

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Oct 3	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Aug 3 Sept 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Aug 8 Sept 12	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
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LIGHTNING STRIKES

Over 400 people are killed each year by lightning according to the Census Bureau. Don't let your amateur station make you a statistic in this toll!! Lighting is the most lethal of electric discharges and is entirely unpredictable. Lightning is a tremendous electrical spark between clouds, or between clouds and Earth, releasing millions of volts at tremendous currents in a fraction of a second. The U>S> Weather Bureau indicates that Arizona has a large number of lightning storms each year.

Regardless of where you live in the Valley don't invite lightning to strike your antenna installation. A few simple precautions may save your equipment, and even your life! In years past houses have been protected by lightning rods which seem to provide a

"static electricity drain" so that electricity in the air may pass safely to ground. This makes the immediate area around the rod less conductive, thereby diverting a potential lightning stroke to an area of greater conductivity. To accomplish the same result, your antennas and towers should be grounded directly, or fitted with some sort of an air-gap arrestor. this device has a very small gap built into it between the center conductor and the shield of the coaxial line and when electrical charges build up in the atmosphere around the antenna, a small sparks jump the gap and drain the accumulated charge to ground. A good electrical ground system is a must for any amateur station. Be ready the storms are on the way.

Ron Wamsley. W8QVG

NEW MEMBERS

KF7CEU	Lee Crabb	Sun City West
N7NSY	Charlie Frankel	Sun City West
KF7DEE	Loren Peterson	Sun City

EXPIRING LICENSES

KD7FVB	Marilyn Atherton	June
K7PLO	Stan Swartz	August
W0SLL	Joe Cutitta	October
AC7PW	Roger Ueltschi	October

SILENT KEY

Don Thomas, KA1CWM, SK

Don Thomas, KA1CWM joined our club for the 1st time with a cash membership at the January 5, 2009 membership meeting but apparently became an SK on May 2, 2009.

Vern DeWitt, AD7AM, SK

In the short time I have known Vern DeWitt, I have to say how much I admired him for his presence in the world of ham radio. In spite of his sightlessness, he was able to pass the required exams and obtained his amateur license.

With that license, Vern and his wife Kristy, KD7CSM, became involved in many activities, especially West Valley Amateur Radio Club activities. I was always amazed how those two handled the difficult task of being club secretaries. They would record the club activities, then with the right equipment, he would type it into braille and Kristy would expertly read it aloud to the club for verification and comments the following month.

He had an interest in coins that had people wondering how he could appreciate them without seeing them. By "feel" and verbal descriptions by others. He had collected a group of coins to pass on to his nephews and nieces after his demise.

Vern and Kristy were "regulars" on the morning 2-meter repeater call-in net. He took on the responsibilities of organizing the net control operators to assure there was coverage every day, seven days a week and five nights each week.

Vern was looking forward to joining Quarter Century Wireless Association local chapter in a few months.

Al Lee, W6KQI

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS

Friday July 31 – Saturday August 1

ScQRPIons QRP CAMPOUT
 Ft. Tuthill, Flagstaff, AZ
<http://www.azscqrpiions.org/>

Wednesday August 5 -Sunday August 16

Southwestern Division Convention
 Earl Warren Showgrounds
 Santa Barbara, California
 Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 131.8)

Sponsor:

Santa Barbara ARC
<http://www.sbarc.org/>
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Saturday October 17

OPRC Hamfest
 Tucson AZ
<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>

Saturday December 5

Superstition ARC Hamfest
 Mesa, AZ

GENERAL AMATEUR LICENSE CLASS

THE NEXT General Amateur License class is starting Saturday, July 25th 2009, 10AM to 1:00PM at the Arizona Science Center Boardroom "A" (600 E. Washington St, downtown Phoenix).

Please pass on to anyone that might be interested.

73 Bob Burleson KG7QJ
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**Closing date for material for
 October Short Skip
 Saturday September 12, 2009
 Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 3rd. 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 June 6th session at DeVry – 16 candidates were examined

- 10 earned Technician Class license
- 3 earned General Class license
- 3 Earned Extra Class license

On June 23rd three of showed up at Glenn Wade AE7AD's home and we did a special test for Marie Nichols, who is 11 years old, to surprise her father with a Technician License. Her Father is Jim Nichols KD7TLA. She passed her test, she showed him her CSCE that night and he was so happy for her. Her call is KF7DNC.

The June 27th session at the Red Cross – 4 candidates were examined

We also did the testing for the Red Cross Club W7IO so that they could concentrate on Field Day activities.

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

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WORKING ALASKA

For Hams that have not worked Alaska, the following information should be helpful. This information was provided by John Kinney, KL1MV.

Nightly 7093 Khz at 8PM local Alaska time - SSB for AK, HI, & Canada, CW for the lower 48. This is called the Alaska Bush Net

Nightly 3902 Khz 9PM local Alaska time - SSB AKA "The Motley Group"

Daily (Mon-Fri) 14.292 Khz 8:30AM local Alaska time SSB "The Alaska Pacific Emergency Preparedness Net" This is a directed net. If you wish to contact someone (or station) say, "Contact", be recognized by the NCS and move to a different frequency.

I am often on the 3905 Century Club nets which meet daily. 7178 Khz at 00Z and 3902 Khz at 02Z. These are list operations. The 3905 CCN has a web site which gives other frequencies and modes as well.

Bob Gromley, KS7U

ESTATE SALE

If you are looking for radio equipment, contact Stan, K7PLO, to obtain a complete list of the equipment he has. You can also look at our website for the list.

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 Residential Brokerage 602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

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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