

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Jan 3	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Jan 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Jan 10	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

I wish to thank the club for their confidence in me on my election to President. In my several years on the board, I have seen the hard work done by the officers and board, and realize the responsibility of each of us to step up in our time.

Three areas I wish to stress in the coming year are our youth outreach, membership, and programs demonstrating the diverse aspect of amateur radio. Working with our strong VE team, we can let new young hams know they have a home here on the west side. Each of us can phone a fellow ham and remind them of the upcoming meeting and interesting program. Both these efforts will solve the issue of membership.

This month's program will be on balloons carrying amateur radio (Arizona Near Space Research www.ansr.org). Their task is to provide vehicles to take student 'space payloads' up to 100,000 feet. They will also be doing a cross country launch at 35,000 ft., which will be transmitting location data on PSK-31 via 20 and 40 meters in the next two weeks; all activities allowing us to participate 'arm chair' at home! Drop me an email if you wish to be on notification of these launch dates and times.

Hope to see you all at this month's exciting meeting.

Ron Phillips, AE6QU, AE6QU@ARRL.net

HAMFESTS

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

Saturday 14 March 2009

SpringFest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Scottsdale Community College, Scottsdale, AZ

QUARTZFEST

Quartzfest Amateur Radio Operators event will take place on January 18, 2009. south on US 95, at Mile Marker 99, Quartzsite, AZ. The Talk-in frequency is 146.55 simplex. For more information go to their website www.quartzfest.org or contact: Cliff KD4ZBP and Virginia KE4VRW Haycock KD4ZBP@arrl.net

A NEW CLUB

A new club in the western Maricopa County just formed called The Tonopah Valley Amateur Radio Club. All are welcome, especially Hams in Tonopah, Buckeye, Wintersburg, Perryville, Arlington, Palo Verde, Liberty, and the Saddle Mountain area. [Http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tvarc/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/tvarc/) or contact Michael Schrody KD7TKQ at kd7tkq@yahoo.com.

MESSAGE FROM PAST PREZ

I wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all have a very prosperous and enjoyable 2009. This year sure did seem to go by fast for some reason. It has been another great year for the WVARC.

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.

I want to thank all of the outgoing officers and volunteers for a great 2008 year.

We have a great group of officers and volunteers for 2009 and we should have another good year. We need a Membership Chairperson and some help with some ideas for some programs that will be of interest to everyone. There are a lot of things have gone on and are going on in Amateur Radio that will be of interest.

I want to sincerely thank everyone for their great support for the club.

David Morrill, N7TWT

2008 President of WVARC

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday January 3. 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.

TRI-CITY TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

The Tri-City Amateur Radio Association, in conjunction with the City of Avondale, will be offering a class leading to a Technician license in the Amateur Radio Service. The class will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 PM starting February 3rd, 2009 and ending on March 31st, 209 with administration of the FCC technician License class. There is no fee for the class but attendees will have to purchase the ARRL Technician Class manual for \$20.00 (plus tax) on the first evening and pay \$15.00 to take the licensing test on the final night. **Passing the test will result in a ham license good for 10 years.**

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> .

MESA TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS

The Spring 2009 Tech License class will start Saturday, February 21st 10:00AM to 1:00PM at Mesa Community College (Southern & Dobson in Mesa). Flyers are out at HRO and your favorite web site (WWW.W7ASC.ORG).

FREE PRACTICE EXAMS

I have created a set of free online exam practice tests that I hope hams will find useful.

Within the practice tests, online study resources, (Wikipedia, NASA, ARRL, etc...), are provided for many of the questions. The list of resources available for each question is constantly growing because users can add their own favorite links to the study materials. Users can also track their test scores over time and see which sub-elements are giving them the most trouble. You can see all the practice tests at: <http://copaseticflow.blogspot.com/>

Please let me know if you find it handy, or if you think of any ways to make it better. Also, if you think it's useful, please feel free to add a link to the practice exams at your site.

Thanks! 73 de KD0FNR Hamilton Carter

CHRISTMAS PARTY THANKS

Our club members enjoyed a good time of munching on many personal favorites and visiting at our 2008 Christmas Party. As we heard often, "There are so many choices." It was clear that chocolate is still a favorite of many. We wish to thank the following ladies for pitching in and helping with the serving and clean-up: Betty Swartz, Faye Delaney, and Nina Kinney. When we arrived at the church that evening we had some tables to move and some other preliminary things to get done. Earl Woody showed up early and I was glad to see him. He was a welcomed extra set of legs. Thank you Earl. I agreed to work with the cookie/dessert party and knew that some people always come through and will pitch in. These ladies and gentlemen did just that and I needed to say a special thanks for their efforts. We also had other members pitch in to do extra cleanup duties and put things back in their original positions and this too is always noticed, needed and appreciated.

Cindy Morrill, KD7JVV

2009 CLUB OFFICERS

This year we are blessed to have some experienced officers to guide our club.

Our president will be Ron Phillips AE6QU who comes to us with a real interest in promoting the radio hobby to all age groups. He has been on our board of directors and has pushed hard to get an education program going for the hobby in the Dysart School District. He also comes with many good connections for ideas on ways to improve the club, education programs for us and a dedication to increasing club attendance.

Vice President will be Lou Caldwell W7HX who is in his second year in this position. Lou enjoys being a snow-bird but has used modern technology to join us from afar at meetings. He worked hard along with guidance from his wife Sue to give us a special Ladies Night Out this year.

Our secretary is Cindy Morrill KD7JVW who has done the job for 1 ½ years.

Treasurer is Phil Walker W1PW who brings us great graphics, excellent reports and works behind the scenes to solve all kinds of federal filing challenges. He quietly does his job and a superb job of supporting the president and secretary in their positions also. Phil is currently doing the membership chairperson position also since the monies coming in need to be recorded and worked with by him before giving it to another chairperson. Phil is interested in someone who would like to work with him on this position. If you live in the upper valley area, please consider this job position. He is great to work with and is a great teacher.

Our Board of Directors includes:

Ken Peloquin N7PHO serves with his sister, Rosemary Kydd N7PLN as a greeter at the sign-in table. Ken also enjoys serving as a VE and goes to DeVry every month and also helps at other spots when needed by the VE Team. He will be learning the auction position as well.

Pat Lynch K7NFB is a quiet one on the board, but adds his special opinions when needed and is oh so dependable about coming to meetings. This is his second term as being a director. He enjoys a good laugh and which is fun to hear at our meetings. We all have a special reason why we do work for a club and getting to know Pat is a special treat.

Stan Swartz K7PLO has years of experience in life as well as being a HAM and selling things. You honestly have a hard time saying no to this fellow. He has sold our estate and donated things the past several years and donated many hours and much effort in getting this done. Stan and his wife Betty have hosted the Board meetings at their house as well and it has been truly appreciated.

We have a 4th Director position that Dave Cain AC7CS has volunteered to take, but upon interest by another club member, may be allowing this other gentleman to take that position. The new member to the board will be appointed at the January Board meeting.

Our club board works hard, but does enjoy many laughs along the way. They have many goals for the club and are always open to your new ideas. The club board can only be as good as the members who support them with ideas, involvement, and shared duties. This board is ready to go in 2009, join them in promoting our club and bring forth new ideas.

David Morrill, N7TWT

**Closing date for material for
February Shortskip
Saturday January 15, 2008
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

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

Renewal forms are available at the meeting or you can download a copy from our website at: www.westvalleyarc.org.