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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	October 4	VE Exams, DeVry	7:45 AM	
Monday	October 6	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	October 11	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Monday	November 3	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	November 8	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newsline Net	147.30 MHz	6:45 PM
Thursdays		Brunch, Coco's	98 th Avenue & Bell Road	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

The September meeting was attended by 51 members, who enjoyed the video on Sandwich & Peter One Island near the Antarctic. The Board members met at my QTH Sept, 2 and discussed several projects to be brought before the club members for action.

Our new program chairman, Kevin KD7DFV, was also present. We need to look for new members, so I would like to suggest that you ask a friend or neighbor to come to club meetings with you. Attendance drawing produced \$25.00 each for the Club and the winner. See you at the October meeting.

73 Stan K7PLO

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Tony Rogozinski N7BQ has a large key collection (telegraph keys and bugs) for you phone guys!!
 Tony will present part of this collection both in hardware and in slide show format for our November program. It is an outstanding program which you will not want to miss. More information in the next issue of Short Skip.

CALLSIGN CHANGE

WF7F Jerry Ferguson was N7FLZ
 N7RH Don Steele was AC7YL/VE3PFC

LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

WA7UID Philip Hazlett October.
W6RP Paul Chaney November.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The e-mail addresses for George and Elsie Hands have changed.

George = ghands@fhtm.us
Elsie = ehands@fhtm.us

W9LOC Dick Rice, 1001 Waters Edge Rd
Champaign IL

N7DIC Richard Murphey 10225 W Bolivar Dr
Sun City

Please change your records. Thanks!

LATE RENEWALS / NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME NEW MEMBER
KD7YBK Robert Tastet 18124 N Villa Bella Dr
Surprise
Returning: Dick Strautman – KA0SKY
Consult Web edition of Roster for phone/e-mail

NEXT HAM EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry Saturday October 4. Exams start at 7:45 AM and all tests must be concluded by 9:45 AM. Check-in at the Library on the second floor, southeast corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CSCEs and photocopies of each if applicable. Exam fee is \$12 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.

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 e.mail-- handiham@couage.org, or point your browser to www.handiham.org.

ANNUAL DUES

The Year 2004 dues will be collected on and after November. I will arrange to have 400 membership renewal/application forms printed, and some mailed with the November Short Skip. The Treasurer requires a completed form with each dues payment.

DONATED EQUIPMENT LIST
From Floyd Emanuel – K7BN

1. Transciever – Atlas 210 w/all accessories.
2. Console w/pwr supply/separate PS210, Model MT1 Xformer/mic
3. Comms.receiver, Kenwood R1000 with manual
4. 2M mobile/base Kenwood TM201A, w/sp-40 mobile spkr & Kenwood MC48 Mic (key pad & up/dn buttons)
5. Headphones, Kenwood HS-6, light weight
6. Microphone, Kenwood dynamic 600 ohm, up/dn buttons, 6 pin plug.
7. Zoom microphone, Azden ECZ-660,AA batt. inside, 1/8" plug
8. VHF SWR/PWR meter, Heathkit 2101, w/manual.
9. VHF Amp, Heathkit HA201A, rf in/out, 12v ext jack

10. Antenna – vertical MFJ 1796 (in box/no mast), 2 major assy. All rods & hardware plus construction manual (new, unused)
11. HF ant tuner MFJ 10601 ST (small size super tuner)
12. Dummy Ant Gentec 510U, 50 ohm @500w.
13. Antenna selector sw, 4 position/single pole. Unused
14. Filter – audio model PNN-1 “peak & notch selector sw” 9 volt
15. Power supply – Micronta S/N 22-124A, 13v @2.5 amp, regulated
16. Speed-X semi-automatic key, E.F. Johnson S//N 114-501, chrome plated
17. Hand key, original J-38 bakelite base (Antique)
18. Hand key (2 each) brass plated, one is plywood board mounted)
19. Headphones, model 20-210A lite weight, 1/8” mini-plug w/long cord
20. Speaker/mic, Yaesu 12a2b (for hand held Xcvr)
21. Microphone, Icom w/ptt and coiled cable (for hand held xcvr)
22. Meter – DC amps 0-15, Shurite Model 850, mounted metal box
23. Meter – DC amps 1-25, Shurite model 750, not cased.
24. Microphone/spkr, Kenwood TR-2400

This equipment has now been priced. If you are interested, call President, Stan K7PLO. 623-933-4073.

FOR SALE

Cushcraft R-7 (40-10M) antenna, \$100. Contact Stan K7PLO – 623-933-4073.

Yaesu FRG-7700 ALL MODE HF receiver. See it and make offer
Ron K6OP 623-5465710 or if no answer call Dale @ 623-214-5595

HERE AND THERE AMONG US

Ruth Sumner XYL of **Ray NW7R** has written Rich WB2LKU that Ray had been operated on at the end of June to correct an 85% blockage to his heart. He is now at home convalescing from the surgery.

Ray moved back to Connecticut in 2000. While he lived in Sun City, he had been dedicated to serving the Club in all its activities. He was the beating heart of our organization.

Let's try to cheer up Ray. Send him a personal note or note card soon. He can now receive and respond to email at raynw7r@aol.com.

Snail mail Address: 393 Gaylord DR, Waterbury CT 06708.

Bud Webb – W9OCL underwent surgery near the end of July to have entire voice box removed. His address: 19401 N CONCHO CIR Sun City 85373 w9ocl@aol.com

It is our understanding that **Merrill Butterman, KF8DZ** has become a **SK**, but we have no other details. He was a former Secretary of WVARC.

It is with regret that we report that WVARC member **Irvin Weinman, W7GX**, became a Silent Key on Friday, August 22, 2003.

Did you see the great front page article on 9/11, featuring **Rich Haworth W7MDQ** and the readiness of Hams to be involved in emergency communications when called upon? A great antidote to complaints about RFI caused by Ham Radio operation!

W7KIV MEMORIAL

Chuck Hilliker W7KIV died last April. He was the founder and Webmaster of the web sites of WVARC and Sun City West Astronomy Club. The two clubs funded a \$100 gift from Chuck's family to Challenger Learning Center, Peoria Arizona. The Center has installed a memorial tile on it second floor walkway. The tile is inscribed "CHUCK HILLIKER ADVENTURER".

REPORT ON FT. TUTHILL, ETC

Fort Tuthill, the ARRL Arizona State Hamfest, is over for year 2003 and it was a great success. As normal it rained on both Friday and Saturday afternoon causing a minor inconvenience to the outside vendors and buyers but only a few people complained with the most of us just moving into the barn to stay dry and look and buy all the new products. Rick Paquette, W7RAP, and crew administered over 50 VE exams during the Saturday morning period, which added a few more people to our ranks. Dan Miller, K3UFG, from ARRL headquarters, gave a great talk on the Communications-Electronics course offered by ARRL and endorsed by the FEMA and the Office of Homeland Security. If you have not completed this Communications-Electronic level one course please check the ARRL website for the next opening. The cost is \$45.00 and you get your money back after you have completed the course. This is a good deal. At the Repeater owners meeting we had a change of command, Lance Halley, KW7LH, took over the job as Chairman, due to the resignation of Ralph Turk, W7HSG. Please give Lance your support for this thankless job and Ralph, W7HSG, deserves our thanks for many years of service to ARCA and the state for his leadership on Frequency Coordination.

OPRC Hamfest at the Tucson Electric Park on 18 October 2003.

SELECTED CONTESTS

QCWA QSO Party Oct 4
www.qcwa.org/2003qso-party.htm

YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB Oct 15-17
www.qsl.net/ylrl/ylcontests.html

W/VE Islands QSO Party Oct 18-19
www.eng.mu.edu/~usi/usvetest.html

10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW Oct 25-26
www.ten-ten.org

CQWW DX SSB Oct 25-26
www.cq-amateur-radio.com

COMING EVENTS

November 5
 Palo Verde NGS Siren Test
 Volunteers contact: John WA9HBT 623-566-2018
 or Richard K7VCI 623-846-1615

Ladies' Night Out Dinner and WVARC "Ham of the Year" award -- Palmbrook CC, Sun City
 A reservation form will be mailed with October Short Skip.

NOTE FROM KEN KD7KH

For those of you interested in building projects, check out www.national.com (National Semiconductor's web site). They have a free product sample program that makes available up to 5 samples of their semiconductor products with free 24 hour shipping.

You need to register with them, but that's easy. You can request up to 5 different samples per week. This is great for obtaining those small-quantity ICs, transistors etc that would otherwise require a \$10 investment in shipping charges and long delays with the usual ham parts sources.

VANITY FEE INCREASE

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign fee of \$16.30 for the 10-year license term will go into effect September 9.

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday October 11