

# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	May 2	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	May 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sat	May 9	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

I had several positive comments about this month's presentation by Allan Cameron N7UJJ. It is nice to know that our club provides a vehicle through our non profit 501-c-3 donation program, to make assistance to fine organizations like Falcon Robotics at Carl Hayden High School. Allan and Coach Fredi offer the mentoring that many of us remember in our youths, as we became interested in electronics, and went on to get our Ham licenses. I remember Ben Moore W9DUD, my Chemistry teacher 50 years ago, encouraging me in 8Th grade to join the high school radio club, and get my novice license. Many of us have similar memories and are willing to do a part to help the youth in our own way.

The Internet gives us a window into activities that would not be easily available. The web site [falconrobotics.blogspot.com](http://falconrobotics.blogspot.com) provides an incite into the activities of the Carl Hayden group. The thing I missed as a youth was electronics as a 'team' activity. This is provided in the Radio and Robotics HS clubs of today. You can go to [www.h2orobots.org](http://www.h2orobots.org) and see the team spirit that Allan talked about at the meeting.

We were blessed by a generous donation of a couple dozen Yaesu and MFJ items, many in their original boxes. The donor was Michael Anbar KC2OTJ. He was impressed by our youth outreach program and our well done web site, and happy that he was able to help young people through us. (Continued on Page 2)

**PREZ SEZ continued**

Next months program will be on the Center for Amateur Radio Learning at the Arizona Science Center. Dave Zinder will be presenting Bob Burlison's KG7QJ new power point presentation that incorporates several of the changes at the center. As always, change takes a while to adjust to, but we will be able to see how it works to better the experience and understanding of the children coming through. Stan Swartz will be presenting them a MFJ code key sender and code tutor from our recent donation, for use at the center. The kids get to learn to send their names in Morse code.

I am working on your suggestions of an AMSAT presentation and one by the ARRL. Keep your suggestions coming, and let me know also what more you would like covered in the PREZ SAYS.

*Ron Phillips, AE6QU, AE6QU@ARRL.net*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

David Powley KB0QJA Peoria  
Johnny Hatchel KB7RCT Phoenix

**HamCon Colorado 2009**

Location: Estes Park CO  
Date: May 29-31  
Website for Details  
[www.HamConColorado.org](http://www.HamConColorado.org)  
Contact: Steve Williams, K0srw  
Email: KB7TRE@cableone.net

**ARRL SW Division Convention 2009**

The 2009 Southwestern Division Convention will be held on August 15-16, 2009. It is hosted by the Santa Barbara ARC and it will be held at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara, CA.

Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 131.8)

Contact: Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS  
[marvin@west.net](mailto:marvin@west.net)  
<http://www.sbarc.org/>

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS****Saturday May 2**

Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest  
Green Acres  
2756 Moson Road  
Sierra Vista, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.76(-) (PL 162.2)  
Sponsor:  
Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
<http://www.k7rdg.org>  
Contact: Dale Chidester, NJ7C  
Email: dalechid@cox.net

**Saturday May 30**

Annual Prescott Hamfest  
Granite Mountain Middle School  
1800 Williamson Valley Road  
Prescott, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.88- (PL 100)  
Sponsors  
Yavapai ARC & Verde Valley ARA  
<http://www.W7YRC.org>  
Contact: Terry Pemberton, KB7TRE  
Phone: 928-445-8126  
Email: KB7TRE@cableone.net

**Saturday June 6**

White Mountain Hamfest  
Show Low Intermediate School  
500 West Old Linden Road  
Show Low, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.61 (PL162.2) & 146.52 simplex  
<http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>  
Sponsor:  
Kachina Amateur Radio Club  
Contact: Richard Gurk, KE7EDP  
Phone: 928-242-1178  
Email: ke7edp@cableone.net

**Friday- Saturday July 17-18**

Arizona State Convention  
Williams Rodeo Grounds  
800 East Rodeo Road  
Williams, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.78/91.5  
Sponsor:  
Amateur Radio Council of Arizona  
<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/convention.asp>  
Contact: Lee Ilse, KD7OED  
Email: kd7oed@arrl.net

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday May 2nd. 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 April 4th, session at DeVry – 11 candidates were examined at DeVry

- 6 earned Technician Class license
- 3 earned General Class license
- 2 Earned Extra Class license

Administering VEs

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

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<p><b>Closing date for material for June-July Shortskip Saturday May9, 2009 Email: <a href="mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com">shortskip@yahoo.com</a></b></p>
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**ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER**

The AZ Science Center purchased the 42" LCD monitor screen, cabinets are now in along the South wall. The wall graphics are done on the South and West inside walls and on the outside. The 24-hour LCD clocks are not in place as yet and the 20" monitors should be remounted soon to give us more desk space. Steve WB4ZSC has the "Ham Bio" PPS slide show of "famous Hams" at rev 2.1. It looks great on the big screen. We plan to develop a similar PPS of some of the DX QSL cards received. The old (and worn out) Kenwood V7A has been replaced with a Kenwood TMG-707A. Now you can read the display! A lot has happened over the last month! Come on in and see how nice the Shack is looking.

On the education front the Spring 2009 Tech License class is concluding with about 7 of 11 students taking the test this Saturday (4/11). Results will be posted in the next ADAW. The General License class is scheduled to start at the AZ Science Center July 18th through to August 29th.

Rick, KA0KZB, has been active on the CARL Board, in the design and implementation of the new W7ASC Shack and as an instructor for the Ham License Classes. He has been in the hospital for the last month with complications from diabetes. Cards can be sent to his home address (and would I am sure, be greatly appreciated)

Rick Checketts KA0KZB

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Mesa, AZ 85204-3414

We are still looking for W7ASC volunteers for the New Ham Shack. The "Summer Hours" (10:00AM-3:00PM) start Saturday 5/23 through to Labor Day 9/7. 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](http://www.w7asc.org)

And a final note: When the Arizona Science center has a fire drill it is imperative that everyone clear the building as quickly as possible when an alarm is sounded. We do not want any "Smoked Ham". Of course if you have your HT with you, you can be part of the emergency response.

Bob Burleson KG7QJ [KG7QJ@COX.NET](mailto:KG7QJ@COX.NET)  
480-961-1109

## ICQ AMATEUR / HAM RADIO PODCAST Comes of age with 21<sup>st</sup>. Episode

Launched in July 2008, the ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast provides a mixture of news, views, training, technical reviews and information for all levels around the world. This month, April 2009, the ICQ Podcast came of age with the publication of our 21st episode.

Previous episodes have included roundtable discussions with new entrants to the hobby and seasoned pros discussing the hobby. Technical reviews have covered many topics including aerials, modifications and products reviews, and interviews with Hams advising their latest innovations.

The ICQ Amateur / Ham Radio Podcast is a fortnightly radio type show, downloadable from the internet. Episodes can either be downloaded direct from the website (<http://www.icqpodcast.com>) or by subscribing to iTunes (<http://phobos.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=284922000>). By registering with the ICQ Podcast website, an email will be sent to you with a direct link to download the latest episodes. Episodes can be played back either from the computer or by loading the mp3 file onto an mp3 player.

The ICQ Podcast is a podcast "for Amateur's by Amateur's" and we would be very interested to hear for anyone who would like to be involved. If you would like to contact us, please email [info@icqpodcast.com](mailto:info@icqpodcast.com)

We hope you enjoy the ICQ Podcast.

Kind regards

Martin Butler (M1MRB) and Colin Butler (M6BOY)

## 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  
and

## Icom Dual Band Transceiver

Model IC3230 \$75.00

Contact Ron Bugler WD5AAU  
623 594 1503, M.623 670 6144  
14326 W Micheltorena Dr  
Sun City West AZ 85375

## 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

## 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 Residential Brokerage 602-370-1450 cell, [rahaworth@cox.net](mailto:rahaworth@cox.net)