwight Yard KB7KON
Richard Piggott WB2LKU, Session Manager, Liaison		

CQDX de Frank Smith AH0W OH2LVG

As we get more in to the fall DX and contesting season, there's much to look forward to. What follows is just a sampling.

Jukka OH2BR has announced a full-scale operation from M-V Island for the CQWW SSB contest to include Americans, Finns and Russians and one Russian YL operator. QSL R1MVZ via K6VNX.

Bob N2OO has announced details of a team "Borneo operation" to take place from Hillview Gardens, East Malaysia as 9M6AAC, then Spratly as 9M6OO and Brunei as V85OO.

The DXpedition to Peter and Paul Rocks as PY0S has now been rescheduled to November 3-13 according to team-leader Karl PS7KM.

Members of the Bavarian Contest club have announced a multi-multi team to operate from Morocco as CN8WW. Other DX to look for include Vietnam by Mike 3W6DK, Djibouti by Henry J28FF, Guinea by Denis 3XY2D, the Canary Islands by Martti EA8BH and also by Dave EA8/W8DO who will later activate Gibraltar ZB2, Bangladesh as S21CE by various Japanese operators, Western Kiribati as T30Y and T30CW, Steward Island by Ed as ZM4I4/4, the Vienna International Center by Jun JH4RHF as 4U1VIC. Leichtenstein HB0 by Kazik DL2SBY and Henry SP2FOV, Liberia as EL2WW, Bonaire as PJ4B by Doug N6RT and later by our own Tony N7BG and friends, Burkina Faso as XT2HP, Ascension Island as ZD8Z, Lord Howe Island by Dee VK9LM, Burundi 9U5D, Marion Island ZS8D, Leabnon OD5/3A2MT and much much more especially during the upcoming CQWW contests.

Later down the road hopefully details will be announced for the upcoming

DXpedition to Clipperton Island FO0 and another Central Arizona DX Association DXpedition to Myanmar XZ, this time from an IOTA location.

Keep your stations tuned for Jim Smith VK9NS who has gone to Thailand reportedly in pursuit of activating a very rare DX - DXCC location yet to be announced.

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

HELLO 605 AND 606, GOODBYE 610

Members are reminded that FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) is operational for the Amateur Radio Service. Applications for license modifications sent to the FCC without the applicant's social security account number (SSAN) will not be processed. On 610 forms, which may be used until February, write the SSAN in the upper right corner. The Form 605, which is the current and succeeding form has a box for the SSAN. Applicants who do not have an SSAN must get an ID number from the FCC. After February 13, ULS will be fully implemented for the Amateur Radio Service. Hams must register their SSAN before they apply for a license modification (renewal, address change, name change, systematic call or vanity call sign change). Form 606 is used for registration. Forms may be ordered by a toll free phone call to the FCC Forms Distribution Center at 1-800-418-3676. In addition to the main part of Form 605 one needs Schedule D Part 1 for a call sign or a vanity call sign change. Schedule D Part 2 is used for a physician's certification to disability, if needed. Applicants for a vanity call sign need Form 159 also. The forms may be downloaded from the FCC web site: www.fcc.gov/formpage.html. One does not need an Internet Service Provider(ISP)to connect to the FCC ULS site. One does need a computer running Windows 95/98, a modem, telephone service, and Netscape 3 or Internet Explorer 4 or later versions of these browsers. The number is toll free. If you email a request for the dial up network set up instructions to wb2lku@arrl.net, they will be emailed to you. Your request must be by email only. Form 606 has an interactive version that you may fill out and submit online. After that you will be able to conduct business with the FCC online.

Applicants for a new call or a license upgrade will be given a special form, NCVFC 605, at test sessions; the applicant must write his SSAN or FCC ID number on the form. Individual applicants cannot send this form to the FCC. For more ULS Licensing Support and forms information call 1-888-CALL-FCC (225-5322), choose option #2. E-mail questions may be sent to ulshelp@fcc.gov. Contact Licensing Support with questions about which application purpose(s) are appropriate for a particular filing, what information is being requested on a ULS form or schedule, or any other ULS-related licensing matter. ULS Licensing Support is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:30 PM EST.

MARCONI RADIO CLUB HONORS MARCONI AND HIS DAUGHTER.

On the occasion of the 125th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's birth, the Marconi Radio Club operated a special events station Friday, October 22nd, as W1AA/CC from the former 1903 Marconi Transatlantic Station in Cape Cod, Mass. Marconi's original callsign used in his first transatlantic radio transmission was "CC" which was the subject of WVARC's September program.

At the same time the Comitato Tricolore of New England dedicated a moment to Marconi's memory. The Marconi Radio Club has appointed Marconi's daughter, Princess Elettra, as their Honorary President.

PUT OLD QST & OTHER RADIO MAGAZINES TO GOOD USE

Glenn Wade, N7JWF, will collect QST and other radio magazines that you want to discard. The magazines will be given to Valley high schools students by Dr. Cameron of Carl Hayden H.S. You may bring the magazines to Club meetings or call Glenn to arrange pick-up. Glenn's phone number is 623-846-4737.

WANTED

PK-88 (TNC) or KPC
Bob Gormley WA1MHZ 602-843-2193

FREE

- Ameco Tunable Pre-Amp / Active Antenna 22kc - 33mc, 5 bands, A/C Adapter
- Autek Research SSB/CW QRM Filter, A/C Powered
- MJF RTTY/CW Computer Interface (Model 1224) with Manual
- Olsen Power Meter 10w/100w
- Toshiba P321SL Dot Matrix Printer with Manual
- Portable Receiver AM/LF/VHF Aircraft Band (20-40 kc, 108-136 mc) w/cassette
- Heathkit Shortwave Receiver (uses tubes) works
- Morse Tutor Gold Software
- 1992/93 ARRL Repeater Directory
- Bentley 5" B/W TV
- Solar Panel Apprx. 12" x 12" Glass
- Fox Pro Ver 2.0 Data Base Software & Disks for DOS/Windows
- Apprx. 12 bags oof Resistors, Switches, Etc. Parts for a Junk Box
- Assorted Books on Electronics, Amateur Radio (Handbook, Operating Manuals)
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- Past Issues of CQ, QST, VHF Magazines

Contact Steve Pabin N7ZZS 623-486-1425

FOR SALE

TS-940S/AT with antenna tuner, YK-88 cw filter, SP 940 matching speaker and MC60A microphone. All in mint condition/original owner/manuals. \$1,295 plus shipping.

Call Rick - W1HZ at 602-395-0017 or to view this equipment, go to the following website... <http://www.gwe.net/homepages/rblumberg/kenwood.jpg>

Absolutely MINT Kenwood TL922-A amplifier with 10 Meters. I am the original owner and a non-smoker. There is not a scratch on this piece of equipment! The 3-500Z's are in perfect condition and have been pre-boxed for shipping \$1,275 /shipping included.

Please call Rick - W1HZ at 602-395-0017 or e-mail rblumberg@gwe.net

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