



SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	November 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			(15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)	
Saturday	November 6	VE Testing	DeVry University	7:45 AM
Saturday	November 13	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	98 th Avenue & Bell Road	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

It was nice to see such a large turn out for the October meeting concerning the possibility of holding our members meeting at a new location due to the possibility of a rent increase. I found out that our current rent amount will not increase. No decision has been made yet as to whether or not we will be moving our meeting location. A vote from the members will be made at the Nov. 1st members meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be announcing the candidates that will be running for the 2005

Board of Directors. Let's give them our support; after all this is your club too.

The program scheduled for the November 1st members meeting will be given by one of our own club members. Palmer Byrne - W7NMD will be talking about an Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS). I am not sure what it is, but it has something to do with automatic weather reporting. Should be interesting.

73 Don K7UGO

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

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday November 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 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 Oct. 2nd, session at DeVry – 10 candidates were examined

- 1 earned Element 1 Code
- 4 earned Technician license
- 2 earned General
- 1 failed Extra Class
- 2 earned Extra license

Administering VEs**Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison**

VE Team:

Bradley J. Thomas – AD7BR
 Edward H. Beyer - WU7A
 Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Harold Taylor – W7HVT
 Ralph Adair – W7JU
 Joseph Cutitta W0SLI
 Kenneth Peloquin - N7PHO
 Richard Koch – W7DIC
 David Morrill – N7TWT
 Rich Piggott – WB2LKU

Congratulations to Robert Madison - KA7VHS of Wickenburg, on his General Class upgrade.

I would like express my thanks to Lynn O'Dell - WI0W and Harold Van Dyke - KD7PH, for their help at a special VE Session October 9, 2004 in Sun City.

KA7NPQ - Bob - Liaison/Manager

EXPIRING LICENSES

KA6SPY	Jack Horner	Sep
KC7HDZ	Shirley Moyer	Dec
WB2LKU	Rich Piggott	Jan
W7DZK	Robert Wilkins	Jan
W7OQB	Shirley Tinstman	Jan

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

As this newsletter went to press, we learned the grandson of Ted and Lee Drake, N8GZ and N8TNZ, was severely injured while on patrol in Iraq, He was scheduled to return home in November. The family requests your prayers for Eric.

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Member Sylvain KG7ES died September 30 and was interred in Sunland Memorial Park, Sun City. In 2001 he donated \$1500 to WVARC to be used to upgrade our 2 Meter repeater. At the time he wished to remain anonymous. His gift enabled the Club to purchase a new repeater that is currently in use. His generosity will be thankfully remembered for many years.

LADIES NIGHT OUT ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

On the evening of Friday November, 12 WVARC members will gather at the Palmbrook Country Club for an evening of dining and entertainment. The highlight of the evening will be the Club's "HAM OF THE YEAR" award to a member selected for his or her "distinguished and devoted service". Reservation forms were sent in last month's Short Skip; but if you're not signed up or have misplaced the form, call David Cain AC7CS, Program Chairman 623-910-4191 to "get on board".

2005 DUES

Year 2004 memberships will end after January 2005. A form for renewal or joining WVARC for Year 2005 is mailed with this newsletter. A completed form must be submitted with your payment. Dues are \$15 for 2005 and may include other family members who reside at the same address. Write their names and call signs on the back of the form, there is insufficient room on the front for more than one member. Dues may be mailed to our post office box or handed in at a meeting. Payment by check rather than cash is recommended. Your dues status appears on the Short Skip mailing envelope. To be listed in the 2005 Roster booklet, your payment must reach the Treasurer by February 7, 2005.

2005 WVARC Board of Directors
Nominations

Every year at this time we need to nominate candidates to fill all four officer positions and two Director positions according to the by-laws. Each of these positions need to be applied for every year. This is done by the Nominating Committee. Here are the names of the people currently filling the positions in question:

President - Donald Bastien, K7UGO
 V. President - David Cain, AC7CS
 Secretary - Ellsworth Campbell, AA7TU
 Treasurer - Marilyn Waite, N7DFH
 Director - Ron Rasmussen, K6OP
 Director - Del Young, W7EOY

Our President, Don Bastien has already announced that he will not seek the President's position for the year 2005.

When a member of the Nominating Committee approaches you and asks if you would like to be on the Board of Directors; STOP and think for a moment before you answer. Serving on the Board can be exciting and challenging. Why not give it a try?

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

Dan Pierson, W6NTX, Chairperson of the License Class Committee, cancelled the Fall session because of too few signed up. At least 5 students were required. A class might be scheduled for February. Call Dan at 623-546-2131 information.

THANKS TO PROGRAM PRESENTERS!

For Hams who live in antenna-restricted areas, or do a lot of traveling, the program at our October meeting was especially interesting. Art Beaupre- WA0LXC, Dick Faust – K9IVB, Jerry Basso-W9JIF, David Morrill-N7TWT and Robert Fairfield-K7RQN presented an outstanding program. Our only regret is that the business meeting lasted so long that some of the audience was gone before the program began. Thanks, guys!

SATELLITES

Echo, AMSAT Oscar 51 (AO-51) is a truly flexible satellite. The two primary modes of operation will be as an FM analog voice and 9600-Baud packet. AO-51 will be an orbiting file server available for uploading and downloading of messages and files. AO-51 also carries a tunable wide band receiver and S-Band transmitter, and is used for experiments, such as high-speed data links or perhaps even a PSK-31 transponder where many stations could communicate, keyboard-to-keyboard at the same time.

Satellite History – Vanguard 1 (USA)

Launched on March 17, 1958, Vanguard 1 had an estimated orbit, lasting for 2,000 years. But due to atmospheric drag, solar radiation pressure and high levels of solar activity, the expected orbit lifetime was decreased to about 240 years. The transmitter on Vanguard 1, powered by batteries, ceased operation in June 1958, and the solar powered transmitter lasted until May 1964. Today, Vanguard 1 continues to orbit the earth

73 Robert, K7RQN AMSAT-NA

HAM RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

For more information please contact Robert Posanski - K5TQI at 623-974-9209

HAMFEST CALENDAR

There will be monthly hamfests and meetings in Arizona this Winter and Spring.

On December 4, 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the **Superstition Hamfest** and the ARCA meeting takes place at Mesa Community College, Southwest Parking lot. Superstition ARC sponsors. ☺

The Thunderbird ARC will host **Westfest Hamfest** at Glendale Community College January 15. ☺

Annual Ham Electronics Auction held February 7 in Sun City. The West Valley ARC conducts this popular event. Successful sellers pay a small fee. Tax deductible donations of useable equipment welcome. ☺

The first ever **Yuma Hamfest** will be held February 18-20 at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. The Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization is busily planning the affair. Rock-hounds can hit this one after their swap meet event in Quartzite AZ. See: <http://yumahamfest.com>. ☺

Welcome Spring (a few days early) March 12 at the **Springfest Hamfest** held at Scottsdale Community College It's sponsored by Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club and includes ARCA meeting. ☺

Go to **Sierra Vista Hamfest** May 7. The Cochise Amateur Radio Association is the sponsor and the will be a ARCA meeting. ☺

Follow-up details including times, place addresses, planned programs fees and more information will be printed in future issues of the Short Skip.

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.

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@arri.net. West Valley Radio Club members need your help!

MATTERS REQUIRING CLUB VOTE – NOVEMBER 1

Two recommendations from the Executive Committee of WVARC will be voted on at the next regular Club meeting.

1. "The Club purchase two replacement controllers for our repeaters at a cost not to exceed \$530".
2. "That since we have been assured that the rent for St. Clements Social Hall will remain at the current \$127 per month figure, we shall not change our monthly meeting place."

These matters are mentioned here so that you are informed prior to the Club meeting, in the hope that this might reduce the amount of discussion and thus shorten the length of the business meeting.

Start thinking about our Holiday Party which takes place at the December meeting!