



WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	January 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			(15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)	
Saturday	January 6	VE Testing	DeVry University	7:45 AM
			(2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix)	
Saturday	January 13	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
			(14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City)	
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	(98 th Avenue & Bell Road)	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

A happy new year to everyone. I hope you all have a very prosperous and enjoyable 2007. I want to thank all of the outgoing officers and volunteers for a great 2006 year. Your help and ideas made for an excellent year at WVARC. We have an outstanding group of officers and volunteers for 2007 and I have great expectations for this year. We still need a volunteer for the Programs Coordinator position. This position must be filled if we are to have interesting programs for the coming year.

We have an interesting program for January presented by our new Vice President, Steve McCully, W7TZ. He worked a real emergency situation two years ago. Come and find out what he did.

It could be an interesting year as we all adapt to the new ham band assignments that went into effect on Dec. 15th, 2006. Like most changes, some are happy and some unhappy with the new assignments. We will have to see how things work out. I suspect that as innovative technical people, radio amateurs will figure out how to survive this change like we have so many other changes through the decades. If BPL has a large negative impact, it may be a moot point if the QRM is too high to talk to anyone.

Again, Happy New Year, and don't forget that this month's meeting is actually on New Year's day (evening).

David Cain AC7CS

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday January 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 \$14 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 Dec 2, session at DeVry – 8 candidates were examined

- 4 earned Technician license
- 1 failed Technician
- 3 earned General Credit
- 1 failed Element 1 (Code)

Administering VEs**Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison**

VE Team:

Joseph Cutitta – W0SLI
 Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Robert W. Gormley – WA1MHZ
 Robert Knight – N7LPD
 Shelly Newman – AB7LQ
 Kenneth Peloquin – N7PHO
 Harold V. Taylor – W7VHT
 Yoshi Sano – K7YS

Here is the schedule for the 2007 VE Sessions:

Sponsor: De Vry ARC & West Valley ARC

Time: 7:45 AM (Walk ins allowed)

Contact: Robert N. Miner, (602) 997 2465

Email: ka7npq@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: DEVRY University 2149 W Dunlap Ave
 Phoenix, AZ 85021

6-Jan-07	3-Feb-07	3-Mar-07
7-Apr-07	5-May-07	2-Jun-07
6-Oct-07	3-Nov-07	1-Dec-07
	5-Jan-08	

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Bob Persichitti WA2EKF to 13710 Terra Vista Dr,
 Sun City West, 85375

UPCOMING HAMFESTS**Saturday, January 13**

Westfest by Thunderbird ARC
 Glendale Community College
 Location: 5900 West Olive Avenue
 Glendale, AZ
 Talk-In: 146.70 - (PL 162.2)
 Contact: Steve Grouse, W1ADW
 7523 West Ironwood Drive
 Peoria, AZ 85345
 Phone: 623-521-1036, Email: w1adw@cox.net
<http://www.w7tbc.org>

Monday, February 5

Annual Ham Radio Equipment Auction
 West Valley Amateur Radio Club
 St. Clements of Rome Social Hall
 15800 North Del Webb Blvd.
 Sun City, Arizona
 Sellers register at: 5:30 PM'
 Buyers admitted at 6:30, auction starts: at 7
 Talk-In: 147.300 MHz, +600 offset (PL 162.2)
 Fee for selling applies.
 Contact Ken Solheim, WN7DRX
 15874 West Grand Isle Way
 Surprise, AZ 85374
 Phone: 623-544-2827
 Fax: 623-544-2827
 Email: hamauction2007@cox.net

Sunday January 21

Scouts' Computer Swap Meet
 6am to 10:30am, at Scottsdale Pavilions
 9069 East Indian Bend Road
 The Scouts' Computer Swap Meet is open, rain or
 shine, the third Sunday every month.
<http://scoutscomputerswapmeet.com>

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The City of Peoria has formed an Emergency Communications Group. Duties will include staffing EOC's amateur radio station; assisting EOC tactical dispatchers; participating in the EOC GIS committee; and conducting monthly tests of radio and telephone equipment.

Hams who might be interested in participating may contact Edward Ryan N7VEX at 623-486-3901 M-F 1730 - 2100; or by e-mail n7vex@qwest.net.

FEBRUARY 5 ANNUAL AUCTION

Dust off all that surplus or unused ham equipment and get ready for our club auction. On Monday, February 5, 2007 the West Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual ham radio equipment auction. The auction will be held at our usual meeting place, the St. Clement of Rome Social Hall, 15800 North Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, Arizona. Seller registration starts at 5:30 pm, Bidder registration at 6:30 pm and the auction starts promptly at 7:00 pm. Sellers will need to fill out a Lot Ticket describing equipment being offered. The Lot tickets will be available at Sellers registration. To help save time, starting in January 2007 the Lot tickets will be available at the WVARC meeting, anytime from an officer or board member and at the Thursday morning breakfast at CoCo's. Lot tickets will also be available by mail if requested via the auction or e-mail to hamauction2007@cox.net

WVARC will retain 10% of the selling price for all auction items sold. The fee shall be used for the general benefit of the club. Sellers of items successfully auctioned will be paid their net proceeds by WVARC club check sent via mail within 14-days of conclusion of the auction.

As in past years, we will need the help of volunteers. To help out, please email Ken Solheim (WN7DRX) at the above address or call 623-544-2828.

THUNDERBIRD ARC TAKES ON NASCAR

The Thunderbird ARC participated in NASCAR's premiere event that stopped in the Valley November 8-12. The club distributed and maintained 500 handheld radios and accessories used by the fire & safety teams, security, etc. The track provided a trailer in the infield and one outside the track, both with banners provided to promote the club. Led by Ken KG9JP and Marty W6YJL, the following members volunteered their time to assist Phoenix Intl Raceway in this first time endeavor: Johnne W1YB, Jack WD7RCJ, Paul W8AEF, Jim KE7APB, Karin KD7VGR, with special thanks going to Steve W1ADW and Nicholas KE7IBK. The club also was assisted by Marty's non-ham clan, Ron, Sandy and Edie and their efforts were greatly appreciated. The Thunderbird ARC will be assisting PIR again in April when NASCAR returns to Phoenix. Other amateurs who may be interested in participating in this event, email at kg9jp@arrl.net.

Tom Fagan WB7NXH
ARRL Section Manager Arizona

EXPIRING LICENSES

N8GZ	Ted Drake	February
WA2EKF	Robert Persichitti	February
WB2PPS	Pauline Deerhake	March
K0HOZ	Allen Heneman	March
KA7ZQZ	Marie Lampert	March
WA9MSR	Roger Matschke	March
N7JFA	Stan Mintz	March
K9RDZ	Carol Thompson	March
N7JSA	George Watling	April

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Terri Hart KE7JDQ	Phoenix
Joseph Rosso W7DEC	Phoenix

CALL SIGN CHANGE

Philip Weaver W7DLZ was KB7DLZ

2006 MEMBERSHIPS END

If line 4 of the address block on the envelope in which this issue was mailed says "MEMBER 2006", your 2007 renewal has not been received. Renewal forms can be downloaded and from the web site.

New Website for WVARC

David Morrill, N7TWT, is our club's webmaster. He has arranged for a new web host that is much faster and easier to access. The new website address is: <http://westvalleyarc.org>. The old QSL.net site has a redirect to the new address. David has arranged the new hosting with Mountain Internet KCONNT. Randy Taylor, KCONNT, the owner of Mountain Internet, is providing our club the web space free of charge. Check out the new location. It appears to be all working except for a couple of outside links. David says that these links will be fixed or deleted shortly.

Speaking of the Club Website, all kinds of Ham Radio Equipment are listed there – more than we have room for in some issues of Short Skip.

JANUARY 1 CLUB MEETING PROGRAM

On January 5, 6th. 2004 ZK2 Nieu Island was hit by a severe Cyclone, Heta reported winds up to 168 miles per hour with no means of communications with the outside world radio amateurs became a lifeline, Phil ZK2PM put out a call for help for 12 hours the first answered was Steve W7TZ, who will tell the story of the events to follow at our January 1 Club meeting. Sounds interesting, and this is the kind of activity which regularly validates Ham Radio.

SUN SPOT CYCLE 24 HAS BEGUN

Amateur radio operators have been eagerly awaiting the next sun spot cycle and its promise of improved HF propagation and increased DX contacts.

The National Solar Observatory on Kitt Peak has seen small magnetic eruptions – sunspots - on the Sun's surface that have the reverse polarity of those in Cycle 23. These new spots are a sign that the new cycle, Cycle 24, has started.

FOR SALE - AMPLIFIERS

- 1: Henry 5 K Classic X Mint condition Two
3cx1200a7's, \$3500
- 2: Home Brew 80-10 meters using a 3CX3000A7
19 inch rack, Very nice \$2500
- 3: Homebrew 3-1000 80-10 meters \$450
- All pick-up Sun City. Steve McCully W7TZ 602
320-8777

SERVICE OFFER (Advertisement)

I buy used electronic and radio equipment. Also I can work for you as a Handyman doing antenna work or odd jobs, and am willing to take used equipment if you prefer, as payment. Please call Scotty Rathjen W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send an e-mail to: w7sw@arrl.net.

HAM HOME REAL ESTATE (Advertisement)

Are you or someone you know looking for a Ham Home? I can help you find a home with a tower or one where a tower can be added. Call or email me to get started. Richard Haworth W7MDQ Coldwell Banker Success Realty 602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Advertisement)

Computer consultant: in-home tutoring, problem solving, hardware and software installations, virus detection and removal. Patient professional with 30+ years in the computer field. Call Larry at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295.

An advisory note to license grantees

At the December 2007 Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) meeting, delegates (Ron Philips AE6QU represented WVARC) were advised that Hams should take care that they have filed a current mailing address with FCC.

See the applicable rule to the right.

CLUB FOR ITEMS SALE

Current meter Palomar eng.PCM-1	\$50.00
Xceiver Tempo 2020 100watt	\$200.00
Xceiver HT Santek STL44 UP	\$40.00
Antenna Larson mag mount 2mtr	\$20.00
Antenna Isotron 10 mtr	\$30.00
Xceiver Icom IC-2GXAT	\$100.00
Scanner Realistic PRO-38 hand held	\$25.00
Scanner SBE ssb/am mobile unit	\$25.00
Mag mount base, Larson	\$40.00
Xceiver standard 2 band C5718A I	\$100.00
Antenna Tuner MFJ 945C	\$40.00
Transceiver ICOM IC255A	\$80.00
Key, Vibroplex SN123852	\$100.00
Key, Brunnell Army J-36 dated 8/4/42	\$100.00
Key, Navy J37 with J-45 leg mount	\$50.00
Key, straight chrome no knob	\$5.00
SWR Power meter Heathkit HM-102	\$30.00
Scanner Bearcat 101	\$30.00
Microphone Labtech AM-22 600 ohm	\$20.00
Microphone Electrovoice 638, desk stand	\$30.00
Transceiver Wilson WH2510,	\$30.00
CB rig Cobra 18RV	\$30.00
Antenna Larson thru glass mount 2M	\$20.00
Box of coax jumpers	\$10.00

Contact: Stan Swartz K7PLO 623-933-4073

FROM THE SCIENCE CENTER STATION

Happy Holidays to all W7ASC volunteers and their families. It's also time again for the C.A.R.L. annual meeting to be held at the Science Center Saturday January 27th. Be sure to mark your calendar.

As always Volunteers are needed for W7ASC. Call Bob KG7QJ at 480-961-1109 and volunteer now. A Volunteer sign-up page is available at www.w7asc.org

Deadline for material for next issue of
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§97.23 Mailing address.

Each license grant must show the grantee's correct name and mailing address. ... Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address.