

SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	October 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 7 PM (15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)
Saturday	October 9	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 8:00 AM
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	98 th Avenue & Bell Road 9:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz 9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ *by Don K7UGO*

For those of you that do not know, we are currently undergoing negotiations with St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church pertaining to the rental fee for using the social hall. They want to increase our current fee by as much as 271%. I don't think so. It's very possible that we might be having our members meetings in a new location soon. I'll keep you posted.

This is also the time of year when we will be looking for four new Officers and two Board of Directors. We do this every year in accordance with club by-laws. The formation of a Nominating Committee will happen soon and their job will be to recruit possible candidates

who have an interest in serving our club at its highest level. Along those lines I have announced that I will **NOT** be seeking re-election to the position of President for the year 2005.

The program scheduled for the Oct. 4th meeting will be different from the other programs we have had in the past. It will consist of YOU the members bringing in and showing off what you think is the best portable antenna to have. It can cover one band or all bands; home made or store bought; it does not matter. The only criterion is that it has to be portable. Good luck.

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.**

A NOTE FROM BOB

Hi (VE's) Volunteer Examiners, hope you had a good summer. It's that time again to mark your calendar for October 2nd, 2004 "VE exam session at DeVry. Last October we had twenty (20) Candidates.

Congratulations to Patrick and Linda Brown on their General Class upgrades.

I would like to express my appreciation to David Morrill – N7TWT and Richard Koch – W7DIC, for their help at a Special VE session August 14, 2004 in Sun City.

KA7NPQ – Bob – Liaison / Manager

NED STEARNS AA7A SW DIV VICE CHAIRMAN

E. J. "Ned" Stearns, AA7A, has been elected to serve as ARRL Southwest Division Vice Director for the 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2005. This is the first time since the Southwestern Division was established in 1936 an Arizona ham has been elected to an ARRL Division-level office.

Ned, a Scottsdale Arizona resident is a very active Ham and a DX Honor Roll honoree. He has been on several DXpeditions and is an EME enthusiast. He has given a talk at an WVARC meeting on radio wave propagation, and has attended our annual auctions.

REQUESTING FCC EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

On August 2 the FCC published its policy for issuing an emergency communications declaration (ECD) on Amateur Radio Service frequencies. ECDs will be issued for VHF or UHF repeaters, if the licensee consents and on simplex channels in the 60-meter band. The FCC will not restrict frequencies in other HF bands to emergency traffic. ECDs will be issued after a disaster disrupts normal communication systems but not for anticipated emergencies.

Requests for an ECD must come from an emergency management official responsible for emergency operations acting in an official capacity or from an Amateur Radio operator. Requests should include the nature of the disaster, a description of the compromised telecommunication systems, the geographic area affected and the estimated length of time that normal telecommunication systems will remain out of service. See:

<http://www2.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/08/25/5/?nc=1>

EXPIRING LICENSES

N9ZGE	Don Wilson	Nov
KC7HLX	Dennis Arend	Dec
KC7HLQ	Mary Berkheimer	Dec
KC7HLM	Jim Berkheimer	Dec
KC7HDZ	Shirley Moyer	Dec
KC7HLS	Bill Scotford	Dec

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!

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday October 16

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed Bixby WB7SBD Sun City West
 Howard Bullock W4LBM Sun City West
 Alan Perysian KD7TOM Mesa
 David Peterson NH7TG Sun City
 Roy Peterson N9YCQ Sun City
 Morris Sahrhage WB7BV Sun City

ADDRESS CHANGES

Gary E Ferguson NF7F Sun City
 Patrick Regan KD7TFD Sparks NV

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

Nine Fridays, October 8, through December 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Sun City Sheriff's Posse Training Room. Call Dan Pierson, W6NTX at 623-546-2131 to sign up.

HAMFESTS

Saturday, October 16. Sponsors: Old Pueblo Radio Club, Tucson Repeater Association, Radio Society of Tucson. At Tucson Electric Park, 2500 East Ajo Way. Talk-in freq 146.88 (-) For details Contact: John Clor, N7SQQ, phone: 520-400-6446 email: w7gv@aol.com.

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.

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

A REQUEST FROM DICK FAUST K9IVB

I am looking for four (4) technical articles for reference. If any one has access to a copy or the ARRL QST View CD's, I would be appreciative if they would contact me, Dick Faust K9IVB, k9ivb@arrl.net or (Sun City) 623-875-6653

1. Washburn, W3MTE, "The Gamma Match" QST, September 1949 pp. 20, 21, 102
2. Reynolds, "Simple Gamma Match Construction", QST July, 1957
3. K. Nose, KH6IJ, "Adjustment of Gamma Matched Parasitic Beams" QST, March 1958 pp. 44-46.
4. Gooch, W9YRV, et al, "The Hairpin Match" QST, April, 1962

A NOTE FROM RHETT MULLIS

Being a past member of the club I was hoping someone would help me sell some ham equipment antennas and other assorted pieces. I can no longer use my antennas as I have had a pacemaker installed and I am now battery operated... and cant get near RFI or magnets and assorted other sundry items. The antennas mostly are up and need to be removed also have some mobile antennas including a screwdriver

Thanks,
 Rhett Mullis WB7UGI , 8660 N 114 Ave Peoria
 AZ 85345

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

ARRL Receives \$266,599 in Grant Money

The ARRL is very pleased to announce that it has just received new funding from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) to develop a Community Education Project (CEP). This pilot program, under the direction of a CEP Coordinator and with the support of ARRL Affiliated Clubs and ARES groups, will enlighten localities about the value of Amateur Radio to community safety and security. Although the newly created position of CEP coordinator will be responsible for developing, organizing and presenting the program, it will be the clubs and ARES organizations that will be working closely with local Citizen Corps groups to include Amateur Radio in local emergency plans.

In addition to this new funding, the CNCS has also renewed the ARRL's Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course (ARECC) tuition reimbursement grant for a third – and final – year. This part of the grant will allow the ARRL to train the Field Organization, ARES groups and ARRL members -- especially

Seniors -- in emergency communication skills at various levels through the ARECC program.

This funding works in two ways in that it allows the ARRL to train radio operators in emergency communications and it then lets us educate the general community to the fact that we have a valuable asset to be incorporated into emergency planning.

For the full story please visit the web at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/09/08/100/?nc=1>

LADIES NIGHT OUT AND ANNUAL AWARD DINNER

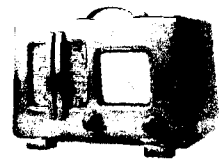
On the evening of Friday November, 12 WVARC members will gather for an evening of dining and entertainment. The highlight of the evening will be the Club's "HAM OF THE YEAR" award to a member selected for his or her "distinguished and devoted service". This is an annual event. Here are some past honorees.

1991 Tom Watts NY7S
 1993 Chuck Bailey W7YU
 1995 Burt Davidson W2GOB
 1996 Ralph Barr W0DNO
 1997 Ray Sumner NW7R
 1998 Shirley Barr K7SAB
 1999 George Watling N7JSA
 2000 Rich Piggott WB2LKU
 2001 Tim Hayes KF7XY
 2002 Dan Pierson W6NTX
 2003 Dave Cain AC7CS

See the announcement on a separate sheet with this issue of SHORT SKIP, which includes a reservation form which you can detach and mail with your check. It's a great evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and a great way to say "thanks" to your long-suffering XYL! Hope to see you there!

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

LADIES' NIGHT OUT



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2004

PALMBROOK COUNTRY CLUB

9350 WEST GREENWAY ROAD

SUN CITY, AZ

HAPPY HOUR: 6:00-7:00 PM

DINNER: 7:00 PM with Program to follow

- Chicken Al-a-Normande - Boneless Chicken Breast stuffed with apples & almonds
- Roast Pork Loin - Tender Pork served with an apple and date dressing
- Seafood Newburg - Shrimp, Scallops, Crab in a creamy mushroom sauce, served in a pastry shell

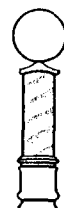
Dinner includes -rolls and beverage

-fresh leaf salad with honey mustard dressing

-twice-baked potato

-broiled tomato crown, filled with cream spinach

-raspberry swirl cheese cake



COST: \$22.00

RSVP: Please send coupon below with payment by Thursday November 4

WVARC LADIES' NIGHT OUT

NAME _____ + _____ CALL SIGN _____

___ Chicken Al-a-Normande DINNER(S) @ \$22 per person \$ _____

___ Roast Pork Loin DINNER(S) @ \$22 per person \$ _____

___ Seafood Newburg DINNER(S) @ \$22 per person \$ _____

(Gratuuity included) TOTAL \$ _____

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