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# SHORT SKIP

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### FEBRUARY WVARC CALENDAR,

Saturday Mar 2 VE Exams De Vry Tech 7.45 to 10 AM  
 Monday Mar 4 Monthly meeting, St Clement Social Hall, SC, 7 PM  
 Saturday Mar 9 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

March 4 Jerry NeManus KA7G New Ham Products  
 April 1 TBA

### THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE HAMS IN SERVICE

Hams assist ailing sailboat passengers

January 10, 2002 Martha Stone XE2/KF6TIQ developed a pulmonary embolism while surfacing from a scuba dive near Cabo San Lucas in Baja California, was saved by prompt actions of fearby Hams.

February 4, 2002 Miranda Middleton, an Australian, became seriously ill while sailing in the Caribbean, was picked up and taken to hospital in Kingston as a result of prompt actions by hams in the vicinity.

PROUD TO BE A HAM

### CONTESTS

ARRL DX SSB Contest March 2-3

Work as many amateur stations in as many DX CC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 meter bands. 48 hours each mode (separate contests). Starts 00.00 UTC Saturday, ends 24.00 UTC Sunday.

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

### FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next session at DeVry, Phoenix on March 2nd. 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 completed, an additional \$10.00 fee applies. Please have exact cash amount, or check payable to ARRL/VEC

### WVARC TECHNICIAN CLASS BEGINS IN SUN CITY FRIDAY MARCH 8th.

DAN PIERSON W6NTX announces a no-code Technician license class will be held at a Sun City location beginning Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be nine sections from 7 to 9 PM. Ham Radio needs new members, and Dan requests your help in introducing new members to our exciting and important hobby. Call Dan at 623-546-2131

### 2002 ROSTER WEB EDITION NOW ON-LINE

The electronic edition of the 2002 Roster of members associated with the WVARC has been installed on the Club web site. Members are listed throughout the year as their 2002 club dues are received by the Club Treasurer. Changes to mail or e-mail addresses, call sign, phone numbers are posted when submitted on the interactive form. An application/renewal form is also available on the web site.

Members whose dues payments were received by the Club Treasurer by February 4<sup>th</sup> will be listed in the printed version of the roster.

<http://www.qsl.net/wvare>

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IN AMATEUR RADIO (STAR)

Join us for a festival of creativity and communication! March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10.00AM to 5.00PM  
Arizona Science Center, 600 E Washington, Phoenix, just outside North entrance.

First Annual Education Event.

Learning a new skill can be a valuable and rewarding experience. This two day event offers:

High altitude balloon launch using ham-radio to send back pictures from the edge of space.

Miniaturized TV on remote control cars and a blimp.

How ham operators help with emergency communications in times of trouble.

Solar power and alternative energy.

Cutting-edge computer/radio technology.

Learn how to chat live with astronauts in space with ham radio.

Morse Codes.

For more information, contact Tommy Tucker [bomc@mindspring.co](mailto:bomc@mindspring.co)

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS

Frank Baldrige	K2ATV	8812 W Maricopa Grand	Peoria	Az	85383-1204
Brad Dassonville	AA7YG	4934 W Hatcher Road	Glendale	Az	85302-3523
Richard Fern	KI7CH	P O Box 7275	Surprise	Az	85374-0104
Martin Fitzpatrick	WB7X	10517 W Ruth Avenue	Peoria	Az	85345-7442
Albin Folden	W7KAP	10135 W Desert Hills	Sun City	Az	85351-3907
Jim Russell	N6XCC	17200 W Bell Rd #2357	Surprise	Az	85374-9740
Jeff Tinsler	KD7OWI	1633 W Acoma Drive	Phoenix	Az	85023-2379
S Van De Rign		13023 W Whispering Oaks	Sun City W	Az	85375-5059
Charles Wallace	WI0SV	4504 W State Ave	Glendale	Az	85301-2214

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

### LICENSES EXPIRING

Al Kobe	N7XPY	April 2002
Richard Fern	KI7CH	April 2002

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

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2002

All Officers and Board Members were present, with President Bill Roberts in the chair.

**CLUB DUES** For the past two years Club Dues have not been sufficient to enable the Club to operate on a balanced budget. Funds on hand are approximately \$5800.00. A lengthy discussion ensued. Suggestions canvassed: raising the annual dues in 2003; inviting voluntary donations to increase revenue, these donations would be tax deductible.

**NEED TO PURCHASE a Repeater** for the 70cm operation at Boswell Hospital. A good machine is currently available at a good price. Members discussed placing a proposal before the membership to make a non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 to hold the machine for purchase.

**COST CUTTING OF MONTHLY MEETINGS.** Rent of the meeting hall is expensive. Members discussed the possibility of finding a less expensive meeting site.

**HAMFEST** Members discussed the possibility of instituting a WVARC Hamfest, possibly in the Spring, as a means of increasing Club revenues.

My face in the mirror	isn't wrinkled or drawn,	
My house isn't dirty	the cobwebs are gone,	
My garden looks lovely	and so does my lawn,	
I think I might never	put my glasses back on!	Mirror, Azrubies

### WANTED

ZENITH SOLID STATE TRANSOCEANIC Model 7000-1 I need some repairs on this radio. Several capacitors may be giving trouble. There is a 60 cycle buzz, the volume is very low and not controlled by the volume control. I can put a little amp in the amp jack and there is full volume. All the bands work. If you are interested in doing some repair work, call or e-mail me. I can pay \$30 an hour, to a limit of \$75. Lee Crissman AB7HW [ab7hw@cox.net](mailto:ab7hw@cox.net) LEE and Scotty the Wonder Guide Dog.

### FOR SALE

HiGain TH3DX tribander HF yagi antenna.

Cushcraft 17-element 'Boomer' VHF antenna.

Bird Thruline Wattmeter Model 43 with hard leather carrying case. Several slugs available for HF/VHF/UHF work.

Pair of phased 4-element folded-dipole VHF yagis, folded dipole construction, made in Europe to commercial and military specs, brand new.

Dentron Roller Inductor tuner.

All prices negotiable. Frank AW1W 623-876-2718 or 602-938-8000

YAESUFT-767X All Mode transceiver with Cas system and 2m module. Also included Yaesu Dynamic microphone MD-1. Asking \$910.00

Lee Hillman KC7PRE 623-583-2732 [kc7pre@aol.com](mailto:kc7pre@aol.com)

### The e-COMMUNICATOR

Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard W6XD and Vice Director Tuck Miller NZ6T have announced the publication of a frequent news-letter with news items of and about the SW Division of ARRL. In recent years we have lacked such a communication, and look forward to reproducing articles of significance in the Short Skip. You can download the letter from the website <http://www.qsl.net/arrisw/>

Excerpts from February 6<sup>th</sup> issue

Director Art Goddard, at ARRL Board Meeting nominated ARRL President Jim Haynie W5JPB for second term of two years as ARRL President, and SW Past Director Fred Heyn as third Vice-President. Both nominees elected to two year terms.

President Heynie noted the role Amateur Radio can fulfil in Homeland Defense. Strategy for mitigating CC&R restrictions on antennas is based on getting the public service message across to Congress. The ARRL Volunteer Resources Committee was instructed to recommend modernizing and streamlining actions for the gamut of public service communications provided by the Amateur Radio Service. Some areas of the U.S. are reporting a 4-fold increase in ARES registrations.

### ACTIVE WEST VALLEY HAM RUNS FOR ELECTION AS MAYOR OF GLENDALE

Tim Weaver KD7DDG, West Valley ham, is running for election as Mayor of Glendale, on a platform including solid support for the FCC's RB-1 legal doctrine that mandates zoning authorities to provide reasonable accommodation for the installation of antennas and structures.

Submitted by: Frank AH0W Former president of the WVARC

Editor's note: Short Skip does not normally carry political news, but the PRB-1 matter will be of interest to a lot of hams in the West Valley.