

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP



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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Feb 7	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Feb 2	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Feb 14	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

My first month as President makes more clear to me, the unseen details handled by the officers, board, and unpaid staff of our club. I enjoy being a part of one of the best run Ham Radio Clubs in the valley.

Many thanks to Kevin, AD7OI for his presentation on building and operating equipment for the 10 GHz and up ARRL contest held each year in August and September. This serves as a reminder that when it comes to modes, ham radio is much more than 40 meters and hand talkies.

It is always good to let the public (and the grand kids) know how exciting radio can be.

The VE's will be working on a program to invite more young new hams to our meetings. I look forward to personally meeting and greeting each of them, and seeing that they all feel welcome.

See you all at the auction next meeting.

Ron Phillips, AE6QU, AE6QU@ARRL.net

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS

Monday February 2 2009

Ham Equipment Auction

Sponsor:

West Valley Amateur Radio Club

Location:

St. Clements of Rome Social Hall

15800 North Del Webb Blvd.

Sun City, Arizona

<http://westvalleyarc.org/>

Talk-In: 147.300 +600 (PL 162.2)

Contact:

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15874 West Grand Isle Way

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Email: hamauction2009@gmail.com

Friday, Saturday 20-21 Feb 2009

2009 Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show

Sponsors:

Yuma AR Hamfest Organization

Tucson Repeater Assn.

AR Council of Arizona

Location:

Yuma County Fairgrounds

2520 East 32nd Street

Yuma Arizona

<http://www.yumahamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.840 (PL 88.5)

Contact:

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Saturday March 14 2009

Spring Hamfest

Sponsors

ARCA and Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Scottsdale Community College

9000 East Chaparral Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

Talk-In: 147.18

Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S

902 North 73rd Place

Scottsdale, AZ 85257-4302

Phone: 480-949-5162

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EXPIRING LICENSES

WD0FEQ	Dick Johnson	January
KA7ATV	Ronald Goff	January
KA7BET	Calvin Cruse	February
WA9TV	Jack Richards	March
W7ENP	Charles Breeding	April

Renew after 90 days before expiration date

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Larry Hess	N9WIH	Surprise
Donald Thomas	KA1CWM	Sun City West
Thomas Simser	N6AHJ	Sun City
Wally Hebertson ¹	AE7Y	Sun City

1. Returning member was inactive last year

SILENT KEY

Tom H Watts, NY7S, age 90, went SK on December 18, 2008. He started out as a Merchant Marine radio operator. and later he worked for Pan American World Airways for many years, primarily in Miami, starting out as a radio mechanic and retiring as a Communications Supervisor.

Tom was very active for many years, in many capacities, with the International Association Of Airline Hams (IAAH). He faithfully participated in the daily international communications network and was well known all over the World.

Tom was one of a few members of The West Valley Amateur Radio Club who assembled and maintained the two VHF/UHF radio repeaters on top of Del Webb and Boswell Hospitals.

Tom always had a good mobile radio station, ready to go anywhere, any time, on short notice to serve the public interest and he was proud to do it. When anyone ever needed technical or "hands-on" assistance with a radio problem, Tom was there to help and loved to do it.

By Fred S Jones, N7QV

NEW DIRECTOR

At the January Board meeting, John Kinney, KL1MV, was appointed a director of the club, fulfilling the open position vacated by Ron Phillips, who is our new president. Welcome to the board.

2008 Ham of the Year

This award was presented to Ken Solheim for his many contributions to the WVARC, including being responsible for the annual auction for past two years and continues this year. He has also been a network moderator. Congratulations, Ken.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday February 7th. 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 \$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 January 3rd session at DeVry – 2 candidates were examined

- 1 earned Technician Class license
- 1 earned Extra 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
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Fairfield K7RQN
Jim Skinnell K7EOG
Jim Scherfling WB8CMG

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**Closing date for material for
March Shortskip
Saturday February 14, 2009
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASSES

This is a reminder of the class offerings:

1. Tri-City Amateur Radio Association, Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:30 p.m. , February 3 through March 31. The classes will be held at Avondale Fire Station #172 at 1825 N. 107 Ave. (just north of McDowell Rd.).

Pre-registration is required. To register or for additional information about the class contact Gene Melton, AK9N, at 623-363-0248 or the Tri-City Amateur Radio Association at W7GDY@arrl.net .For more information about amateur radio go to <http://wedothat-radio.org> .

2. Mesa Community College (Southern & Dobson), on Saturday, February 21, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Class will be held at the college. Check on the website www.W7ASC.ORG).

ANNUAL CARL MEETING

The annual CARL Meeting is Saturday January 31st 9:30AM to Noon. Rick Aldom, W7STS, ARRL Arizona Section Emergency Coordinator will talk on Emergency Communications and the MCECG.

Regards, Bob Burleson KG7QJ
kg7qj@cox.net 480-961-1109

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Memberships expire each year on the last day of January of the following year. With the mailing of each year's February issue of Short Skip, we convey membership advisory information on the front of the envelope in which your Short Skip has been mailed. This year, membership status will either show "Member 2009" or "Membership Expired". If your membership has expired, please consider using the renewal form on the reverse side of this portion of this page section, to renew your membership for 2009. Thanks and 73,

Phil Walker, (acting) Membership Chairperson

ANNUAL HAM RADIO AUCTION

Monday Evening February 2

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club annual Ham Radio equipment auction will be held at the St. Clement of Rome Social Hall, 15800 N 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. Starting in January 2008 the Lot Tickets will be available at the WVARC meeting, anytime from an officer or board member and at the Thursday morning breakfast at Lou's Tivoli Gardens. Lot Tickets may be mailed to your home, email your name and USPS address to hamauction2008@gmail.com.

WVARC shall retain 10% of the selling price for auction items sold 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. P.S. As in every year, we will need the help of volunteers. To help out, please email Ken Solheim (WN7DRX) at the above address or call 623-544-2827

FOR SALE: (Ad)

* Kenwood TS 450 with auto tuner, excellent condition. No power supply. \$300.

* Kenwood TS 50, new, never used, no power supply, \$300.

Contact Wally Hebertson, AE7Y, 623-933-7011
9563 Country Club Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373

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

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

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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 those 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 \$15 per year per family of members residing at the same address payable by the January meeting; \$7.50 after July 1 for late joiners. Write names and call signs of other family members on back.

Send to WVARC, P O BOX 1573, SUN CITY, AZ 85372, or pay at a regular meeting.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

write additional family members' name and calls above this line