

# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Apr 4	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Apr 6	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	Apr 11	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

What a great presentation on APRS by Don Wilson N9ZGE@arrl.net at our meeting this month. I'm sure some of us will be tracking him on his return to 9 land this summer. Not only can this mode keep the Grand Kids interested in the magic of Ham radio to keep track of Grandpa, but we can track amateur balloons, and marathon and EMCOM assets.

Miguel Enriquez will be presenting at the April meeting. He will be updating us on the progress of the Pueblo High School ARC, and the ARRL Teacher's Institute being held in Tucson this summer. The Arizona Tax Rebate Program has allowed some of us WVARC members to help with the kids visibility at no

cost to us, and resulted in several articles in ATVQ and CQ magazines.

Warm weather is helping our snow birds to spread their wings to head North and East. I will be here most of the summer this year, and be preparing for the 10 GHz and up ARRL contest this fall. I may have some interesting news next month about the convention in Williams as well, in July. Of course, June is field day.

Thanks for the ideas coming in on program ideas; keep them coming, and if you would like to assist on this or other committees, let me know.

Ron Phillips, AE6QU, [AE6QU@ARRL.net](mailto:AE6QU@ARRL.net)

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS**

***Saturday April 4***

Ham Desert-Fest 2009  
Location:  
Kino Sports Complex  
Ajo Way & Forgeus Ave  
Tucson, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.800(-) pl 156.7  
Sponsor:  
Radio Society of Tucson  
<http://www.rstclub.org>

Contact: Randy Malick, KFOX  
2479 East Spring Pioneer Lane  
Oro Valley, Arizona  
Email: [randy@kf0x.com](mailto:randy@kf0x.com)

***Saturday April 11***

Annual Swap Meet  
Location:  
DeVry University  
2149 West Dunlap Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona  
Talk-In: 147.060 (no tone)  
Contact: Gary Hamman, K7GH  
Phone: 602-996-8148  
Email: [k7gh@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net)  
Sponsor:  
Arizona Amateur Radio Club  
<http://w7io.org>

***Saturday May 2***

Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest  
Green Acres  
2756 Moson Road  
Sierra Vista, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.76(-) (PL 162.2)  
Sponsor:  
Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
<http://www.k7rdg.org>  
Contact: Dale Chidester, NJ7C  
Email: [dalechid@cox.net](mailto:dalechid@cox.net)

***Saturday May 30***

Annual Prescott Hamfest  
Granite Mountain Middle School  
1800 Williamson Valley Road  
Prescott, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.88- (PL 100)  
Sponsors  
Yavapai ARC & Verde Valley ARA  
<http://www.W7YRC.org>  
Contact: Terry Pemberton, KB7TRE  
Phone: 928-445-8126

**HamCon Colorado 2009**

Location: Estes Park CO  
Date: May 29-31  
Website for Details  
[www.HamConColorado.org](http://www.HamConColorado.org)  
Contact: Steve Williams, K0srw  
Email: [KB7TRE@cablone.net](mailto:KB7TRE@cablone.net)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Don Still NV7G Sun City  
Roscoe I Lineberry KD4IEC Surprise  
Bob Lucas WA7DXZ Sun City  
Kevin Jacobson AD7OI Phoenix

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

KA7ATV	Ronald Goff	January
KD7FVB	Marilyn Atherton	June
K4VM	Marty Colburn	June

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 and CSCEs and photocopies of each if applicable. ARRL VEC Exam Fee is \$15 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 March 7<sup>th</sup>, session at DeVry – 6 candidates were examined

- 2 earned Technician Class license
- 3 earned General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class license

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**COYOTE CRISIS IN PHOENIX**

On Tuesday, March 10th, there was a county wide emergency exercise centered around a simulated explosion at the ASU stadium. (There was even a couple of moments of TV coverage that evening.) Most of the public service agencies participated. Those closest to Tempe participated to a greater degree. Boswell and Del Webb hospitals did not play a significant role due to our distance from Tempe.

Since Banner Health took over Boswell and Del Webb, several new people have been added to the emergency exercise organization at the hospital. Since "our" hospitals were so far from Tempe, very little direct action was planned with "injured actors" at Boswell and Del Webb. This gave the new staff at our hospitals an opportunity to check some of the internal processes and communications links that had not been checked before. The plan for this exercise was for our club to check out our callout list function and check the quality of our communication links between the hospitals and the Emergency Operating Center. Banner Health also checked many of their internal emergency processes.

The good news is that we were able to verify that we had good communication between the hospitals. We utilized both direct between Boswell and Del Webb and a "relay" path through members stationed at home with dual band rigs. This gave us redundant paths and a good backup situation. Our communications with the EOC on 433.050 MHz also worked well.

What needed "repair" is our callout list or "tree". We will be working on getting this refreshed and up to date.

It was noted that a very useful item to have in the "emergency box" stored at each hospital would be a dual band magmount antenna to improve our signal strength when we are located in interior rooms. We will be working with the board on this item.

Overall, the activity level was quite relaxed, but allowed us to check out several processes. It was a successful exercise.

*Dave Cain AC7CS*

**VISALIA INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION**

The 2009 International DX Convention will take place April 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned convention that is sponsored this year by the Northern California DX Club. It is expected to draw visitors from around the World and will feature programs from recent DX-Peditions and contest operations.

To celebrate this, the 60<sup>th</sup> year of this event, your Convention Committee has planned the following Special Attractions:

Contest Academy by the Northern California Contest Club.

Radio Arcala Project by OH2BH and OH8NC.

Special Guest and Banquet Speaker: The Hon. J. Scott Redd (K0DQ), Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret).

Breakfast Program: The Desecheo, K5D DX-Pedition.

Other Convention offerings will include: DX, Top Band and Contest Forums, technical talks, many door prizes, both Friday and Saturday evening "attitude adjustments", Saturday Barbecue Lunch, Saturday night banquet, Sunday morning "power" breakfast, Vendors Exhibits and QSL card checking.

Current information and registration forms are available on the Convention web page, which can be found at [www.dxconvention.org](http://www.dxconvention.org). Additional registration information can be obtained by contacting Convention Registration Chairman, Dick Letrich, W6KM via Email at [dlw6km@aol.com](mailto:dlw6km@aol.com).

**HAM SHACK AT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER**

Some good news for the W7ASC Ham Shack: The AZ Science Center will be purchasing the 40" LCD monitor screen! Steve WB4ZSC has developed a "Ham Bio" PPS slide show of "famous Hams". We had a trial run and got very good reviews from the Science Center staff and visitors. Stop on by the Science Center and check it out! This should be even better when we get the 40" monitor working. The final samples for the wall graphics are being reviewed and should go up this month (March). This will include a World Map and 24-hour LCD clocks, Satellite/Repeater diagram, Morse Code chart, and more!

On the education front the Spring 2009 Tech License class is underway with 11 students signed up. We had 12 but one student thought that the class was on how to set up a pirate FM station. No kidding!

We are still looking for W7ASC volunteers for the "Winter" hours: 2 shifts per day (9:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00). Spread the word at your Ham Club. Call 480-961-1109 and volunteer now. A Volunteer sign-up page is available at [www.w7asc.org](http://www.w7asc.org)

Bob Burleson KG7QJ

**SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES**

The National Weather Service office in Phoenix is putting together another round of training classes this year. The link below is for a page on our website which shows a list of finalized times and locations as well as proposed locations. In time, we hope to convert the "proposed" locations to finalized status, but there is no guarantee we will be able to make arrangements for all of the locations. So, keep checking the page to see what has been added. Note: some of the locations require pre-registration with our local host (usually local emergency management and/or fire department).

For those that attended training last year, you are still "good to go," but you are welcome to attend a class this year as well. To remain current, spotters need to complete training once every 2 years.

[www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/spotter/index.php?wfo=psr](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/spotter/index.php?wfo=psr)

Austin Jamison, Spotter Focal Point, NWS Phoenix

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has new battery, Battery Charger  
also Auto bat charger 1/2 Wave antenna with  
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Icom Dual Band Transceiver

Model IC3230 \$75.00

Contact Ron Bugler WD5AAU  
623 594 1503, M.623 670 6144  
1340 W Micheltorena Dr  
Sun City West AZ 85375

**WANTED: 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 Ron Phillips, AE6QU

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**Closing date for material for  
May Shortskip**

**Saturday April 11, 2009**

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