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## SHORT SKIP

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### NOVEMBER WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	Nov 5	Monthly meeting, St Clement Social Hall, SC, 7PM
Saturday	Nov 3	VE Exam DeVry Tech 7:45 to 10:00AM
Saturday	Nov 10	Club Breakfast Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newsline Net, 147.30 MHz, 6.45PM
Thursdays		Brunch, Coco's, 98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Bell Road, 9AM
Daily		Call-in Net 147.30 MHz, 9AM

### PROGRAM FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 5	Everything you ever wanted to know about the Arizona Repeater Association by John Braden K7LKL President of A.R.A.
16	New Slate Officers presented at meeting Ladies Night Out
December 3	Elections Seasons Holiday Party
January 7	T.B.A.

**EDITORS NOTE** Your editor would like to make the SHORT SKIP attractive and important to all members of the WVARC. To do that, we need all the news items possible along with technical or other articles of interest to HAM BUFFS. Send them to [shortskip@yahoo.com](mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com) or by mail to the Club P O Box 1573, Sun City.. If mailing, call editor Sid at 623-388-9946 to arrange timely pick-up.

### CONTESTS

#### THE 2001 CQ WW CONTEST

Phone: October 27-28 CW: November 24-25 Starts 0000 GMT Saturday, Ends 2400 GMT Sunday  
For amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many zones and countries as possible.  
All bands 1.8 through 28 MHz, except WARC bands.

#### JAPAN INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST

November 9 2300 UT to November 11 2300 UT

For amateurs around the world (DX) to contact JA stations in as many JA prefectures and JD1 islands as possible. Bands 3.5, 7, 14, 21, 28 MHz and WARC bands.

For a trove of Amateur Radio contesting resources and information go to:<http://www.ng3k.com/contest/>

### ARRL LOGBOOK OF THE WORLD

A new, simpler, and faster way to issue and retrieve QSL cards has been approved by the ARRL. The ARRL has "recognized that the availability of computers and electronic communication facilities has grown throughout the world, many amateur radio operators have realized that the cumbersome task of confirming radio contacts, traditionally carried out with paper cards and through the mail, could be transformed into a fast and simple process by using 'electronic QSL cards' or a central 'electronic logbook of the world' (LOTW). The ARRL LOTW allows participants to submit radio logs containing digitally signed QSL records. Logs from all participants are collected in a central database, where they are scanned for matching confirmations. When a pair of matching QSL records are found, confirmation is sent to the ARRL DXCC system, where awards credit for both participants is automatically recorded."

In a simple one-step submission process, users can send log-extracts and paper cards, DXCC can check the cards against the log extracts. The data can be used for scientific studies of long-term propagation trends. LOTW is an economical system for contesters, QSL managers and Dxpeditions. Just upload the log; there is no individual card processing and no card printing costs.

The system should probably be up and running by Spring, 2002. Visit the ARRL website for details and progress announcements. Also, see 'It seems to us' QST October Page 9.

### TIME TO RENEW

#### YEAR 2002 DUES COLLECTION BEGINS

Dues collection for 2002 has begun. A membership application and renewal form is enclosed. A membership application and renewal form is enclosed. Please return the form with your \$10 payment at a club meeting. Or mail to P O Box 1573, Sun City, Az 85372.

SNITCHED FROM COFFEE CLUTCH NEWS Editor Julie Wade KC7FQI October 2001

Go out and live life...grasp it, savor it. Don't just exist—letting life pass by. Julie.

Learn to use your fear. Fear can take you to the place where you store your courage. Amelia Earhart.  
Thanks Julie.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

N5WMO      Randell Carson      508 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW      Rio Rancho      NM      87124-0212

### NEW MEMBERS

W1PW      Phil Walker      10448 W Cumberland Dr      Sun City      85351-4465  
 WA1TAD      Barbara Walker      10448 W Cumberland Dr      Sun City      85351-4465

Consult Web version of Roster for phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

LICENSE UPGRADES EARNED      Bill Pfingstan KD7LNX      Amateur Extra

### LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

KB8MUM      Merton Thurston      11/01      W6KQI      Al Lee      11/01

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

### LICENSE EXAMS

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS AT De Vry November 3rd, 2001. Register 8AM; all tests must be completed by 10AM. Bring; Photo I/D, copy of appropriate licenses or CSCE's, Social Security number or FCC license I/D number, and correct amount of fee, \$10.00. The VE team will not accept FCC forms 610 and 605. Applicants will be given form NCVEC 605 to fill out at the session. The fee covers one test in all desired exam elements. A second charge will be made for a repeat test in any element.

### RESULTS of the VE SESSION at DE VRY on OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup>.

14 Candidates were served.      License classes earned;      Technician 6,      Extra 5  
 Exam element passed rate:      Element 2 (Technician) 75%,      Element 4 (Extra) 100%

### Administering VEs:

Rich Piggott	WB2LKU	Liason			
Edward Byer	WU7A	Joe Bryan	AB7VY	Joe Cottita	W0SLI
Bill Kuchinski	KB7MDX	David Morrill	N7TWT	Shelley Newman	AB7LQ
Jack Richards	WA9TV	Yoshi Sano	K7YS	Harold Van Dyke	KD2PH
Glenn Wade	N7JWF	Charles Wallace	W1OSV	Dwight Yard	KB7KON

SPECIAL NOTE      As of October 15, The FCC will dismiss submittals on FCC Form 605's with edition dates prior to March 15, 2001 (note lower right hand corner). Applicants will be required to supply an FRN, SSN, and birth date. New forms are available on the FCC website or from FCC Forms Distribution Center, 800-418-3676

\*\*\*\*\* FOR SALE\*\*\*\*\*

**COURAGE HANDI HAM RADIO CAMP**  
 By AB7HW LEE (& SCOTTY) IN SCOTTSDALE

Ed Note. There are a good many facilities catering to the needs of the sight impaired, Radio Camp Courage is one of them. AB7HW assists in this Work, with the assistance of his Leader Dog.

Scotty and I left Phoenix on August 22 bound for the annual Handy Ham Radio Camp on Lake George near Bemidji, Minnesota. It is a beautiful sight to behold, 2,000 feet of shoreline, large White Pine trees, about 100 acres in size, with deer, squirrels and a few black bear.

The facility includes a glass lined A-shaped dining hall, six log cabin dormitories, a museum, a large auditorium/classroom building. The radio Camp is held one week each year, and the camp is used the rest of the year for children with other disabilities. Twenty nine people attended when I was there.

The purpose of the camp is to assist the visually impaired to obtain a Ham License to operate VHF/UHF or upgrade to HF. If they don't get a license this year, there is always a second camp in Malibu, California in February.

Staff includes permanent camp staff, many volunteers, and three doctors, all Hams! Classes last about 5 hours each day. This year, 75% of students in extra class passed, in remaining classes 70% passed. A bunch of happy Campers!

In February I will be a volunteer at the Malibu Handi Ham Radio Camp at the Joan Meyer Crippled Children Camp in Malibu, Ca. Courage Handi Ham System is always looking for donations of ham radio equipment, or any other form of donation you might like to offer. 1-866-426-3442 handiham.org courage.org  
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 BudHolmesAz@Home.com WJ7O  
 17839 W Club Vista Dr, SCW 623-975-1773  
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 TA33 Classic HF Beam Antenna. 10-15-20 M with 100 ft coax cable.  
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 623-932-1315 AA7RM@juno.com  
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Kenwood Transceiver	TS-820	
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Kenwood Tuner	AT-200	all for
Dummy Load	300 W	\$275.00
Alinco Handheld 2-Band	DJ-580	75.00
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5BTV with 50ft of cable		50.00
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Will swap Alinco fo a good 2-Meter rig		
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