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SHORT SKIP

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CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY	FEB 5	LICENSE EXAMS, De VRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8 TO 10 AM
MONDAY	FEB 7	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	FEB 12	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), 9:30am
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 FEBRUARY 7 MEETING:

Location: St. Clement of Rome church located at 15800 Del Webb Blvd. About three quarters of a mile south of Bell Rd.

The February meeting is the club's annual auction. If you have any items to sell please arrive early to get registered and set up.

A Master copy of the Lot registration form is available on the back of this newsletter. Everyone is encouraged to make up three copies for each lot to be auctioned and have them partially filled out when you register for the auction. That will greatly expedite the registration process.

The Auction Registration Schedule is as follows:

Sellers	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Bidders	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Table Visitation	6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Auction	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CLUB NOTES

FCC License expirations: WB7SRC - Bruce Kabana - March 2000
 N7ADB - Bob Lisk - April 2000

Congratulations to both Ralph Barr, W0DNO & Shirley Barr, KB4HSP who have successfully passed Element 4B which qualifies them for their extra class license on or after April 15, 2000 under the new licensing structure.

THE CLUB ROSTER 2000 IS BEING PROCESSED. For those who have not renewed their membership, cut-off date for inclusion is the night of the auction - February 7. The club appreciates your support.

TECHNICIAN CLASS TO BEGIN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 in SUN CITY. The restructuring of the Amateur Radio Service should create renewed interest in our hobby. After April 15, passing a single 35-question written test will qualify newcomers for all of the VHF/UHF privileges of the current **TECHNICIAN CLASS** license. Classes will be held every **FRIDAY EVENING** in February and March, from 7 to 9 pm, at Sun City Posse HQ, 10861 Sunland Dr, Sun City. Candidates may register with Instructor Dan Pierson, W6NTX (623-546-2131). The current manual "Now You're Talking" contains all of the information needed to pass the test. A new pool of questions will be available for review before the class is finished.

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY February 5th. Register 8 to 10am; no tests will start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate licenses or CSCEs. Form NCVFC 605 is available at Registration. Fee is \$6.65; 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.

The VE Team will not accept FCC Forms 610 and 605 applications at future exam sessions. Applicants will be given Form NCVFC 605 to fill out at the sessions. Applicant's social security number or FCC license identification number must be supplied. After April 15, Element 1A, the 5 wpm code test will be replaced by Element 1, also a 5wpm code test. The difference is Element 1 is subject to the exam session fee. Walk-in code tests are receiving tests only. A 5 wpm sending test may be substituted if the applicant makes prior arrangements before the session date. Contact Rich WB2LKU at 623-546-4300 or email wb2lku@arrl.net.

On December 11, 1999 the VE Team administered Technician written exam elements to students of the Fall 1999 Technician course at the Arizona Science Center. Eight candidates were tested, 5 earned licenses and have received call signs.

VEs on hand:

Ken Ehrhardt, KK7NU Sandra Ehrhardt, KK7UY Ray Sumner, NW7R
Yoshi Sano K7YS, Session Manager, Liaison

Year 2000 exam Schedule: 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2.

SILENT KEYS. We are saddened to report the death of VERNON JOHNSON, WD0CPX in Phoenix on December 23rd. Vern loved his many years in ham radio and checked into our nets on several occasions and listened in much of the time. He was a native of North Dakota, and services were held for him in Devils Lake, ND, on December 29th. We extend our sympathy to his wife Dorthy, son Vern and daughter Tena and family.

George Kafka W7ISS, 79, of Sun City died Jan 12 in Sun Health Hospice. George moved to Arizona from Montana in 1952. In addition to WVARC, he belonged to many local organizations, among them Mended Hearts of Sun City, a group whose members have undergone heart surgery. The members visit heart patients before and after surgery at Boswell Hospital to comfort and reassure them. George had a quadruple bypass 15 years ago and a shunt installed in an artery 5 years ago. We extend our condolences to his brother Lada and sister May in Montana.

Janet Lee, wife of long-time member Al W6KQI died in Sun City on Friday January 21, 2000. We offer our sympathy to Al and the family.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES

No Public Service events are scheduled for the near future.

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.

Y2K COMMUNICATIONS BACKUP PROGRAM FOR SUN HEALTH.

There were no problems to report on New Years Eve for Sun Health (Del Web or Boswell Hospitals). Everyone that participated did a excellent job.

The following operators were out at Del Web Hospital in Sun City West:

John Kornbeck, WA9HBT & Mary
Tom Ivy, KA7ESP & Rose
Merle Bodine, KC7OGU
Fred Jones, KC5AC
Bob Hunt, KC7NJZ
Reuben Deerhake, W7RD

Sam MacDonald, N7MUV & Ann
Chet Karpinski, KD7DFU & Jackie
Tom Watts, NY7S
Shirley Moyer, KC7HDZ
Ron Rasmussen, K6OP

Ed Carlstrom, N7SPX & Ruth
Bert Davidson, W2GOB
Joe Nowakowski, W7FPG
Bob Moyer, KC7CMM
David Smith, WC9Y

The following operators were out at Boswell Hospital in Sun City:

Richard Haworth, W7MDQ
Loyd Waite, N7IAU
Glenn Wade, N7JWF
Ted Walker, KJ7V
Dave Kearney, KD7GLX

Ray Sumner, NW7R
Marilyn Waite, N7DFH
Ed Perjul, KA7FQO
Frank Green, W7MAJ
Fred Dixon, KC7JGG

Tom Peterson, KK7KW
Joe Cutitta, W0SLL
David Cain, KB7WDD
Al Folden, W7KAP

In addition to the hams on duty at the local hospitals, Gene Russell KD7UP, Dick Delaney KG7MR and wife Faye KC7TOJ were patrolling the streets of Youngtown at midnight, to assist the police of that metropolis. No incidents were reported.

SB1017 PASSES IN COMMITTEE.

SB1017 titled "electronic devices; use while driving" was reintroduced by Senator Tom Smith and voted out of the Senate Commerce Committee (1/20/00). The vote was 3 yes, 2 no, 4 nonvoting. The bill has jumped the first hurdle on the road to enactment as Arizona law. The bill must be heard by the Senate Transportation and Rules Committees and then introduced in the House for action there.

The next step is the hearing before a subcommittee of Senate Transportation. More information is available from ALIS, <http://www.azleg.state.az.us>.

FOR SALE

6-Meter Nov 28 MFJ with mag antenna, microphone - hand, w/ a handbook purchased through WorldRadio; \$190.
June KC0XZ 623-972-3342

Cushcraft A3 3 element full size triband beam in good condition. Hardware all stainless newly replaced. The antenna is disassembled and will fit in a car for easy transporting. Everything is clearly marked and measured for easy assembly. \$75.00

Contact Chuck Hilliker W7KIV, internet chuckh@starlink.com or phone 623-584-0918

FREE Commodore 128, disc drive, manuals, and 2 PK-64s.
June KC0XZ 623-972-3342

LICENSE RESTRUCTURING - 3 CLASSES 1 CODE SPEED

The FCC has announced as of April 15, 2000 they will only issue out new Technician, General or Extra Class Licenses. Anyone holding a license before this date will retain their same operating privileges and the license will be renewed indefinitely.

Under the new licensing scheme, there will be four examination elements. Element 1 will be the 5 WPM Morse code exam. Element 2 will be a 35-question written test to obtain a Technician license; Element 3 will be a 35-question written test to obtain a General license, and Element 4 will be a 50-question written test for the Amateur Extra license.

Advanced Class Opportunity

Advanced class licensees who take and pass Element 4B before April 15 may upgrade to Amateur Extra on or after April 15 without taking another exam. Many Hams have found the Element 4B exam easier to pass than the Element 4A exam. The new Extra class exam, Element 4, will have more questions and might be more difficult than Element 4B. Bring your CSCE and a copy to an exam session. The current \$6.65 fee applies.

Grandfathering Technician Licensees

After April 15, a person who had been issued a Technician license before 3/21/87 will be eligible for a General class license. Bring your original license that shows an effective date earlier than 3/21/87 and a copy to an exam session. The current upgrade fee is \$6.65. If you do not have your older license request a "Letter of Verification License Held Prior To March 21, 1987". Mail your request to FCC, 1270 Fairfield, Rd, Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. Bring the letter and a copy to an exam session.

Cut along line

WVARC HAM RADIO AUCTION
February 7, 2000

LOTNO. _____

SELLER: _____

CALLSIGN: _____

DESCRIPTION: _____

CLOSING BID \$ _____

BIDDER NO. _____

TELLER \$ _____ RECEIVED

TREASURER \$ _____ PAID OUT

MINIMUM BID \$ _____

REGISTRATION	
SELLERS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
BIDDERS	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
TABLE VISITATION	
.....	6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
AUCTION	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

1. Make 3 Copies per lot.
2. Complete the seller and description for each lot.
3. Bring with lot to registration table for processing.