

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

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

We had an interesting program on Al Gross, the inventor of the Walkie Talkie. I marvel at the inventiveness of Hams and engineers, as they meld their education, experience, and intuitiveness to turn ideas into reality. David Morrill has reported that the WVARC Youth Outreach Program has been continuing to provide VOMs and Short Skips to youth passing their ham test. It is great that the spark can be passed on in one small way or another. I will greatly miss my co-chair in this committee, Harold Van Dyke and the inspiration he was to Miguel Enriquez and the Pueblo HS ARC. Kathy and I will be making a gift in "Vans" name through Miguel and invite others to do the same. At our next meeting, Kevin AD7OI, will be presenting slides and video of his expedition to Mt. Humphries, and San Diego, for the two weekends

of the ARRL 10 GHz and up contest. I will miss this meeting, but our Vice President Lou Caldwell will be doing the honors.

Speaking of presidents; while on the sidelines, it seemed that the club runs with little effort. As we get more involved, we find that the officers and board, and committees do important work for the success of the club, and the enjoyment of the members. We need to remember that individual contribution makes the club great and we are each called to do our small part so that some won't be overworked. I will help next year's President in any way, including chairing the program committee.

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Speaking of program committee, we have only 10 programs per year to present, hence we will have ten members, one per program. Now that was easy. I will put together a set of disks for the rare chance of a no show, to take off the pressure of "what if". I need five more members with program ideas for the committee. The goal is to have advance notice of each program in the Short Skip.

Ladies night is coming up shortly. Check the web site www.westvalleyarc.org for ordering tickets.

*Ron Phillips AE6QU
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NEW MEMBERS

W0CZF Hank Wallace Sun City

SILENT KEY: Harold Van Drake, KD2PH

Harold passed away on October 2, 2009. He received his ham license in the 1950s, and when he retired to Sun City in 1988, he became very active in the WVARC. He served as Secretary, participated in the Palo Verde Siren testing, and served on several committees. He was a "regular" at the Thursday morning breakfasts and he will be greatly missed.

Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA

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>

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Nov 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 can not make change.

The Oct 3rd session at DeVry – 8 candidates were examined

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

Administering VEs

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

Robert Miner KA7NPQ

Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO

Joe Cuttita W0SLL

Bill Martin A10D

Robert Gormley KS7U

Harold Taylor W7HVT

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Paul Jorgenson KE7HR

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LOOKING FOR DX

If you are interested in DX, working it or just listening to see what's on there's no better way to get started than monitoring a DX Webcluster. The webcluster will show you DX stations that on the air right now, what frequency they are on, and whose hearing them. If people in your part of the world are hearing and reporting them then there's a good chance you can hear them and work them too.

To get started we'll go to a webcluster called DXSCAPE which is run by the JA'S (Japanese). To get there Google <dxscape.com/uscw.html> The page shown on the website has all the DX information that DX'ers are reporting in real time and it is updated usually every minute depending on activity.

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Start out with the first 7 lines shown at the top of the page. Here you can tell DX SCAPE what you are interested in seeing. Example, the first line across labeled (DX) you could click on US 25 and it will display the last 25 dx spots heard and reported in the US. This is usually where US hams go because we don't care what they are hearing in JA land or WW (world wide). If you are interested in digital or IOTA, you can view these reports by band just by clicking on it. Make certain you are staying in the US portion since these are reports from US stations. The lower part of the page shows the actual stations reported in the last group of 25.

The left column is the DX station's call, next is the time the report was entered,, next the frequency the DX station is on. Then a space for comments from the reporting station, and finally the right hand column is the call of the reporting station.

To get your feet wet try listening to stations reported from your section of the country first since you may have a better chance of hearing them if stations near you are reporting. In the "old" days we had to get on a "dx packet cluster" to get some of this information and before packet you monitored a DX repeater that the local gang ran and announced what they were hearing.

Give it a try and soon you will see what the propagation is and what time you can hear different DX stations.....good luck and as the DX'ers say "see ya in the pileups"

Ron Rassmussen, K6OP

**Closing date for material for
December Short Skip
Tuesday November 10, 2009
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

YEAR 2010 MEMBERSHIP

Year 2009 memberships expire January 31 2010.

Year 2010 memberships will expire January 31 2011. Your 2010 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2010 dues are \$15 for an individual or Hams at the same address or \$7.50 after June 30, 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.

A membership renewal/application form is included in this issue, below:

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.	MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM
NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y N (circle one please)	
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____	
<i>Your phone number and E-Mail address will be published in the Roster only if you fill in these items below:</i>	
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 family of members residing at the same address, payable by the January meeting. Dues of \$7.50 are available for Late Joiners after July 1. <u>Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.</u>	
Send to WVARC, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573, or pay at any regular meeting.	
DATE _____ SIGNED _____	

PALO VERDE SIREN TESTING – NOV 18

The Siren Test will be held on Wednesday, Nov 18. All details are in the October 2009 Shortskip.

The night before, Nov 17 at 7p.m., there will be a short NET on 146.94 to answer any questions you might have. If have not signed up, but wish to participate, please call David Morrill, N7TWT, at 623-925-0680

LADIES NIGHT OUT – THURSDAY, NOV 5

DON'T FORGET, Ladies Night Out is Thursday, November 5. The form was published in the October Shortskip and if you need a copy, it is located on the club's website in the October, 2009 issue of ShortSkip. ***All registrations must be received by October 28.***

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.

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

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.