



West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	April 3	VE Exams, DeVry	7:45 AM
Monday	April 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 7 PM (15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)
Saturday	April 10	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 8 AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newslines Net	147.30 MHz 6:45 PM
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	98 th Avenue & Bell Road 9:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz 9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ ----- Don K7UGO

Well it certainly didn't take long for the temperatures to rise. This would be a good time to remind people to drink plenty of fluids and stay hydrated. As the weather becomes increasingly warmer it is vital for everyone to bring plenty of cool liquid refreshment with them wherever they go.

At the members meeting on April 5th, we will be voting on some important matters. They are listed within this edition of Short Skip. We will be voting in Marilyn Waite, N7DFH, as our new Treasurer. Also we will be voting on the

proposed amendments for our Constitution & By-laws. If you can make to the meeting, that would be great.

Our program for the April meeting will be a gentleman by the name of Daniel Hutto. He is the Director of Network Operations for Cox Communications for the Phoenix area. If his name sounds familiar, well you are right. He was scheduled to talk to us at our Jan. 2004 meeting, but he was unavoidably called away due to a major outage within his realm of responsibility. Let's hope things go smoothly for all involved on April 5th. -- 73 Don K7UGO

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday April 3. 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. **ARRL VEC Exam Fee for 2004 remains at \$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.** The revised Element 3 (General Class Written exam) question pool will be used after June 30, 2004 at exam sessions.

The March 6 session at DeVry – 11 candidates were examined:

- 3 passed Element 1 Code
- 1 failed Element 1 Code
- 2 earned Technician Licenses
- 4 earned General license
- 3 earned Extra license

Administering VEs

Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison

VE Team:

Edward H. Beyer - WU7A
 Ellsworth Campbell – AA7TU
 Harold Taylor – W7HVT
 Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Glenn Wade - N7JWF
 Michael Smith – K7MMB
 Robert Knight – N7LPD
 Shelly Newman – AB7LQ
 Richard Piggott – WB2LKU
 Kenneth J. Peloquin – N7PHO
 Joseph Cutitta – W0SLL
 David Morrill – N7TWT
 Richard Koch – W7DIC
 Charles R. Wallace W1OSV

Special thanks to the following VE's who took part in the special exam reading: Kenneth Peloquin – N7PHO, Harold Taylor – W7HVT, Michael Smith – K7MMB, Glenn Wade – N7JWF

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Norm Erickson N9IGT Peoria
 William Mc Clure W7JUK Sun City

LICENSE EXPIRATIONS

W9WFV William Johnson Apr
 KC7CMM Bob Moyer Apr
 W6YLJ Chuck Imsande May
 KC8PJ Steve Early May
 AC7CS David Cain May
 N7CXZ Ellery Cadiz May
 K7VCI Richard Jackson Jun
 AB7HW Richard Lee Chrisman Jun
 N7DFH Marilyn Waite Jul
 KA7DSY Roland Ripplinger Jul
 WA2CDR Walter Carroll Jr Jul
 KB8ZL Tom Cain Jul
 KB0PAG John Helgesen Jul

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY

To our President, **Don Bastien K7UGO**, on the recent death of his father, and to **Ernie Brewer N7EBN**, on the death of his wife, Phyllis, on February 25. A Funeral Mass was celebrated for her on March 1.

We received word that **Clifford E. Fay K7BQ** became a Silent Key on February 28. Cliff celebrated his 100th birthday on December 2. His son, Ted, and daughter, Barbara were with Cliff when he died, and to them we express our sympathy. It should be noted that Cliff was a Ham for 84 years! A Memorial Service was held for Cliff at the Chapel in Sierra Winds Retirement Center where he lived.

Howard Barnes K6QWH became a Silent Key on March 4.

Our sympathy also goes to Florine Frizzo, whose husband, **Jay G. Frizzo KB6OKG**, became a Silent Key on December 24, 2003.

Many thanks to those alert Hams who keep the editor informed of these Silent Keys.

VOLUNTEER FOR OFFICE OF TREASURER

Many thanks to **Marilyn Waite N7DFH** who "stepped up to the plate" when our President asked for volunteers to replace Ted Walker KJ7V, who has moved to Sierra Vista, AZ. The Club will be asked to vote at the April meeting to approve her.

**PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO CLUB
CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
Constitution Article III, Sec. 1**

- d. If an elected officer is unable to complete his/her elected term for any reason, the board of directors shall appoint a replacement for the duration of that position's elected term.

By-Laws Article II, Sec 5

The Treasurer will be bonded if the Club funds exceed \$10,000 for more than 30 days. At each January meeting, the Outgoing Treasurer will provide the prior year's financial report to the membership. The Audit Committee shall complete the Annual Audit no later than January 25. Results of the audit shall be provided to the membership no later than the March meeting, at which time a membership vote should be taken for approval.

These proposed changes will be voted on at the April Club meeting.

HAMFESTS

Arizona Amateur Radio Club Hamfest
Saturday, April 17 0600 to 1400
Location: DeVry University
2149 Dunlap Ave Phoenix
Contact: GARY M HAMMAN, K7GH
E-mail: ghamman@aol.com

May 1, 2004
Sierra Vista Hamfest
Club Facilities on Moson Road
Sponsored by C.A.R.A.
ARCA Meeting 11:00 A.M.
Free parking, hourly door prizes.
Grand prize: YAESU FT-857.
2nd prize: YAESU VX-1R.
www.qsl.net/k7rdg/
email kd7hab@earthlink.net

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS

Kids Roundup Apr-Apr 4
www.qsl.net/ki3ds/

SP DX Contest Apr 3-Apr 4

www.sp5pbe.waw.pl/SPDXC/

EA RTTY Contest Apr 3-Apr 4
www.rttycontesting.com/

Missouri QSO Party Apr 3-Apr 4
www.qsl.net/w0ma/contests.htm

QCWA QSO Party Apr 3-Apr 4
www.qcwa.org/

ARS Spartan Sprint Apr 6
<http://www.arsqrp.com/>

JIDX CW Contest Apr 10-Apr 11
<http://je1cka.jzap.com/jidx/>

ARCI Spring QSO Party Apr 10-Apr 11
2hams.net/ARCI/index.htm

EU Spring Sprint, SSB Apr 10
www.qsl.net/eusprint/

Georgia QSO Party Apr 10 -Apr 11
gqp.contesting.com/

Holyland DX Contest Apr 17
www.iarc.org/

TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest Apr 17
<http://www.n2ty.org/>

Michigan QSO Party Apr 17-Apr 18
<http://www.miqp.org/>

Ontario QSO Party Apr 17-Apr 18

Helvetia Contest Apr 24-Apr 25
www.uska.ch/html/en/index_e.htm

Florida QSO Party Apr 24-Apr 25
www.floridaqsoparty.org/

Nebraska QSO Party Apr 24-Apr 25
www.qsl.net/hdxa

10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW May 1-May 2
www.ten-ten.org

Indiana QSO Party May 1-May 2
<http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/>

New England QSO Party May 1-May 2
<http://www.neqp.org/>

SPRING ARIZONA SCHOOL NETS

Carl Hayden Community High School
Phoenix
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Global Scouting-Usa (Girl Scout)
Prescott
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Cub Scout Pack 604 (Boy Scout)
Scottsdale
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Explorer Post 73 (JOTA)
Tucson
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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 appreciated. Your donation is fully tax-deductible. Call toll-free: 1-866-426-34442 or e.mail: handiham@courage.org, or point your browser to: <http://www.handiham.org>.

CLUB REPEATERS

2m Repeater – 147.30 MHz (+) PL 162.2 Hz
70cm Repeater – 449.80 MHz (-) PL 100.0 Hz

NOT YET A MEMBER OF WVARC?

For a membership application go to our website: www.qsl.net/wvarc/, select "join" and then "application" Print out the Membership Application blank, fill it out, then mail it as directed or bring it to any Club meeting. Dues are \$15./yr.

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS!

This class, which will be taught by Dan Pierson **W6NTX**, will take place on nine Fridays, April 2 to May 28, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. Classes will be held in the Sun City Sheriff's Posse building. There is no charge for the class. For further information call Dan at 623-546-2131.

FOR SALE

Mosley Beam CL-36 Broad Beam Ant	\$350
Soundcraftsman Equalizer PR-2215R	25
Teletype model 43, Send & receive printer	
With documentation –New– never used	50 obo
Hallicrafters, Model S-118, Multiband radio	135
CB base unit, Royce 625	
(can be converted to 10M)	35

Robert Jelinek 17819 Lindgren, Sun City, AZ
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SATELLITES

Thank-you to those members who expressed an interest in the focus group on Satellite Communications. We will be getting together again at the conclusion of the April 5th Club Meeting. Anyone interested, please join us.

Due to a delay in the delivery of the primary payload to the launch site, ECHO (AMSAT-NA newest satellite) launch date has been postponed by three months, slated for March 31, the new launch date is June 29, 2004.

73's Robert K7RQN AMSAT-NA

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday April 17