



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	January 3	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	January 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	January 10	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newsline Net	147.30 MHz	6:45 PM
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Bell Road	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

### PREZ SEZ

I hope everyone has a happy & safe Holiday Season. A new year is upon us and with a new year comes new changes. I want to thank Stan, K7PLO, for doing a great job as President this past year. I am looking forward to working with him and the rest of the Board of Directors in 2004.

Special thanks to everyone who brought "cookies & goodies" to the December meeting. From what I saw it looked like everyone had a good time. What a great way to end the year!

We still need people to help out with the upcoming auction. If you would like to help and join in the fun, please contact Gene, AK9N, at 623-853-1233.

I know I have a challenging job this year, but working with the members of this club will make my job seem effortless. Thank you for your support. – 73 -- Don K7UGO.

### PROGRAM FOR JAN. 5th MEETING

If you have ever had a problem with RFI and your cable TV, then you won't want to miss the January 5th meeting. Daniel Hutto, from COX Cable Network Operations will be joining us and giving a talk about cable television, RFI, and how it affects all of us. Did you know that our 2-meter frequencies are right in line with cable channel 18? Come to the January meeting and learn more. See you there...

**NEW MEMBER**

Robert Persichitti WA2EKF Sun City West

**CALL SIGN CHANGE**

Mike Smith K7MMB was KD7MMB

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Walt Schwiebert W8EPO Freedom Plaza, Peoria AZ

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday January 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 VE's.

**Pay by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.**

**NEW GENERAL CLASS QUESTION POOL**

ARLB069 New General Class Question Pool Released

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has released a revised and expanded Amateur Radio General class (Element 3) question pool into the public domain. The new question pool becomes effective July 1, 2004 and must be used to generate all General written examinations administered on or after that date.

"The pool has been expanded to 432 questions," said ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, a member of the Question Pool Committee, who notes that all subelements grew slightly. "The largest increase in questions this time around was in our Operating Procedures and Amateur Radio Practices subelements," he said. The General class question pool does not contain any diagrams or symbols.

The new Element 3 question pool is available on the ARRL Amateur Exam Question Pools Web page at [www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html](http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html) in Adobe PDF and ASCII text format. It includes all questions & answers relating to Element 3. The Question Pool Committee now is turning its attention to developing an outline for an updated Amateur Extra class (Element 4) question pool, which will be revised over the next 24 months, Jahnke said. It will go into effect July 1, 2006. The deadline to submit input to the Amateur Extra question pool syllabus is May 1, 2004.

Commenters may address specific Element 3 questions as well as inputs to the Element 3 syllabus and question pool to the Question Pool Committee via e-mail at [qpc@arrl.org](mailto:qpc@arrl.org).

**December 6 session at DeVry –**

- 11 candidates were examined
- 1 earned element 1
- 7 earned Technician licenses
- 3 earned General licenses
- 1 earned General Credit

**Administering VEs**

**Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison**

**VE Team:**

Robert Knight – N7LPD  
 Shelly Newman – AB7LQ  
 Edward H. Beyer - WU7A  
 Harold Tatlor – W7HVT  
 Robert Fairild – K7RQN  
 Larry Taylor - W7LDT  
 Michael Smith – K7MMB  
 Richard Piggott - WB2LKU  
 Glenn Wade - N7JWF  
 Alex Cost - KD7CLQ  
 Joseph Cutitta W0SLI

**OOPS – CORRECTION!**

In the December issue of Short Skip, we inadvertently left out the name of **Harold Polk, N3HP** who was in the group for the Palo Verde Siren Test. Our apologies, Harold. (This was his 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive attendance at a Siren Test.)

**HAMFESTS**

Westfest by Thunderbird ARC Sat Jan 10, approx. 6AM until noon. Location will be in the North parking lot of the Glendale Community College at 59th Ave and Olive/Dunlap.

Contact Steve, W1ADW, at 623-521-1036  
[w1adw@arrl.net](mailto:w1adw@arrl.net)

Ham Radio Equipment Auction  
 Conducted by West Valley ARC  
 Mon Evening Feb 2 Sun City, AZ

Contact:

Phil Walker, W1PW Phone: 623-815-9010  
 Email: [auction2004@cox.net](mailto:auction2004@cox.net)

**NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Thursday January 15**

**SELECTED CONTESTS**

AGB NYSB Contest (CW and SSB) Jan 1  
[sk3bg.se/contest/agbnysb.htm](http://sk3bg.se/contest/agbnysb.htm)

AGCW Happy New Year Contest (CW) Jan 1  
[www.agcw.de/english/contest/happynew\\_e.htm](http://www.agcw.de/english/contest/happynew_e.htm)

ARRL Kid's Day Contest (SSB) Jan 3  
[www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html)

Hunting Lions in the Air (CW SSB) Jan 10- 11

www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/lionita.asp

East Asia 160/80 DX Contest 0900Z, Jan 10-11 –  
(SSB, CW) www.tamo.dip.jp

UK DX Contest, (SSB) Jan 10-11  
www.cdxc.org.uk/

North American QSO Party, (CW) Jan 10-11

Antarctica DXpedition 8J1RF: about Jan 15  
from Dome Fuji Station, 77.19 S, 39.42 E,  
On 10-30 m CW/SSB/RTTY/SSTV/AO40.  
QSL JA-bureau. Sponsor: Japanese DX

North American QSO Party, Jan 17-18  
CW: Bob Selbrede, K6ZZ (cwnaqp@ncjweb.com)  
SSB: Bruce Horn, WA7BNM ssbnaqp@ncjweb.com

10-10 International. Winter Contest, (SSB) Feb 7-8  
www.ten-ten.org/calendar.html

**LICENSES EXPIRING SOON**

N6XCC	Jim Russell	Jan 04
W9MVB	Ben Logan	Jan 04
K9IVB	Richard Faust	Jan 04
KB8NSN	Al Diebel	Jan 04
KF2PW	Al Cohen	Jan 04
N7JB	Jim Bradley Jr	Jan 04
KA9TAA	Vern De Witt	Jan 04
AB7BD	Doc Greene	Jan 04
K7VZP	WilliamThissell	Feb 04
W4DGL	Rocky Lewis	Feb 04
K9CCX	Mit Thompson	Mar 04
WA0GRV	Gene Metzger	Mar 04
KJ7KN	Russ Iverson	Mar 04
W0JD	Baldwin Hallaway	Mar 04
WH6FH	Peter Scriven	Mar 04

**WHO'S WHO IN WVARC - 2004?**

OFFICE		NAME	CALL
President	2004	Donald Bastien	K7UGO
Vice President	2004	Daid Cain	AC7CS
Secretary	2004	Ellsworth Campbell	AA7TU
Treasurer	2004	Ted Walker	KJ7V
Director	04/05	Richard Haworth	W7MDQ
Director	03/04	Ron Rasmussen	K6OP
Director	04/05	Phil Walker	W1PW
Director	2004	Del Young	W7EOY
Past President	2005	Stan Swartz	K7PLO
COMMITTEE		NAME	CALL
2-Meter Net (Wed Night)			
ARCA Rep.		Ted Walker	KJ7V
ARCA Rep. Alt			
ARES Coordinator		Jerry Ferguson	WF7F
ARRL Rep.			
Auction		Gene Melton	AK9N
Audit		Walt Schwiebert	W8EPO

Awards Manager	Allan Fusler	KI7NF
Badges/Signs	Calvin Cruse	KA7BET
C.A.R.L. Rep	Dave Pollack	KF7WW
Elmers	Glenn Wade	N7JW
Greeters	Glenn Wade	N7JWF
	Julie Wade	KC7FQI
Ham License Classes	Dan Pierson	W6NTX
Handi-Hams Rep.	Lee Chrisman	AB7HW
Ladies Night	Current Vice President	
Meeting Room	Current President	
Membership	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU
Programs	Kevin Wesolowski	KD7DFV
Public Relations		
Repeater Maintenance	Ted Walker	KJ7V
RF/TV Interference	Ted Walker	KJ7V
Roster Publication	Ralph Barr	W0DNO
School Classes	Bill Roberts	KD7JMN
Short Skip Editor	Ellsworth Campbell	AA7TU
Silent Key	Bob Moyer	
Storage Coordinator	Stan Swartz	K7PLO
Vacation Net		
VE License Exams	Bob Miner	KA7NPQ
Web Page	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU
Public Service Teams	John Kornbeck	WA9HBT
Team Members		
	Reuben Deerhake	W7RD
	George Watling	N7JSA
	Tim Hayes	KF7X
	Harold Van Dyke	KB2PH

Several open positions are in this list. Anyone want to volunteer? Call Pres. Don Bastien K7UGO.

**WANTED**

Good 55' US Tower: either a TX-455 or HDX-555. Call David Cain AC7CS at 623-910-4191.

**FOR SALE**

Ameritron Linear Amp – AL-811H – 1yr old -	\$650
ICOM 751A – Upgraded w/Pwr Supply	\$550
Drake Watt Meter W-4 200-2000W	\$15
CushCraft Vertical – R-6000 (6.10.12.15,20M )	\$125
Butternut Vertical 32' HF-2V (40-80-160M)	\$175
Alinco VHF/UHF Transceiver Mobile/Base DR 605T, 35Wh – 5WI	\$150
Lots of Coax Cables – Make offer	
Box of all types of coax fittings	\$20
Tubes – receiving & transmitting –New in orig. cartons – Make Offer -- Contact <b>Joe, W7FPG – 623-584-6117</b>	
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TELREX TRIBAND ANTENNA, 5 element Mod. TB5EM, manual incl. Freq.- 10, 15, 20M, Balun fed	\$200 + S&H

TOWER-- E-Z Way Products Mod. RB-40, manual incl.-  
Tilt-over crank installation, 2 sections with Ground Post,  
No guys required. \$150 + dismantling + freight

MFJ Antenna Tuner- Mod. 989C, Versa Tuner V,  
manual incl.-Cross Needle meter, SWR/ Watt-meter- Hi  
Power up to 3 KW PE Built in 50 ohm, 300w Dummy  
Load - \$185 + S&H

Linear Amp – Amp Supply Co LK 500ZB, 160-15M ,  
1500 W \$500

Telex HAM IV Rotor System w/ 120v Control Unit - \$300.  
+ S&H, manuals incl.

For viewing or purchase, contact: **Bill Young W5TGW**  
623-974-2620 bjyoung@juno.com

Anixter Mobile antenna (40-20-15-10) meters and  
magnetic mount \$100.  
**WA9RKI** – 623-972-0923 or e-mail rudstro@aol.com.

MFJ Voice Keyer Model 434 with remote key pad, all  
cables and manual..\$100. Westmountain Rig Blaster  
complete with software & manual.....\$50 All in great  
shape --selling because my new rig has all this built in.  
**Ron-K6OP** ronk6op@juno.com or 623-546-5710.

Alinco DX 70T HF& 50MHZ All mode Transceiver - like  
new condition. \$450.00  
**Robert Miner, KA7NPQ**, Phoenix. 602-997-2465.

2 element 10 meter Raibeam...\$90. OBO. **Ted Walker**  
**KJ7V**, email kj7v@cox.net

2600 President (10M) with hand mike, manual \$75  
**June Snyder KC0XZ**, 623-972-3342

For Sale – due to health problems  
Yaesu FT 840 Xceiver Purchased 6/30/03  
Astron RS20A Power supply 6/30/03  
AM-Com Clear Speech Spkr CCS-11 7/21/03  
Iron Horse 20 M whip & RS mount 7/3/03  
USED items  
Straight key  
LP Filter KW  
MFJ Tuner 982-C 1.5 KW Versa III  
\$847 Cash bundle.  
Call **Rich Kemp W7JIH** – 623-974-2711

**FOR Your INFORMATION** - 440 Repeater Frequency:

Out	In
449.800	444.800
PL = 100.0 hz	

**ARLB071 FCC announces new Universal Licensing  
System interface.**

The FCC on December 14 will unveil a new on-line filing  
interface for its Universal Licensing System (ULS), on  
the web at, <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>, which includes the  
Amateur Service.

Among other features, the ULS's new look will include  
easier-to-read on-screen forms that guide users through  
filing and simplify such routine tasks as applying for  
license renewal, address change or vanity call sign. The  
FCC says the introduction of its new system, called "ULS  
License Manager," concludes phase one of an ongoing  
ULS overhaul by the Wireless Telecomm. Bureau.

The ULS will require all filers to log into the system  
using an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and  
Commission Registration System (CORES) password.  
Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) no longer will be  
accepted for log-in purposes.

Once the new system is up and running, all licenses and  
applications in the ULS database will be converted to the  
new ULS License Manager filing environment.

There's also a new paper version of FCC Form 605,  
dated December 2003. One change is that Form 605 no  
longer requests a date of birth and will only accept an  
FRN and CORES password. There are no Amateur  
Service-related changes to any Form 605 schedules.

The FCC says Amateur Service applicants may continue  
to use the March 2001 (or later) edition of Form 605,  
although it encourages use of the newest version. The  
new FCC Form 605 now is available via the FCC Web  
site at, <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form605/605.html>.

To assist with any ULS issues after the changeover, the  
Technical Support Hotline staff will be available Sunday,  
December 14, from 10 AM until 6 PM EST. Normal  
hours are weekdays (except holidays) from 8 AM until 6  
PM Eastern Time. Technical Support is available via the  
FCC Web site at, <http://esupport.fcc.gov>, or telephone  
877-480-3201 (TTY 202-414-1255).

ULS licensing support and forms information is available  
weekdays (except holidays) from 8 AM until 5:30 PM  
Eastern Time via e-mail at [ulshelp@fcc.gov](mailto:ulshelp@fcc.gov), or  
telephone 888-CALLFCC (225-5322),  
Option 2 (users also may call 717-338-2888).  
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**Something you'd like to share with fellow-Hams?**

Send it to the Short Skip editor – [aa7tu@earthlink.net](mailto:aa7tu@earthlink.net).  
Remember the advice of Shakespear through his  
character, Polonius, "Brevity is the soul of wit."