

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP



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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Dec 6	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Dec 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Dec 13	Monthly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City	7:45 AM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	9:00 AM
Mon-Thur		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	8:00 PM

PREZ SEZ

A Happy Holiday Season to all of you and your families.

We are about to close out another year. The annual club election of officers will be held at the beginning of the December meeting. Thanks to Ron Phillips AE6QU, volunteering to be a candidate for President. We now still need candidates for two Board positions and Membership Chairperson. There will be a chance to nominate candidates from the floor, but please coordinate with the candidate before you nominate them. More information on the candidates will be in a later article of this Short Skip.

Membership renewals are progressing well. If you haven't renewed yet, now is a good time. If you don't have the renewal form, we will have some at the club meetings or you can download it from the website.

After the election of officers, we will adjourn for the annual Holiday Party. As my term of club President comes to a close, I want to sincerely thank everyone for their great support for the club. Our members have made this a very enjoyable job. I am glad that I had a chance to be President. At the time no one would volunteer for this position, so I did. I did the best that I could. I will continue to do the other duties that I have done over the past few years and will still enjoy doing them. We have a highly qualified group of people to continue the leadership of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club. Again, I thank you all of your participation in the WVARC and everyone have a nice 2009.

*David Morrill, N7TWT
President of WVARC*

HAMFESTS**Saturday December 6 2008**

Sponsor:
 Superstition Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.wb7tjd.org>
 Location:
 Mesa Community College
 SE Corner of Dobson Rd & Southern Ave
 Mesa, Arizona
 ARCA Meeting 11 AM
 Talk-In: 147.12 (PL 162.2)
 Contact: Judy Ferrara, K7JLF
 1058 South 97th Street
 Mesa, AZ 85208-3115
 Phone: 480-354-0782
 Email: rainbowskies@bigstring.com

Saturday January 10 2009

Westfest
 Sponsor:
 Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club
<http://www.w7tbc.org>
 Location:
 Thunderbird School of Global Management
 59th Avenue & Greenway Road Glendale, AZ
 Talk-In: 146.70 (PL 162.2)
 Contact: Steve Grouse, W1ADW
 7523 West Ironwood Drive
 Peoria, AZ 85345
 Phone: 602-570-9214
 Email: w1adw@cox.net

Monday February 2 2009

Ham Equipment Auction
 Sponsor:
 West Valley Amateur Radio Club
<http://westvalleyarc.org/>
 St. Clements of Rome Social Hall
 15800 North Del Webb Blvd Sun City, AZ
 Talk-In: 147.300 +600 (PL 162.2)
 Contact: Ken Solheim, WN7DRX
 15874 West Grand Isle Way
 Surprise, AZ 85374
 Phone: 623-544-2827
 Fax: 623-544-2827
 Email: hamauction2009@gmail.com

Friday-Saturday February 20-21, 2009

Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show
 Sponsor:
 Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
 Location:
 Yuma County Fairgrounds
 Yuma, Arizona
www.yumahamfest.org

LICENSE EXAM FEE INCREASE

On November 6, The ARRL VEC announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE)-administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15. This is the first time since in four years that the examination fee has been adjusted.

*Maria Somma, AB1FM
 ARRL/VEC Manager*

EXPIRING LICENSES

KA7ATV	Ronald Goff	January
WD0FEQ	Dick Johnson	January
W6DCM	Jerry Schumacher	January
K2ATV	Frank Baldrige	February
W0DNO	Ralph Barr	February
AC7AM	Tom Butler	February
KA7BET	Calvin Cruse	February

Renew after 90 days before expiration date

NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

Mike Hurd N7TTC Sun City West
 Richard Wayne AC7MC Walnut Creek
 California

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday December 6th. Exams start at 9:00 AM and all tests must be concluded by 11:00 AM. Check-in at the Library on the second floor, southeast corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license, 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 November 1st session at DeVry – 9 candidates were examined

6 earned Technician Class license
4 earned General Class license

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Joe Cuttita W0SLL
Harold Taylor W7HVT
Robert Gormley KS7U
Bill Martin AI0D
Richard Marshall N7CHP
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Fairfield K7RQN
Michael Miner KA7RGW
Jim Skinnell K7EOG

2008 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Christmas Party will be held at our 12/01/08 club meeting. Please join us for the fun and bring your Christmas spirit with you. The WVARC will be supplying the beverages for you, but we are asking you to bring a favorite treat to share with fellow club members. It is always fun to watch the variety that comes to our tables. Some are ethnic or family favorites and others are some that are easy to bring. We just ask that they be finger food. Thank you for making our evening a fun and tasteful one. Please be sure to bring any special ladies or gentlemen in your lives as well. See you there. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

KNOW WHEN SOMEONE IS HAVING A STROKE:

Doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S* Ask the individual to SMILE

T* Ask the person to Talk and Speak A Simple Sentence (coherently)

(i.e. It is sunny out today)

R* Ask him or her to Raise Both Arms.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMUNICATIONS
EVENTS**

Fiesta Bowl Half Marathon

Location: Scottsdale

Date: 12/14/08

Rock N Roll Arizona

Locations: Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe

Date: 01/18/09

Lost Dutchman Marathon

Location: Apache Junction

Date: 02/15/09

Rag Del Sol

Various Locations

Date: 02/27-28/09

ADA Tour de Cure

Location: North Phoenix

Date: 03/14/09

MS Bike Ride – 2 Day

Location: Florence

Date: 03/28/09

To sign up, send an email to

MCECG@yahoo.com

MCECG on the Web MCECG.net for event
sign up.

For information on events, log on to
www.mcecg.net.

I have done some events and I enjoy them.
It would be nice to have others involved and
using their talents and radios also.

Cindy Morrill KD7JVW

**WANTED FOR TEACHERS FOR HAM
CLASSES**

The WVARC is looking for people to teach the
Technician, General, and Extra classes. If you
would like to teach one of these classes,
please contact David Morrill, N7TWT.

NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Ad)

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; KE7JXQ at L.E.
Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-
922-9295 or 602-863-0502

HAM HOME REAL ESTATE (Ad)

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

WANTED (Ad): Heathkits, (Amateur Radio
related), and Manuals, Robert, K7RQN, 623
566-2320.

**Closing date for material for
January Shortskip
Saturday December 13, 2008
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

***** REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE *****

Renewal forms are available to download from
the website or are available at the meeting.