

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP



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WVARC CALENDAR

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

I wish to thank the cast and crew for another great auction. We will have a detailed report at the next meeting, but as this is written, all the checks to the sellers have been sent. Most of us were home in time for the 10 o'clock news!

We are in need of great program ideas, and they can be emailed to me at AE6QU@ARRL.net. One of our members will be presenting his use of APRS as a real world Road Warrior at our next meeting. It amazes me all the interesting modes we have as HAMS, and how simple some of them become once one of our amateur friends' show how it is done. I plan to pay close

attention this time so I can finally get it right.

The following month, we plan to have Miguel Enriquez with the Pueblo High School Amateur Radio Club talk about what ham radio means to students. He will detail the students' progress over the last two years, including his monthly contribution to 73 Magazine about Ham TV being a major bright spot in the kid's life. The ARRL teachers institute will be held in Tucson again this year, and there may still be a few slots open for practicing teachers. He is always a lively and interesting presenter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Paul Doi N0RWW Sun City
Charles Wallace* W1OSV Glendale

* Returning member , inactive in 2008

EXPIRING LICENSES

KA7ATV Ronald Goff January
W7OJL Fred Fitzgerald May

SILENT KEY

KEN UTHUS KT7E SK

Ken Uthus KT7E passed away on January 11, 2009 in Sun City West Arizona at the age of 88. Ken was retired from the telephone company in Spokane Washington.

He and his wife moved to Arizona in 1993 from Nine Mile Falls, Washington. Ken was an Elmer for hams and helped on antenna projects and field-day. He was a member of QCWA and a few Spokane clubs.

Monthly Arizona Section News

[Ken, a WVARC member since 1994, had been home bound last year; but was very active on the daily Call In Net.- *Editor*]

LARRY E TEEL W1JRL SK

Nancy Teel KC7FKT sent me an e-mail this morning advising that Larry E. Teel W1JRL of Friendswood, TX died of pneumonia and complications on January 27. He and Nancy were active members of WVARC when they lived here. Nancy's address is 812 Sandringham, Friendswood, TX 77545.

Fred Jones N7QV

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 renew your membership for 2009. Thanks and 73,

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS

Saturday March 14

Spring Hamfest

Location:

Scottsdale Community College

9000 East Chaparral Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

Talk-In: 147.18

Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S

Phone: 480-949-5162

Fax: 480-292-8789

Email: enickerson427@aol.com

Sponsors:

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA)

Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Saturday April 4

Ham Desert-Fest 2009

Location:

Kino Sports Complex

Ajo Way & Forgeus Ave

Tucson, Arizona

Talk-In: 146.800(-) pl 156.7

Contact: Randy Malick, KF0X

2479 East Spring Pioneer Lane

Oro Valley, AZ 85755

Phone: 520-247-9999

Email: randy@kf0x.com

Sponsor:

Radio Society of Tucson

<http://www.rstclub.org>

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

5326 East Voltaire Avenue

Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Phone: 602-996-8148

Email: k7gh@arrl.net

Sponsor:

Arizona Amateur Radio Club

<http://w7io.org>

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday March 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 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 February 7th, session at DeVry – 18 candidates were examined

- 5 earned Technician Class license
- 7 earned General Class license
- 4 Earned Extra Class license
- 2 Failed Extra Class License

Administering VEs

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EXTRA CLASS COURSE

The Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club (TBARC) is sponsoring a course of instruction for those interested in upgrading to Extra Class. The course starts on March 14 and runs for 11 weeks with VE test on the last session

73 de KD7RCJ, Jack Lunsford

ANNUAL CARL MEETING

The Annual CARL Meeting was held Saturday January 31st at the AZ Science Center. 24 Hams were in attendance, almost 50% of our total volunteer force!

Rick Aldom, W7STS, ARRL Arizona Section Emergency Coordinator gave an excellent talk on Emergency Communications and MCECG Public Service events. The "All Day" Public Service Communications class is planned for later in the year, date TBD. We elected CARL Board Members for 2009 plus 2 alternates. Club officers will be appointed at the next Board meeting in March. John O'Neal was awarded CARL "Ham of the Year" with 347 volunteer hours in 2008. Anyone want to break that record? Certificates of recognition were given to Steve WB4SCZ with 228 hours, Bob W7JTR 211 hours, and DaveW7PMD 198 hours.

The W7ASC Power Point presentation was reviewed and is available from CARL BOD members for Ham club presentation. The \$50 HRO certificate door prize winning number was pulled out of the 'ol Ham Hat by Andrea Salt KE7OPV. The winner was her father, Tom, AD7PM. In any event the \$50 will be used to stimulate the Ham economy. Upgrades and progress from the Design meeting 1/15 were presented and the new graphics for the Shack should be done by mid-March. The AZ Science Center may be purchasing our 42" LCD monitor for the shack. I will try to confirm by the next ADAW.

The Spring 2009 Tech License class starts this month, Saturday, February 21st 10:00AM to 1:00PM at Mesa Community College (Southern & Dobson in Mesa). Flyers are out at HRO and at your favorite web site (www.w7asc.org) So far we have 7 students signed up. If you know anyone that is interested in the class please give me a call.

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

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

UPCOMING SPOTTER TRAINING CLASSES

Hello Storm Spotters!

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
Austin Jamison
Spotter Focal Point
NWS Phoenix

COYOTE CRISIS CAMPAIGN

There will be an emergency crisis response exercise on March 10, 2009 at ASU Stadium. Because of the location of the exercise, Del Webb and Boswell Hospital will have only a minimum part in the activities. WVARC will be asked to help by testing their ability to communicate between the two hospitals and possibly between the hospitals and Banner Health headquarters in Phoenix. We will need 2 to 3 operators at each hospital.

We will be asking for volunteers for this exercise at the March Ham meeting.

Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA

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

FOR SALE: (Ad)
Kenwood TS 450 with auto tuner,
excellent condition. No power supply. \$200.
Contact Wally Hebertson, AE7Y, 623-933-7011
9563 Country Club Dr, Sun City, AZ 85373

FOR SALE: (Ad)
Yaesu FT10R Hand Held Transceiver
has new battery, Battery Charger
also Auto bat charger 1/2 Wave antenna with
adapter, software & cable \$125.00

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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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