



SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	Aug 2-Sept 6	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			(15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)	
Saturday	Aug 14 – Sept 11	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newsline 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
We have a club logo! Congratulations to Richard Faust - K9IVB, for his winning design. You can see it at the top of this issue of Short Skip. I am also looking into other ideas for using our club logo.

The program scheduled for the August 2nd members meeting will be provided by Jim Pierce, N7QVW. He will be giving a talk on one of the many events that the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group (MCECG) uses as a training tool in order to become more proficient with radio communications, while using a tactical net.

We have been very busy lately with providing amateur radio communications for Sun Health. More details about all of this can be found inside this newsletter. Special thanks needs to go out to everyone that helped make our mission a successful one.

73 Don K7UGO

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday, September 11.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 2, 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 is \$12 for all elements taken once. An additional fee applies for a retest of any element. Retest is at the option of the examiners. **Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.**

The June 5th, session at DeVry – 18 candidates were examined:the VEs.

- 1 Failed Element 1 Code
- 9 earned Technician license
- 6 earned General Credit
- 1 Failed General License
- 2 earned Extra license

Administering VEs**Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison**

VE Team:

Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Michael Smith – K7MMB
 Rich Piggott – WB2LKU
 Dwight Yard – KB7KON
 Edward H. Beyer - WU7A
 Joseph Cutitta W0SLI
 Glenn Wade - N7JWF
 David Morrill – N7TWT

Thank you! To following members that participated in the VE Test Session at the Sheriff's Posse of Sun City Building, Friday night June 4, 2004. Rich Piggott – WB2LKU, Harold VanDyke – KD2PH, Richard Koch – W7DIC, Michael Smith – K7MMB, David Morrill – N7TWT.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Diana Hayes N7YKT Glendale, AZ
 Tim Hayes KF7XY Glendale, AZ

EXPIRING LICENSES

KC7FWN	Robert Giles	Sept
KC7FQI	Julie Wade	Sept
KA6SPY	Jack Horner	Sept
W2YGT	Ted Zablisky	Sept
KA0APP	Earl Holcomb	Oct
KE7DH	George Hands	Oct
KC7GHT	Joe Ruby	Oct
N9ZGE	Don Wilson	Nov
WA9RK	R Strothmann	Nov
KC7GWZ	Tom Piotrowski	Nov

SILENT KEYS**BEN LOGAN – W9MVB**

Ben was a native of Akron, Ohio , and 70 years ago was one of the the youngest Hams in the nation. He was a regular at Club meetings and the Thursday morning breakfasts where he was a most interesting conversationalist. Ben died on Monday May 24, and will be greatly missed.

MERRILL BUTTERMAN – KF8DZ**LEONARD WARE – W7IKU**

NEEDED Net Control Operators for the Morning West Valley Call In Net! Please take a little time and become a Net Control Operator on the 9:00 AM daily West Valley Call In Net held on the 147.300 MHz West Valley repeater. Call Lee Chrisman AB7HW 480-483-6584 or email me at ab7hw@arrl.net. West Valley Radio Club members need your help!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James McBride, N7NPF.
 Leonard Weiss, KD7ZWE (returning member).
 Frank House, KE7ARB Phoenix
 Leonard Weiss, KD7ZWE Peoria
 Scotty Rathjen, W7SW Sun City West

SERVICES

Towers and antennas removed by Bob Pistone, K1KIV. Call 623-5463646. (He's equipped; most of us are not).

SPECIAL EVENTS

N7C Navajo Code Talkers Day 1400Z Aug 14-0200Z Aug 15: 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033
QSL. N7HG, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515

Colorado 14er Event Pikes Peak, 1500Z-1800Z Aug 15. 147.42, 21.330, 14.260, 14.060.
Contact 10+ summits for award. QSL. Bob Witte, 21060 Capella Dr, Monument, CO 80132. <http://14er.org/forum/portal.php>

W2GSB/LH Fire Island National Sea Shore, NY 1400Z Aug 21-2000Z Aug 22. 7.240, 14.260, 21.260, 28.460. QSL. GSBARC, W2GSB/LH, PO Box 1356, West Babylon, NY 11704.
www.gsbarc.org.

N4AUG St Augustine, FL: 1400Z Aug 21-2200Z Aug 22. 21.270 14.270 14.035. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086-0084.
www.saars.net

National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend August 7 and 8. Work lighthouses and lightships
Sponsor: Amateur Radio Lighthouses Society
<http://arlhs.com/>

HAMFESTS

The Central Arizona DX Association will host the ARRL Southwest Division Friday through Sunday August 28-29. at the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort and Spa, Gila River Indian Community Phoenix. It should not astonish anyone that this will be a very big affair. Fifty-five exhibitors from AEA to Yeasu have signed up for space. Thirty-two programs including

workshops, talks, and forums have been scheduled. A flea market, cookout and banquet add social opportunities. This will be a festive end to the summer convention season. And the resort atmosphere will make this convention much more than just another hamfest.
Website: www.hamradio2004.com/swdc2004.

Hualpai ARC Annual Fallfest and ARCA Meeting Saturday, September 11, sunup to sundown.

Mohave Community College, Kingman, AZ
Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS
2652 East Mary Avenue Bullhead City, AZ 86426
Phone: 928-758-6780
www.qsl.net/harc-az/html/events1.htm

FOR SALE

TOWER MA40 Tilt \$300, RS202 w/charger. \$50, Ant. Mag mount 2M \$5.00; Key Autronic bug \$20; Key (like Speedex) \$5.00; Headset Sony DR5A \$15; HT Icom IC2AT w/dc1 no ant \$20; HT IC3AT w/bp3 bat no ant \$20.

Tower may be seen at 10902 Oakmont, Sun City. Call Dan Koontz for appointment (623) 374-4021. Other items, call Stan K7PL (623) 933-4073.

.CLUB PROPERTY FOR SALE: Alinco DX-70, HF + 50Mhz, all mode, with hand mike and manual. This rig is in like new condition and in original box with a power supply, Astron 20M. Asking \$500. Call Stan K7PLO for info at (623) 933-4073

UPDATE ON THURSDAY BREAKFASTS

At one of the Thursday morning breakfasts at Coco's the arrival time was discussed once again. It was finally decided to let people know that they can arrive anywhere between 8:00 & 9:00 AM.

COMMUNICATIONS FOR SUN HEALTH

The WVARC has been very busy recently with providing radio communications for Sun Health. First there was a radio communications check for Boswell Hospital held on May 26th. Then there was a drill involving both Del Webb & Boswell Hospitals; held on June 9th. Finally, there was an actual call-out for communication needs for Del Webb Hospital on the night of June 12th, starting at 10:00 PM. The people listed below need to be recognized for their dedication, time and service during these three events.

Augie Allen KB0RUL
 Donald Bastien K7UGO
 Calvin Cruse KA7BET
 Faye Delaney KC7TOJ
 Richard Delaney KG7MR
 Jerry Ferguson WF7F
 Richard Haworth W7MDQ
 Randy Helfrich KD7ZAA
 Paula Jones KD7TNB
 Dick Koch W7DIC
 John Kornbeck WA9HBT
 Bob Moyer KC7CMM
 Shirley Moyer KC7HDZ
 Dick Murphey N7DIC
 Monty Nelson W1MN
 Mike Smith K7MMB
 John Van de Water KD7EBR
 Harold Van Dyke KD2PH
 Glenn Wade N7JWF
 Loyd Waite N7IAU
 Marilyn Waite N7DFH
 Phil Walker W1PW
 Tom Watts NY7S
 Del Young W7EOY

FCC Turning Blind Eye in BPL Proceeding, ARRL Charges (Jun 24, 2004) – The ARRL says the FCC apparently has already made up its mind about broadband over power line (BPL) and "wants no bad news" about the technology. In reply comments filed June 22 on the FCC's *Notice of Proposed Rule Making* in ET Docket 04-37, the League called on the Commission to take "a fresh look" at BPL before enabling its deployment

SATELLITES

AMSAT - OSCAR-E (Echo), a 10" square microsat satellite, was successfully launched June 29, 2004 from Kazakhstan.

Beginning with OSCAR-1, which was launched in December, 1961, Echo has been issued the number AMSAT-OSCAR-51 (AO-51). Thus AO-51 joins a long line of amateur radio satellites.

Echo is a low orbit FM and Digital satellite. You will be able to use it with minimum equipment. Operational configurations include FM voice, various digital modes, and PSK31 on 10-meter SSB uplink. Echo is in a sun-synchronous polar orbit, 500 miles above the earth.

AMSAT-NA and colleague organizations around the world have built over 50 ham radio satellites. Fifteen of these satellites continue in operation.

Day-by-day tracking information for radio amateur satellites, 24 hours, may be obtained from www.heavens-above.com.

73's Robert K7RQN, AMSAT-NA

Be a Disabled Ham's Elmer and Friend Donate!

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, email handiham@courage.org or visit their web site: www.handiham.org.

73 Dick Chrisman AB7HW and Scotty the Wonder Guide Dog! 480-483-6584