



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	March 6	VE Exams, DeVry	7:45 AM
Monday	March 8	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 7 PM (15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)
Saturday	March 13	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 (note change!) 9 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz 9:00 AM

### PREZ SEZ ----- Don K7UGO

Our annual auction was a huge success. The club made over \$2,000 on this event. This is more than enough to cover the cost of the new repeater; which we just ordered. Special thanks needs to go out to Gene, AK9N, our auction chairman for this year; as well as all of the many volunteers who helped out before, during, and after the auction was completed. I locked up the doors and was heading home at 10:30 PM. Thank you everyone!

Our current Treasurer, Ted - KJ7V, has sold his house; which means he & his family will be moving out of the area. His contribution to this club has been immeasurable. His skills and

talent as a ham and a treasurer will be dearly missed. We all wish him the best of luck with all of his future endeavors.

The program for the March meeting will be associated with Emergency Communications. Our guest speaker will be Walt Schuknecht - N7IZM; ARRL Deputy Emergency Coordinator for Maricopa County. One of his many tasks includes being associated with the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group (MCECG). Learn more about how emergency communications can benefit all of us. Be sure to look for the people with the yellow shirts at the meeting. 73 - Don K7UGO.

### FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday March 6. 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 February 7 session at DeVry – 24 candidates were examined:

- 4 Passed Element 1 code
- 3 earned General
- 8 earned Technician licenses
- 1 failed Technician Class
- 4 earned General Credit
- 4 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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

E L Anderson	K1KE	Sun City
Art Fisher	W7FUP	Phoenix
Michael Ports	N5RO	Glendale
Nora Rossman	KD7WKA	Peoria
Earl Woody		Glendale
Jim McBride	N7NPF	Peoria
Lloyd Purcell	WB7PKW	Litchfield Pk

### LICENSE EXPIRATIONS

W7UFP Art Fisher Mar  
 W9WFV William Johnson Apr  
 KC7CMM Bob Moyer May  
 W6YLJ Chuck Imsande May  
 KC8PJ Steve Early May  
 AC7CS David Cain May  
 N7CXZ Ellery Cadiz May

### HAMFESTS

March 13, 2004  
 Scottsdale Hamfest  
 Scottsdale Community College  
 Loop 101 and Chaparal Rd.  
 Sponsored by Scottsdale ARC

May 1, 2004  
 Sierra Vista Hamfest  
 Club Facilities on Moson Road  
 Sponsored by C.A.R.A.  
 ARCA Meeting 11:00 A.M.

### SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS

3/1-3/7  
 US Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX  
 43rd anniversary of founding Peace Corps.  
 28.500 21.375 14.325 7.283.  
 Certificate. John Paskevicz  
 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

3/18-3/28  
 Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club, K4C.  
 82nd Annual Chasco Fiesta.  
 28.360 21.250 14.250 7.245.  
 Certificate. GCARC-Chasco

3/20-3/22  
 Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM.  
 22nd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival  
 14.240 21.335 7.055 14.055.  
 Certificate. Macon ARC  
 PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.

**CLIFF FAY K7BQ** is currently in Sierra Winds Health Care Center. How about a "shower of cards"? Send them to him at his home address: 17300 N 88<sup>th</sup> Ave, #220, Peoria, AZ, 85382-3558

**SPRING ARIZONA SCHOOL NETS**

Carl Hayden Community High School  
Phoenix  
Allan Cameron N7UJJ  
acameron@hayden.edu

Global Scouting-Usa (Girl Scout)  
Prescott  
Lee Cunningham KC7CBK  
kc7cbk@arrl.net

Cub Scout Pack 604 (Boy Scout)  
Scottsdale  
Carrie Cunningham N7NFX  
carcunningham@earthlink.net

Sonoran Sky Elementary School (K-3)  
Scottsdale  
Carrie Cunningham N7NFX  
carcunningham@earthlink.net

Explorer Post 73 (JOTA)  
Tucson  
Tom Fagan WB7NXH  
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**SELECTED CONTESTS**

Missouri QSO Party:3/3-3/4  
<http://www.qsl.net/w0ma>

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone:3/6-3/7  
[www.arrl.org/contests/](http://www.arrl.org/contests/)

EA RTTY Contest, Phone: 3/6-3/7  
<http://www.ure.es/>

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, CW:3/13-3/14  
[www.sk3bg.se/contest/yliissb.htm](http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/yliissb.htm)

YLISSB QSO Party, SSB:3//13-3/14  
<http://www.qsl.net/w0ma>

BARTG Spring RTTY Contest:3/20-3/22  
[www.bartg.demon.co.uk/](http://www.bartg.demon.co.uk/)

Russian DX Contest:3/20-3/21  
<http://www.rdxo.org/>

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB:3/27-3/28  
<http://home.woh.rr.com/wpx>

Oklahoma QSO Party:3/27-3/28  
<http://www.okdxa.org>

**MUSEUM OF ENGINEERING,  
COMMUNICATIONS AND COMPUTATION**

Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, Contributing Editor to QST, writes in the 2/6/04 ARRL Newsletter, "Southwest Museum of Engineering, Communications and Computation is a wonderful web site of an interesting brick and mortar museum in Glendale, Arizona."

The Museum's mission is the preservation of Engineering, Communications and Computation History. They seek three dimensional artifacts, papers and thoughts of those who pioneered the technologies.

The web site is: <http://www.smecc.org/>. The Museum offices are located in Coury House / SMECC 5802 W. Palmar Ave. Normal hours are 12:00 to 3:00 Tuesday through Saturday. Staffers recommend that you always call 623-435-1522 before visiting.

**FRIED HEYN WA6WZO HONORED**

Your ARRL Board of Directors met January 16-17 and elected retiring ARRL VP, Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, to the position of ARRL Honorary Vice President. The Honorary VP position recognizes sustained and outstanding contributions to ARRL and Amateur Radio over a period of more than 20 years. Fried's track record of service as an ARRL official extends from 1978, is a former SW Division Director. The Honorary VP position is for a lifetime term. SW Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD, nominated Fried for this well-deserved honor.

**Wanted**

Approx. 50 ft Crankup Tubular Tower. Frank Farmer, N7NTT, 623-566-4591.

**RFI 1937**

I received my license W8LUW in late 1933 and go on the first day with a single 45 TPTG on a breadboard Xmtr sunning about 20 watts CW. It was 1937 before I got on phone. A home built rack and panel with a final of 2 T40's in push pull running about 200 watts on 160 mtrs. I was raking leaves in our back yard when Mr. Johns, our backyard neighbor called over: "Ben, the Mrs and I haven't heard you on the air lately; have you been sick?" I dropped my rake immediately and went over. "I'm sorry about any interference and I can build a filter and eliminate my signal in your radio." The neighbor replied, "Don't do that – you only knock out WAKR (whose transmitter was close, and operated in the very top of the broadcast band, very close to 160) we would far rather hear you than them." These same neighbors sent me packages regularly when I went over seas in WW2.

**Ben Logan W9MVB**

**"NO CODE" AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE  
CLASSES – SPRING 2004**

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM to 1:00PM at  
Mesa Community College (Southern &  
Dobson in Mesa)**

**Instructors: Bob Burleson, KG7QJ, Rick Checketts,  
KA0KZB, and  
Robert L. Strauss, W7JTR, Amateur Radio licensees  
and operators.**

**Saturdays March 6<sup>th</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 1:00pm  
Nine 3-hour sessions Tuition \$23\*\*  
(class will not meet March 20<sup>th</sup>)**

**To register call MCC Community Education at 480-461-7493.\*\*Required text "Now You're Talking", 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, will be available from the instructors at the first class for approx. \$16. The fee for the FCC Amateur License test is \$12 and can be paid by cash or check at the last class session. **Students must be registered to take the Amateur License test at MCC.****

**SIGN UP TODAY** for the MCC No-Code Technician license classes. Earn your "Ham" license in just 9 weeks. The classes are planned to prepare you for the "No-Code" FCC Amateur Radio Technician license. Class material is based on the ARRL book "Now You're Talking" (5<sup>th</sup> edition) containing the **NEW Technician license question pools as of July 1st, 2003**

For more information  
contact Bob Burleson,  
KG7QJ, at 480-961-1109 or  
e-mail at kg7qj@arrl.net

**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

**HELP! TREASURER NEEDED!**

Our current treasurer, Ted Walker **KJ7V**, will be moving in the very near future to Sierra Vista, AZ. If you would be willing to volunteer, please call President Don Bastien **K7UGO** (623) 412-0223, after which your name will be presented at a regular Club meeting for approval. Meanwhile, thanks, Ted, for a job well done!

**NOT YET A MEMBER OF WVARC?**

For a membership application go to our website: [www.qsl.net/wvarc/](http://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.

**NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday March 13**