



SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	February 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 7 PM (15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)
Saturday	February 5	VE Testing	DeVry University 7:45 AM
Saturday	February 12	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

Welcome to the 2005 Auction this February 7th. Our coordinator, Mike Johnson, KW7V, requests the setup crew to arrive at 4:00 PM. Sellers of equipment should arrive after 5:30 PM. The meeting and auction will start promptly at 7:00 PM. We request that there be no private sales between individuals in the hall prior to the auction. In fairness to all, items brought to the auction should be held for auction. Bring your items for auction, money, and your "collector instinct", and let's have fun exchanging electronic gear!

Condolences

We wish to express our condolences to Richard Haworth, W7MDQ, whose mother passed away New Years Day, Jan 1, 2005. A funeral was held in Wisconsin and a memorial service at Faith Presbyterian Church on Jan 14, 2005. I personally want to thank Richard for honoring his commitment to presenting the January 3rd club program during this stressful time.

David Cain AC7CS

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday February 5 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 \$14 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.** Note: the \$14 exam fee is effective January 1, 2005.

EXPIRING LICENSES

KA6SPY	Jack Horner	Sep
NQ7X	Floyd Smithberg	Mar
W8QYT	Tom Brum	Mar
KB0RQG	Robert Adams	Mar
KG0VU	Melvin Hall	Apr
KC7KGL	Myra Fribourg	Apr
W2GOB	Bert Davidson	Apr

HAMFEST CALENDAR**February 7**

West Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual Ham Radio Equipment Auction, held at St Clement of Rome Church, Sun City AZ. The crew helping that night should plan to be "on deck" by 4:00 p.m. Those presenting equipment for the auction should bring it in by 5:30 p.m., and those attending the auction should be aware that the auction begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Contact Gene Melton AK9N ak9n@arrl.net for any further information..

February 18-20

First Ever Yuma Hamfest
Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E. 32nd St.
(West gate enters off Pacific Ave. across from Walmart). Sponsored by Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Org. This will be a really big shindig. It replaces the defunct Yuma CB Jamboree.

Activities include radio interest forums, VE Testing, Ham flea-market, BUZZARD'S ROOST Banquet, door prizes, commercial vendors, special rate hotel accommodations available.

See their website: www.yumahamfest.com.
More info email: w7rfi@beamspeed.net

March 12, 2005

Springfest Hamfest sponsored by Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club on the campus of: Scottsdale Community College –Scottsdale AZ
More details will be printed in March issue.

April 16, 2005 – HamFest at De Vry University, Dunlap near 23rd Ave, Phoenix. HamFest will be held in the South Parking lot, 6 am until 2 PM. No VE testing

EXTRA CLASS LICENSE CLASSES TO START MARCH 4

Dan Pierson W6NTX will once again be teaching classes to prepare General Class Hams for the Extra Class license exam. Classes will start on Friday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m., and will continue for the next 9 weeks. Classes will meet at the Sun City Posse Auditorium. Each class will meet for 2 hours. For further information call Dan at 623-546-2131.

MAKING FRIENDS – WELL MAYBE JUST TOLERANCE – FOR HAM RADIO

Recently Dan Pierson W6NTX called another Ham in Sun City West to say that he had just had a call from a resident of SCW who was having TV interference from what he thought was a Ham radio transmitter. Since the 2nd ham lived in close proximity to the interference reporter, Dan asked him to check on it. Upon making the requested call in a matter of minutes, the reporter of interference said (with perhaps a red face) that he had checked his TV cable, and found it to be a bit loose, which was apparently causing his problem. However, the interference reporter thanked the caller profusely, and said he was impressed with the speedy response, thus scoring a few points for Ham Radio!

SERVICE FOR HAMS

Have you found a good used tower but can't figure out how you're going to get it down and moved to your QTH? Here's your solution: call Paul Playford, W8AEF at 623-580-0015. He has the know-how, and the equipment to do the job right.

ANOTHER SERVICE OFFER

I buy used electronic and radio equipment and parts. Also I can work to install (or remove) antenna systems and am willing to take used equipment as payment. Scotty W7SW. (623) 214-3303 Email: w7sw@ARRL.NET

FOR SALE

Complete Ham station: ICOM IC 751A with power supply installed internally, amplifier Henry 2KD, MFJ Versa Tuner V, and a 52 foot tower with a mast that makes it 60 feet, with all antennas for the Ham bands except 80m. Would prefer to sell as one item for \$975, but would consider bids on individual items. If interested, call George KE7DH at 623-974-3361.

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!

CALLING FOR A VOLUNTEER!

WVARC needs a capable person to head up our Scholarship program. If you are interested, contact President David Cain AC7CS at 623-910-4191.

CALL SIGN CHANGE

Ralph Adair W7JU was KC7WIZ

NEW MEMBERS OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Grace Lawson KN6JO, Livingston, TX

EDWIN HENRY CARLSTROM N7SPX – SK

Edwin H. Carlstrom of Sun City Grand became a Silent Key on January 3, 2005 at gage of 84. After high school graduation he was employed by Western Electric. In 1942 he enlisted in the Air Force and served with the 365th Fighter Group. After 3½ years of service he returned to Western Electric and later worked as a lead power engineer for AT&T. In 1982 Ed retired from Lucent Technologies and took up residence in Sun City West.

In addition to amateur radio, Ed's other hobbies included tennis, wood working, Native American History, sailing and travel.

A memorial service was held at the Camino del Sol Mortuary chapel on January 13, 2005. As fellow "hams" we express our sympathy to his wife, Ruth.

BPL – THIS IS SCARY!

Wed Jan 12, 2005 02:01 PM ET

LONDON (Reuters) - Plans to send Internet broadband signals down mains electricity cables rather than telephone lines could hit the radio hams whose transmissions were so vital in the aftermath of the Asian tsunami, New Scientist magazine reported on Wednesday.

The technology is being pushed by power companies keen to compete with traditional broadband suppliers and get a slice of the profits from the demand for fast Internet connection.

"The downside is that packets of Internet data pulsing down unshielded mains cables makes the cables behave like aerials that send short-wave interference beaming out over a wide area," the magazine reports.

Amateur radio operators believe this could threaten reliable communications on short-wave frequencies, which are invaluable to global broadcasting and emergency communications when all other options fail.

"A few extra decibels of interference from future networks and I would not have been able to hear the news from amateurs in Sri Lanka, India and the Andaman Islands," Hilary Clayton-Smith of the International Amateur Radio Union's UK branch told the magazine.

The U.S. government approved the power line technology in October, while the European Commission is set to approve its version soon.

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ruled service providers must use filters on their household equipment, to avoid the problem. The EC is trying to set similar rules.

ESTATE SALE

Bob "Doc" Greene - AB7BD, became a Silent Key on Sept. 28, 2004. His widow, Connie contacted Stan, K7PLO, and me in order to help her make a list of his ham equipment and get it ready to sell. The following is a list of equipment with prices available from

"Doc" Greene's ham shack. If you are interested in any of this equipment you can see it on Feb. 12th between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM at 13231 West Keystone Drive in Sun City West. If you would like more information on this, please contact Connie Greene at 623-583-7584.

Donald Bastien K7UGO

Items in Ham Shack:

AEA Model MM-3 Morse code machine	\$20
Alpha-Delta model 2 coax switch	\$25
Alpha-Delta Model 4 coax switch	\$40
Antenna- 2 Meter beam; 11 elements	\$25
Antenna – mag base with lead only	\$10
Antenna – Mag mount; ¼ wave 2 Mtr	\$20
ARRL misc books, manuals etc	\$2.00 ea
Astron RS20A Power Supply	\$50
Bencher keyer (BY-2)	\$60
BK Precision Dyna Scan #177VTM	make offer
CALRAD DM-17 dynamic Mike	\$5
CDE Antenna control head only	\$10
Coax Cable – RG-8	30 cents/foot
Cushcraft R-7 antenna	\$150
Drake TV-1000 Low pass filter	\$20
Headset – very old (2k ohms??)	\$10
Heathkit – HM-102 SWR Power meter	\$15
ICOM IC-228H	\$100
ICOM IC-735 HF radio	\$300
ICOM SP-7 speaker	\$30
Kangaroo Katty battery charger; 12v/3a	\$5
Kenwood TR-7930 2m, mobile quick discon.	\$100
Larson NM-150 Mag mount antenna	\$25
MFJ Antenna #NMOQ	\$10
MFJ ant analyzer, MFJ-247, manual	\$100
MFJ TNC Model 1272BX (2)	make offer
Motorola Speaker 6"	\$4
Pak-Rat #232 with cables & manuals	\$40
Radio Shack H-202 HandiTalkie	\$30
Radio Shack Multi-meter #22-201A	\$10
Radio Shack Micronta pwr sup, 12v/1.75a	\$10
SAM Ham radio radio call sign database	\$10
Several QSL cards & holders	\$2 each
Smart Tuner Model SG230	\$250
Speaker – 4"	\$4
Astatic D-104 microphone	\$25

Items located in garage cabinet

AEA CP100 Computer patch	\$100
Astron RS12A power supply	\$40
B&W 595 antenna switch	\$20
Box of misc coax cables	\$10
Cobra 90LTD CB radio	\$40
Dummy load (dry type)	\$15
ICOM IC 3200A Dual band Mobile radio	\$125
Kenwood TS-940S HF, manual, pwr cord	
\$500 Kenwood SP-940 speaker	\$20

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday February 12