



WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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SHORT SKIP

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AUG / SEPT WVARC CALENDAR

MONDAY	AUG 6	MONTHLY MEETING, ST. CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	AUG 11	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8 AM
MONDAY	SEPT 3	MONTHLY MEETING, ST. CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	SEPT 8	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8 AM
MONDAYS		1730Z 20 Meter Vacation Net 14240 Hz
WEDNESDAYS		2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45 PM
THURSDAYS		BRUNCH, COCO'S, 98 th Ave. & Bell Rd., 9:00 AM
FRIDAYS		1730Z 20 Meter Vacation Net 14240 Hz
DAILY		CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9 AM

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 UPCOMING MEETINGS

August	6	ARRL videotape, an American Inventor. Maj. Edwin Armstrong 50 minutes
September	3	Ham Radio Outlet (Morgan WW7B) "What's new in ham gear"
October	1	ATV (Amateur fast scan TV) John Leslie K0ATV
November	5	Everything you wanted to know about the Arizona Repeater Association by John Braden K7LKL. New Slate Officers presented at meeting. November Ladies Night Out Dinner - date, time and place to be announced.
December	3	Elections Season's Holidays Party

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS at DeVry October 6, 2000. Register 8 AM; all tests must be completed by 10 AM. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate licenses or CSCE's.

The VE Team will not accept FCC Forms 610 and 605. Applicants will be given Form NCVET 605 to fill out at the session. Applicant's social security number or FCC license identification number must be supplied.

Fee is \$10. Please have correct amount we do not make 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.

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has revised the standards for the Administration of Morse code examinations after June 30, 2001. Examinees will have to show 25 character-count solid copy or successfully answer seven out of ten questions of a fill-in-the-blank quiz on the sent text. The ARRL/VEC has chosen the following settings for test tapes: 15 WPM Farnsworth characters at a tone frequency in the 720-750 Hz range. At the discretion of the VE Team, a standard 5WPM test with 5WPM characters will be administered as a special accommodation and must arrange for before an exam session. The current Extra class Element 4 question pool will be valid through midnight June 30, 2002; Technician Element 2 through June 30, 2003; and General Element 3 through June 30, 2004.

Next exam session is at DeVry:

October 6, 2000	8AM to 10AM
November 3, 2000	8AM to 10AM
December 1, 2000	8AM to 10AM

RESULTS of the VE session at DeVry on June 2:

18 candidates were served.

License classes earned: Tech. 9: General 2: Extra 3

Exam element passed rate: Element 1 (code) – 100%;

Element 2 (Tech) – 89%; Element 3 (General) – 50%;

Element 4 (Extra) – 80%

Administering VEs

Rich Piggott	WB2LKU – Liaison	Edward Beyer	WU7A
Joseph Brian	AB7VY	Joe Cutitta	W0SLI
Stan Kieffer	N7QB	Robert Knight	N7LPD
David Morrill	N7TWT	Shelly Newman	AB7LQ
Jack Richards	WA9TV	Yoshi Sano	K7YS
Glenn Wade	N7JWF	Dwight Yard	KB7KON
Rick Tannehill	W7RT	Harold Van Dyke	KD2PH

CONTESTS:

August, 2001

10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB 0001Z, Aug 4-2400Z, Aug 5
 North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 4-0600Z, Aug 5
 National Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend August 4 & 5
 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend August 18 & 19
 North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 18 - 0600Z, Aug 19
 Hawaii QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 25-2200Z, Aug 26
 South Dakota QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 25-2200Z, Aug 26

September, 2001

All Asian DX Contest, SSB
 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint
 2300Z, Sep 3 - 0300Z, Sep 4
 ARRL September VHF QSO Party
 1800Z, Sep 8-0300Z, Sep 10
 North American Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0400Z, Sep 9
 YLRL Howdy Days 1400Z, Sep 14-0200Z, Sep 16
 Air Force Anniversary QSO Party
 0001Z, Sep 15-2359Z, Sep 16
 North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Sep 16
 Louisiana QSO Party
 0000Z-2400Z, Sep 29 2400Z, Sep 30
 Texas QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 29-0200Z, Sep 30
 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 30 2400Z, Sep 30

For more Details see <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

AMATEUR RADIO LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY

The Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society (ARLHS) is devoted to exploring and exploiting the connection of ham radio and maritime radio to lighthouses and lightships. The Society aims to promote public awareness of the role of ham radio and light beacons have played in assisting and maintaining safety at sea. ARLHS will sponsor two special events in August. NLLW 2001, Nations Lighthouse/Lightship weekend August 4 & 5. ILLW 2001 International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend is August 18 & 19. These are not contests per se but there are awards and certificates. Groups set up field day stations at or near lighthouses; you try to contact them from your home QTH. Two hundred International Lighthouse Stations were set up for ILLW 2000. So far, 168 stations have registered for NLLW 2001 and ILLW 2001.

For event registration, protocols, and other information go to the Society Web page: <http://arlhs.com/>.

Upcoming Technician License Course –

Do you know of someone who would like to attend a Technician License study course? The club will offer the course again this fall. ARRL Registered Instructor Dan Pierson W6NTX will be teaching the course. The course will run for nine Friday evenings, beginning October 5, 2001 at the Sun City Sheriff's Posse Headquarters. These lessons and instructions together are a high quality preparation for the Element 2 examination. So far, four of the five students who finished Dan's course in the Spring have earned their licenses. They are Steffi Basso KD7NAN, Mary Keip KD7NLY, Karl Keip KD7NAM, and Mike Smith KD7MMB. In the last three years every one of the 26 students who took the FCC exam passed the Tech exam on their first attempt. There is no charge for the course; students must purchase the study guide.

For more information call Dan Pierson at 623-546-2131 or email dpierson@computer.org.

CLUB NOTES:**Phone Numbers and Email Addresses:**

For phone numbers and email addresses consult Web edition of 2001 Roster. Hand in changes or corrections to your listing at a meeting, or mail them to the Club's post office box or use the form on the Web edition of the 2001 Roster. Please do not submit changes orally or by telephone.

FCC License Expirations:

N5WMO Randell Carlson Oct. 2001

New Licenses and License Upgrades:

Bill Pfingstad KD7LNX General

New Members:

Dorie Richie	KA7MSU	13858 N. 109 th Ave.	Sun City, AZ	85351-2586
Mary Keip	KD7NLY	19020 N. 71 st Ave.	Glendale, AZ	85308-5800
Karl Keip	KD7NAM	19020 N, 71 st Ave.	Glendale, AZ	85308-5800
Michael Miner	KA7RGW	5417 W. Michelle Dr.	Glendale, AZ	85380-1332
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James Haveron Sr.	KA7UND	4725 N. 103 rd La	Phoenix, AZ	85037-5024
Jim Wzorek	K1MEA	316 Main Street	East Hampton, MA	01027-2035

Address Change:

Russ Iverson	KJ7KGN	19705 North Rim Drive	Surprise, AZ	85374-4756
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Brian Harrod	KC7OC	2206 S. Pope Lick Rd.	Louisville, KY	40299-49634

Returned E-MAIL Addresses:

Email sent to the following members has been returned as undeliverable. If the member wishes to have his email address to appear in the Roster, send an email to wb2iku@arrl.net.

Jim Wzorek K1MEA

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Cushcraft R5 – Almost new condition
Sun City WA0AAM Flora Rutledge
623-975-0023

Special Features**Chuck, Eva and Hal:**

Member Chuck Bailey W7KIV, at some 90+ years old, is convalescing at his daughter's home. Club members are pleased to see him at the Thursday brunches and at club meetings. Hal Zabel N7KXZ brings Chuck to the functions and has set up a 2-Meter station for him. Indeed, Hal has been a complete Brother to Chuck, a brother Ham, a brother Lion, a brother in Spirit. Hal is on the Nominations Committee; he needs a few sister and brother members to run for WVARC offices. Chuck and Eva Karnatz KC7RY have conducted the HF Vacation Net in the past years, now Eva needs some more help and more participants. The Net meets on Mondays and Fridays at 1730Z (10:30AM MST) on 14240 Hz. The temperature in Phoenix varied from a low of 98 degrees to 116 degrees Fahrenheit. Check in and tell us how many blankets you have to sleep under?

Letter to WVARC Members:

Fellow Hams – Thank you all for your hospitality and friendship shown to me these past few months that we enjoyed in Sun City. I am now back home in the Northwest freezing to death, but my blood will eventually re-thicken. I enjoyed the Thursday brunches and the Saturday breakfasts and the monthly meetings. I will keep in touch via the computer 'till we get back to Arizona after Christmas 2001. If any of you get up this way, give us a call at (253) 862-4848 and would be glad to meet up with you.

73 Lou W7HX.

A Call For Help:

Dear fellow Hams, Club members and friends. When I first got back onto the air in December of 2000 it was a scary time trying to find new frequencies, new acquaintances and a new club. Having been off the air for some time, many things had changed. I was quite surprised. I remember the first conversation I had with a WVARC member. His name was Tom Watts, NY7S. Tom kind of took me in and got me going with the Club. Tom, Fred "Queen Victoria" N7QV and many others gave me a warm welcome when I attended my first meeting. I commend everyone to their warm and gracious welcome they gave me, a newcomer, to the club. I wanted to give something back to the Club. An opening was aired for the position of Short Skip Editor. I applied, and well you know what happened from there.

I have enjoyed being part of this Club, and it is with great regret that now I must post an opening for my position. As many of you know I'm still a "young'en" and must still work for a living. I have been employed with Del Webb for the last four years. It is because of my hectic work schedule that I have not attended many meetings or Club functions. And now I am faced with uncertain employment future as their merger takes place.

I have made arrangements, and am now buying an existing business in North Central New Mexico. I will continue my e-mail of knight@pgtv.net for those that wish to stay in communication. The local repeater there I will frequent is 146.90 Mhz.

I openly encourage people to step up and help out the club. This position, though my name may be in the opening lines, is really made easy by the work of two fellows whose efforts really go unmentioned: Rich Piggott WB2LKU and Chuck Hilliker W7KIV. A special thanks to all who have written articles as well.

With this I shall end my little column, and my position as Editor. I openly encourage everyone to help participate, and to the lucky person who takes on this position; Thank you, and I envy you.

73's, Randell Carlson N5WMO

REMINDER: The WVARC **Short Skip** will not be printed in August as for the summer schedule, please mark your calendars from information in this issue. Any submissions will be included in the next issue. Have a safe and fun filled remainder of the summer.

R. Carlson N5WMO