



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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## SHORT SKIP

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## OCTOBER WVARC CALENDAR,

Monday	Oct 7	Monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church SC, 7 PM
Saturday	Oct 12	Club Breakfast Lou's Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM
Monday	Nov 4	Monthly Meeting Faith Presbyterian Church SC 7PM
Saturday	Nov 9	Club Breakfast Lou's Tivoli Gardens 8AM
Friday	Nov 15	Ladies Night Out Palmbrook Country Club 6 PM

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

### PROGRAMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Oct 7	Joe Ruby KC7GHT	IRLP
Nov 4	Debbie Overton	Telecommunications Maricopa County Sheriff's Office
Dec 2	Christmas Party	Presentation of new Club Officer Candidates

## 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> EXAMINATION AT De VRY

Results not available at press time, to be included with October results in November Short Skip.

### TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

DAN PIERSON W6NTX announces that he is offering a nine week Friday night Technician Class at the Sheriff's Posse Training Room in Sun City from 7 to 9 PM beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>. Exam to be held at DeVry on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>. Call Dan Pierson 623-546-2131

**WA6IGY IS NOW W7YR.** Tom Allen has re-activated his Dad's call sign by the FCC. WA6IGY existed for over 42 years. Tom's re-activating of his Dad's venerable call sign is an act of pride in his Dad's contribution to the Amateur Radio community.

### 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

Membership information not available at Press Time. October report to be included with November report in November Short Skip.

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One \$15.00 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one SHORT SKIP mailed to each address.

### 448.800 REPEATER

Tim Hayes KF7XY has connected the new 449.800 MHz Repeater W7JHQ to the newly installed 70 CM

Antenna located on top of the Boswell Hospital on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>. The basic repeater RF into the transmission line has not changed. You are invited to test the use, and report any comments as to any observed differences to Tim KF7XY or Tom NY7S

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

LADIES NIGHT OUT BANQUET WILL TAKE PLACE ON Friday evening November 15th at Palmbrook Country Club. Happy hour is 6 to 7 PM, dinner served at 7 PM. Guest speaker will be Sheriff Joe Arpaio. Reservation form is included with this issue of Short Skip, or can be down-loaded from the Club web-site at [www.qsl.net/wvarc](http://www.qsl.net/wvarc).

Sheriff Joe is well known in the Valley, is the self-styled toughest sheriff in the country, and especially noted for his Tent City, male and female chain gangs, inmate pink under-wear, and baloney sandwiches. He has been married to Ava for 44 years, and has two children and two grandchildren.

### “PREZ SEZ”

Well another year has almost come and gone. There are three months left. The remainder of the year's programs are scheduled and I am working on next year's schedule for next year's President. I hope to be living in restriction free Tonopah by the first of the year.

It is time to start talking about new officers and directors. There are some that will step down and some that will remain in their present position. If you are interested in being an officer of the club please let one of the current officers know. I will be letting you know who is staying and who is leaving office.

Now that it is getting cooler, perhaps we can schedule an event to test our emergency readiness and preparedness. Putting our equipment and personnel through the paces. I pray we never have to activate an emergency net for a disaster or act of terrorism, but if it happens I know we will be there doing our part to help.

May God Bless America.

Bill Roberts, KD7JMN President, WVARC.

### EDITOR THANKS HIS XYL

Many thanks to Annette for proof-reading Short Skip, especially this one. There would be many more typos but for her diligence. As soon as this edition of Short Skip is at the printer, your editor has an emergency appointment with his retinologist to determine whether the present emergency in his left eye is a routine simple cataract removal, or an invasion by macular degeneration. The right eye is already legally blind.

