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AUG/SEPT WVARC CALENDAR,

Monday Aug 5 Monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church SC, 7 PM
 Saturday Aug 10 Club Breakfast Lou's Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM
 Monday Sept 2 Monthly Meeting Faith Presbyterian Church SC 7PM
 Saturday Sept 14 Club Breakfast Lou's Tivoli Gardens 8AM

Wednesdays 2 meter Newsline Net, 147.30 MHz, 6.45PM
 Thursdays Brunch, Coco's, 98th Avenue & Bell Road, 9AM
 Daily Call-in Net 147.30 MHz, 9AM

PROGRAMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Aug 5 Debbie Overton Maricopa County Sheriff's Department
 Sept 2 TBA
 Oct 7 Director of Telecommunications Technology
 Nov 4 Joe Ruby KC7GHT IRLP
 Dec 2 Club Christmas Party

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

16000 No Del Webb Blvd

Due to construction and repair work at St. Clement's of Rome Catholic Church our monthly meeting will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church. Faith is the Church immediately to the North of St Clements.

President Bill Roberts requests any member of the WVARC who is also a member of Faith Presbyterian Church to contact him at 623-214-2665, or at bill_linda_roberts@msn.com

WVARC REPEATERS

The Club owns and operates two REPEATERS

2m Repeater KC7KLC 147.300 Mhz (+) L-Tone 162.2 Hz
 Located on Del Webb Hospital, Sun City West

70 cm W7JHD 449.80 Mhz (-) Located on Boswell Hospital, Sun City
 Each repeater has an autopatch.

AUTOPATCH ACCESS Please give call-sign, say 'Accessing' and dial * (star). Release PTT. At dial tone, again push the PTT, dial number and release PTT. Your number will ring through. When finished, say your call sign and 'Clearing Patch' and dial # (pound).

The courtesy beep or click will be heard, indicating the patch is off, Submitted by Tom Watts NY7S

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next session at DeVry, Phoenix on Saturday October 5th. Exams start 8:45 AM, must be completed by 10:00 AM. Bring original ID, original and copies of FCC license CSCE's. \$10.00 fee covers all elements taken once. If an element is repeated, an additional \$10.00 fee applies. Please have exact cash amount, or check payable to ARRL/VEC. There will be NO EXAMS AT DEVRY in August or September. PLEASE NOTE The revised Element 4 (Extra Class written exam) question pool will be used after June 30, 2002 at exam sessions.

REPORT OF JUNE 1st EXAMINATION AT De VRY
 Thirteen candidates were examined.

Element passing rates: Code Element 1 100%, Tech Element 2 100% General Element 3 100%
 Extra Element 4 67%

Liason: Richard Piggott	WB2LKU		
Ed Beyer	WU7A	Shelly Newman	AB7LQ
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WVARC DUES INCREASE FOR 2003

Annual dues for the WVARC will increase to \$15.00 beginning with the year 2003. The increase was approved at the March general meeting of the Club. This is the first increase for some years, but the club has been dipping into its reserves for the past two years. A renewal application with the proper amount noted will be mailed out in November. PREZ says remember that the dues for next year have increased to \$15.00.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS AND LATE RENEWALS

Robert Fairfield	KD7RQN	8325 W Daley Ln	Peoria	Az 85383-2015
Randy Herring	KD7RHD	428 E Thunderbird Rd #361	Phoenix	Az 85022-5229
John Lacy	KC7GBC	17906 W Legend Dr	Surprise	Az 85374-2944
Cal Redburn	W4ZMX	14300 W Bell Rd	Surprise	Az 85374-9700

LICENSES ISSUED OR UPGRADED

Jeffrey Tinsler	LD7OWI	Amateur Extra
Robert Fairfield	KD7RQN	Technician

SILENT KEYS

John Aller	W3OJX
Clarke Clayton	N7IYV
Revel Newton	WB7FEM
Charles P Waldron	K0UCB

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One \$10.00 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one SHORT SKIP mailed to each address.

'PREZ SAYS'

Hello all!

Well, the monsoon is finally here and feels like it is here to stay. We all know that it will eventually cool down, dry up, and get to be the weather that we all came to Arizona for in the first place,

A well deserved thank you to several of our members who participated in the Rodeo-Chediski fire emergency communications. I know of a couple, but rather than slight anyone, I will wait until I have a list of all who took part so that I can properly recognize their efforts. This is just a preliminary if you will. Thank you very much for your time and your efforts. You helped to save lives and property by your efforts, This is what 'Ham' radio is all about.

Remember to be thinking about helping with the hospital drills that will be coming up soon. We will get a warning this first time, after that it will be real drills with no more warning than anyone at the hospital would have beforehand.

What about a Hamfest in October or November? A dawn til everybody leaves day. I have had several suggestions to that effect. Anyone interested in heading up a committee to make it so? Then of course people to help that person so that it can be so. We represent the best of volunteerism in America. Let's keep up that spirit in our club.

Thank you for letting me serve you.

BILL ROBERTS KD7JMN President WVARC

FOR SALE

KENWOOD TL-922A 1500 WATT LINEAR AMPLIFIER covering 160 thru 15 meters. The amplifier uses 2 3-500Z tubes. The tubes have been used only 25 hours, and an older spare tube is included. The amplifier is in excellent condition.

Contact Jerry at w9jif@juno.com at 623-214-8136

ARRL TO RECEIVE GRANT OF \$191,800 FROM U S GOVERNMENT

The ARRL will receive a \$191,800 homeland security grant from the US government to train Amateur Radio operators in emergency communication. The League was one of many non-profit organizations designated to receive some \$10.3 million in federal money to boost homeland defense volunteer programs. The grant, from the Corporation for National and Community Service special volunteer program, will provide free ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course training for 5,200 volunteers nationwide, starting in 2003.

“ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio and is the national leader in emergency communications by volunteers who operate their own equipment at no cost to any government, organization, or corporation” said the announcement July 18 from Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge. The grant announcement said that “expanding the opportunities for Americans to participate in meaningful volunteer service” is at the heart of the President’s USA Freedom Corps.

IN RECENT WEEKS

Many HAMS have responded to emergency communications duties in flood ravaged areas of Texas; in fire devastated areas of several Western states, including major fires in Colorado and the Rodeo/Chedisky conflagration in the White Mountains of Arizona, and a major train wreck in California. Some of our own WVARC members assisted in the White Mountains (see PREZ SEZ).

ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COURSE is a valuable learning tool for hams wishing to update their skills to become skilled and competent in emergency communications. Registration is on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 2PM EST for Level 1, on the second Monday of each month at 2PM EST for Level 2, and on the third Monday of each month at 2PM EST for Level 3. Registration remains open until the course limit of 50 members is enrolled. The Courses must be taken in order, starting with Level 1. Cost is \$45 per course, but, with courses probably amended somewhat, the fees should be waived beginning in 2003. Register at the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education web page <http://www.arrl.org/cce>