



**West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc**  
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**SHORT SKIP**

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**LEO D STALEY, NS9Y, SK**

Leo became a silent key on Saturday, October 26, 2002. We would like to extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

**DECEMBER AND JANUARY WVARC CALENDAR**

Monday	Dec 2	Monthly Meeting	Faith Presbyterian Church, SC	7 PM
		Election of 2003 Club Officers		
		Christmas Party		
Saturday	Dec 7	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Saturday	Dec 14	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Saturday	Jan 4	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	Jan 6	Monthly Meeting	Faith Presbyterian Church, SC ??	7 PM
Wednesdays	2 meter Newsline Net	147.30 MHz		6:45 PM
Thursdays	Brunch, Coco's	98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Bell Road		8:15 AM
Daily	Call-in Net	147.30 MHz		9:00 AM

**TEMPORARY CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR CLUB MONTHLY MEETING  
 FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

16000 No Del Webb Blvd, Sun City

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.

David Cain, AC7CS, met with Mr Renee of the St. Clement's Catholic Church about when we could return to using their meeting hall. Mr. Renee showed us the improvements that had been made and the work that remained to be completed. The contractors have had a few problems that have been difficult to complete on time. Because the kitchen would not be ready, we have decided to meet again at Faith Presbyterian Church for the December meeting.

The Board will meet and discuss whether to continue to use Faith Presbyterian or go back to St. Clement's Catholic Church for our future meeting place. If any members have an opinion on this, please let an officer of the club know your preferences.

## DECEMBER MEETING - CHRISTMAS & COOKIE PARTY

If you are coming to the Christmas meeting Monday Dec.2 please don't forget to bring 2 dozen cookies (preferably home made) to feed the multitudes.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

If you didn't make it to this year's Ladies Night Out dinner, you missed a great social event with nearly 50 people participating! The Palmbrook Country Club served up a wonderful meal, too. Our thanks to Baldwin and Millie Holloway who made it possible through their Palmbrook membership.

After the meal, It was my privilege to present an award to Annette Body in appreciation for the Short Skip editing contributions made to the club by Sid, KC7DHR who recently became a Silent Key.

Tim Hayes, KF7XY, (our 2002 'Ham of the Year'), presented our 'Ham of the Year' award for 2003 to Dan Pierson, W6NTX. The award plaque was accepted in Dan's behalf by Marilyn Atherton, his daughter. Dan contributes to the club for each 'Short Skip' mailing by "stuffing the envelopes" (350 of them!) and then taking them to the Post Office where a rigorous process must be followed. Dan also is very involved in the New Ham License Class which runs in the fall season of each year. It was one of these classes that kept him from being at the dinner.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio was the keynote speaker and as always, he delivered an informative and entertaining perspective of the services the MCSO performs for the community.

73, Augie

I would like to congratulate Augie on a job well-done. My wife and I have attended the Ladies Night Out dinners for the past 12 years, and this was one of the best. – Ralph, W0DNO

### PALO VERDE SIREN TEST

On Wednesday, November 13, 2002, the Palo Verde Siren Test was conducted. After the countdown for the 12 PM and 12:30 PM test, the sirens did not go on, due to computer problem. The sirens were then turned on manually, and all sirens functioned properly. All enjoyed the barbecue lunch of chicken, and steak.

John Kornbeck, WA9HBT  
Special Event Coordinator  
West Valley Amateur Radio Club

Following is a list of the people that took part in the test:

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|-----------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. WA9HBT | John Kornbeck & Mary         | 18. W7RD   | Reuben Deerhake     |
| 2. KB7BLI | Richard Taubert & Lenore     | 19. K9CCX  | Mit Thompson & June |
| 3. ND7BJK | Charles Thompson             | 20. AC7CS  | David Cain          |
| 4. KC7NJZ | Bob Hunt                     | 21. KD7MMB | Mike Smith          |
| 5. AA7YG  | Brad Dassonville             | 22. KD7DFU | Chester Karpinski   |
| 6. AA7ZQ  | Lois Dassonville             | 23. W7FPG  | Joe Nowakowski      |
| 7. N7JSA  | George Watling               | 24. KA6SPY | Jack Horner         |
| 8. W7EOY  | Del Young & Pat              | 25. KJ7V   | Ted Walker          |
| 9. W2GOB  | Bert Davidson                | 26. W9JIF  | Jerry Basso         |
| 10. KD7KH | Ken Hopper                   | 27. KD7NAN | Steffanie Basso     |
| 11. W8EPO | Walt Schwiebert              | 28. N7TWT  | David Morrill       |
| 12. KD2PH | Harold Van Dyke              | 29. KD7JVW | Cindy Morrill       |
| 13. KE2GG | Lew Kimble                   | 30. N9ZGE  | Don Wilson          |
| 14. NV7G  | Don Still                    | 31. KB9OLC | Linda Wilson        |
| 15. N3HP  | Harold Polk                  | 32. W7DZK  | Robert Wilkins      |
| 16. K0HO  | Allen Heneman                | 33. K7VCI  | Richard Jackson     |
| 17. W0SLL | Joe Cutitta & Earl Klingston |            |                     |

## 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.

Membership in West Valley ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. The \$15.00 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one SHORT SKIP mailed to each address.

A renewal application was included in the November mailing.

## FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry Saturday December 7. Exams start at 7:45 AM and all tests must be concluded by 9:45 AM. Check-in Library on the second floor, southeast corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CSEs and photocopies of each if applicable. Exam fee is \$10 for all elements taken once. An additional fee applies for a retest of any element. Retest is at the option of the VEs. Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.

The November 2 Examination At De Vry-- 7 candidates. served.

- Earned the Technician Class: 4
- Earned the Extra Class: 1
- Earned the Credit for the General Class: 1
- Failed: 1

### Administering VEs

Robert Miner	KA7NPQ	Glenn Wade	N7JWF
Ed Beyer	WU7A	Edson Campbell	AA7TU
Dwight Yard	KB7KON	Ken Ehrhardt	KK7NU
Joseph Brian	AA7VY	Sandy Ehrhardt	KK7UY
David Morrell	N7TWT	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU
Bob Bianca	KN7E	Joe Cutitta	W0SLI
Alex Cost	KD7CLQ		

## “PREZ SEZ”

It is now December and the year is just about done. There is Christmas and it will be over.

I want to take the time to thank all the people on the board of directors and the officers of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club for being such a great group of people to work with. Not only have they done their jobs above and beyond the call of duty as it were, but they have also provided a relative "radio" novice with lots of free advice and help with equipment. I want to especially thank Phil Walker for his tireless work in helping me be a good President. He kept me from making many mistakes and even stepped up to the plate and provided a "program" for us on PSK31.

I would also like to thank former President Ron Rasmussen for his help early on this year so that I could get up to speed on things quickly. Thanks also go out to Ralph Barr for his help to this President as well with several issues that came up and for taking on the Short Skip editorship in the short term after Sid Body became a SK.

I have really enjoyed serving you this year. If I were not moving, I would enjoy continuing to serve, but I think that we have a fine slate of officers up for your approval this month.

President	Stan Swartz, K7PLO	Director	Del Young, W7EOY
Vice President	Augie Allen, KB0RUL	Director	David Cain, AC7CS
Secretary	Phil Walker, W1PW	Director	Rich Haworth, W7MDQ
Treasurer	Ted Walker, KJ7V	Director	Ron Rasmussen, K6OP
Past President	Bill Roberts, KD7JMN		

Again thank you for the privilege of being your President. May God Bless each one of you this New Year.

J. William (Bill) Roberts, Jr., KD7JMN

ADDRESS CHANGE

Peter Scriven, WH6FH  
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LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

Ellsworth Campbell, AA7TU

February 2003

James Bley, KB7SJK

February 2003

FOR SALE

The following equipment is for sale by June Snyder, KC0XZ, of Sun City, 623-972-3342.

- Kenwood 930 with auto anttuner & desk mike \$640
- 6 meter MFJ with portable antenna and mike \$125
- President HR 600 with mike \$75
- MFJ antenna tuner model 901B \$25
- Power supply model PS12 \$10

The following equipment is for sale by Ron Rasmussen, K6OP, of Sun City, 623-546-5710.

- Icom 751A HF transceiver with a Timewave DSP-9. Original Owner. This rig has the CR64 Hi-stability oscillator, built-in power supply, and UX-14 converter. The DSP-9 gives digital signal processing capability. Rig is in perfect condition..\$495 firm.,

The following equipment is for sale by John Jobe, KA8NJH, of Sun City, 623-972-8414.

- Yaesu High performance Transceiver FT-840. Includes: Yaesu Dynamic Hand Held MH-1 B8, Yaesu Speaker Microphone, MH-18A2B, boxes and manual. \$500.00.
- Cushcraft R7 Multiband HF Vertical Antenna, Half-wave vertical; 7, 10, 14,18,21, 24, 28 MHz. \$200.00
- RS-20A Astro 20 AMP Supply. \$50.00
- 8X-50ST Van G 50 Ft RG8X Patch Cable Silver. \$15.00

The following equipment is for sale by Baldwin Hallaway, WØJD, of Sun City West, 623 214-0074.

Hy-Gain Antenna Rotor and Control Box, Model CD-45 II. U pick up - \$100  
Heavy duty ball bearing construction, (new ring gear and lubrication), 26 volt operation, Built-in thermal protection, Disk brake, Lower mast support included, Control box, Instruction book

The following equipment is for sale by Oweene Stone, KB7PXQ, of Sun City, 623-876-2087

- Nice older 2 Meter mobile unit ICOM IC228A 5 - 25 watt out complete with Larsen magnetic mobile antenna. Asking \$175 OBO.

Jerry Overeynder, W6IWR, submitted the following equipment of Adam Frisch, W2AIN, for sale by Ron Frisch, KC7OI, 480-488 4748 (long ring).

- Drake L7 Amplifier with spare pair of 3-500 Z's asking \$800.

WANTED

The COURAGE HANDI-HAM SYSTEM maintains an equipment loan program, and needs your donation of used Ham gear.

Volunteers at the Handi-Ham repair shop refurbish radios and other equipment and loan it out to members who are unable to afford the equipment. The Handi-Ham supply is now very low, and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Your donation is fully tax-deductible.

Call toll free 1-866-426-3442 or [handiham@courage.org](mailto:handiham@courage.org) or [www.handiham.org](http://www.handiham.org)

**NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is December 15th.**