

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Dec 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Dec 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Dec 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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PREZ SEZ

Hello from your Treasurer, Phil Walker. I'm 'ghost writing' this article, in behalf of our President, for the December issue of Short Skip until our President gets back from his Australia trip. Maybe we can call this "Trez Sez":

The November meeting Program was a fascinating presentation by member Kevin Jacobson, AD7OI on the subject of 10 GHz communications. Kevin showed pictures and played audio recordings of mountaintop 10 GHz contacts over some amazing distances (San Diego CA to Las Vegas, NV, for example). We also heard the 'scrambling' effects of signals propagating across the "windmill farms" in Indio, CA. Kevin also had brought his portable 10 GHz communications system and dish antenna for us to see. Thanks, Kevin, for this very interesting program!

NOVEMBER NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2010 BOARD and OFFICERS

As always is required at the November club meeting, a report from the Nominations Committee was due for the following positions open for election or re-election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2-yr Board member (currently Stan Swartz), 2-yr Board member (currently John Kinney)

As of now, our Secretary (Cindy Morrill), Treasurer (Phil Walker) and current Board members (Stan Swartz and John Kinney) have volunteered to be re-election candidates for next month's election of 2010 officers and directors, but as of this time we do NOT have any candidates for the President's position, and only recently received information that we now one club member who has volunteered to be a candidate for the Vice President's position. *(continued to page 2)*

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A CLUB WITHOUT A PRESIDENT? Please think about this and consider whether you could help fill the gap! We can assure you of lots of help to be sure you would be successful in the elected position. Ron Phillips has already promised to Chair the Programs Committee and ensure that the ten (10) programs we need each year will be arranged. Ron made this commitment in the Prez Sez column of last month's issue of Short Skip.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Thursday evening, November 5, I was a participant in the Ladies Night Out Annual Banquet held at Lou's Tivoli Gardens in Sun City. Participation was good with thirty (30) people attending, and the fellowship and food were both excellent! Never before have I been at a group dinner where the waiters asked each person ordering sirloin steak to learn 'how' they wanted it cooked! The 'warm bread' was indeed warm, the salads were cold and crisp, the entrees were all excellent I had the 'Codfish' entree which was better than Codfish I've ever had, anywhere, before! Thanks to Lou and Sue Caldwell for their untiring efforts in setting up this event.

The "Ham of the Year" Award will be announced at the Holiday Cookie Meeting in December. This is just one more reason for you to attend the December meeting, but don't forget to bring some cookies - (10-12 would be a good number, and homemade would be much better than 'store bought').

73 *Phil, W1PW (for Ron Phillips, AE6QU)*

UPCOMING HAM EVENTS

Saturday December 5

Superstition Hamfest Mesa Arizona
 Sponsor: Superstition Amateur Radio Club
 Hours 6:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Mesa Community College Southwest parking lot
 1833 W. Southern Ave (Dobson Rd and Southern Ave campus just off of US 60 Exit 177 for Dobson Rd
 Tailgate spots: \$5 per parking space
 Free spots for amateur radio clubs.
 Free Admission
 Prize Tickets: \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5
 Half-Hourly Drawings Must be present to win.
 Main Prize drawing at noon. May be absent.

Tickets are drawn every thirty minutes for the Half-Hourly drawings, then returned to the drum for the main prize drawing.

2009 Hamfest Prizes

1. SA680 Scorpion Antenna
2. DM 330MVT DC Switching Power Supply
3. DR 235TMK3 25 Watt 220 MHz FM Mobile Transceiver
4. DJ V27T 5 watt 222 MHz HT
5. DR 135TMK3 50 Watt 144 MHz FM Mobile Transceiver

Web page: <http://wb7tjd.org/hamfest>

Saturday January 9

Westfest
 Sponsor:
 ThunderBird Amateur Radio Club
 Location:
 The Activity Center
 ThunderBird School of Global Management
 15249 North 59th Avenue
 Glendale, Arizona
 Talk-In: 146.70 MHz PL 162.2
<http://www.w7tbc.org>
 Contact: Jack Lunsford, KD7RCJ
 Email: j.lunsford@cox.net

Monday February 1

WVARC 2010 Annual Ham Equipment Auction
 Sponsor: West Valley Amateur Radio Club
 This traditional Annual Event will start at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Clements of Rome Social Hall located at:
 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City AZ.
 Website: <http://westvalleyarc.org/>
 Contact: Ron Rasmussen, K6OP
 Email: ronk6op@cox.net
 Further details will be in next month's Short Skip issue.

**Friday-Saturday February 19-20
 Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show**

Sponsor:
 Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
 Yuma County Fairgrounds
 2520 East 32nd Street
 Yuma Arizona
 Talk-In: 146.840(-) PL 88.5
<http://www.yumahamfest.org>
 Contact: Richard Palaszynski, KC2LGR
 Phone: 928-305-0715
 Email: rp8690@yahoo.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

KF7EWP	Ed Braateli	Glendale
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WELCOME TO RETURNING MEMBERS

W2HTX	Roy Woodruff	Sun City West
AK9N	Gene Melton	Litchfield Park
AK7N	Carol Melton	Litchfield Park
N7YLC	Ed Barringer	Sun City West

**SILENT KEY Correction
 Harold Van Dyke, KD2PH**

I want to apologize to Harold's family and friends for the mistake in the spelling of Harold's last name in the November issue.

Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Dec 5th. 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 can not make change.

The Nov 7th session at DeVry – 13 candidates were examined

- 8 Earned Tech Class license
- 3 Earned General Class license
- 1 Failed General Class License
- 1 Earned Extra Class license

Administering VEs
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO
Joe Cuttita W0SLI
Bill Martin A10D
Robert Gormley KS7U
Harold Taylor W7HVT
Jim Scherfing WB8CMG
Paul Jorgenson KE7HR
James Skinnel K7EOG

HOLIDAY SEASON PARTY IS COMING

Please join us to usher in the Holiday season. Our annual party will be after the next club meeting.

What to bring: your spouse, or a guest, your Holiday Spirit, and a treat to share. Finger food is great because we will not need forks. Bake, bring and share you favorites with us. About a dozen cookies or treats from each household is good. Again thanks for sharing with your fellow HAMs your spirit and fun. The club will provide the punch, and all eating utensils/needs. See you on Monday, December 7th.

Questions can be directed to Cindy Morrill at kd7jvw@cox.net or 623-251-0025.

YEAR 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Year 2009 memberships will expire January 31 2010. Your 2010 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer and won't expire until January 31, 2011. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2010 dues are \$15 for an individual or family of Hams at the same address or \$7.50 after July 1, 2010. Please list only one individual on the front of the form. List other members and their call signs on the back of the form; that makes it easier to transcribe entries correctly. Members whose dues reach the Treasurer by February 1, 2010 will be listed in the Roster of Associated Members 2010 booklet. Members who renew or join later will be listed in the online Roster. Application forms are available at monthly meetings or can be downloaded from the WVARC web site and printed out.

If needed, a membership renewal/application form is included in this issue, just below. Since the Address Panel is on the reverse side, you can turn over this page and check your membership status which, (for current members), is always shown just below your name. Current status has been updated to include memberships received in the PO Box up through Friday, November 13, 2009.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? **Y N** (circle one **please**)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

*Your phone number and E-Mail address will be published in the Roster **only if you fill in these items below:***

PHONE (_____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club and pay such dues as assessed upon members. **Dues are currently \$15 per year per member or family of members** residing at the same address, payable by the January meeting. Half-year dues of \$7.50 are available for Late Joiners after July 1.

Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.

Send to WVARC, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573, or pay at any regular meeting.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

**Closing date for material for
January Short Skip
Tuesday December 15, 2009
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

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.

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

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

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.