

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Nov 6	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Nov 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Nov 13	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

Well this is the last newsletter of the year. Where did the year go? It seems like it went by awfully fast. Not before too long and the New Year will be here. This past year has seen some changes and some exciting things happen. We have had some great presentations at our meetings. Both QST and QEX are now available at the Northwest Regional Library in Surprise. The Echolink project is progressing albeit slowly. And our role in emergency communications at the hospitals is gaining greater recognition and as a result our value increasing.

I am hoping that next year will be even more exciting than this past year. With any luck at all, Echolink will be up and running on the 2 meter repeater and our EmComm capabilities will expand to include some digital modes and possibly even WinLink. We will be able field a special event

station or two. And maybe even the 20-meter West Valley Vacation net will be going again.

We are a great group with diverse backgrounds and a lot of expertise. Let's make next year even better than this year.

May your Holidays be joyous.
73, Charles - KE7IBG

2010 HAM OF THE YEAR - Ron Rasmussen

Since joining the club in the mid-1990s, Ron has served the club as Vice President 2 years and President for 2 years (2000 and 2001). He has also been in charge of the Ladies Night Out, worked several years on the auction and took charge of it the last two years. He has volunteered many years for the Palo Verde Siren Test and he is always willing helped other hams when needed. Congratulations, Ron.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Saturday December 4: Opens 6 AM

ARCA meeting, License exams
Sponsor: Superstition Amateur Radio Club
Admission \$2 includes one drawing ticket.
Drawing held at noon for six prizes:
Location Mesa Community College Mesa Arizona
U.S. 60 Exit 177 north to Dobson Road
Talk-in: 147.12 (PL 162.2 Hz) / 449.60 (PL 100 Hz)
Website: wb7tjd.org/hamfest.

Palm Springs Hamfest 2011

Saturday, January 29

Sponsor: Desert Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Palm Springs.
Swap Meet, plus a consignment table with experienced hams selling your equipment.
Raffles every hour, Food and Vendors
Participating in Winter Field day and will have a Special Events Station.
Submitted by Peter Peinzuch VE7REZ
Website: <http://desertrats.am>

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Feb 5, 2011. 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. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and photocopy to be turned with your paperwork. 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 November 6th 2nd session at DeVry University 8 candidates were examined

- 3 Earned Technician Class License
- 2 Earned General Class License
- 3 Earned Extra Class License

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Robert Gormley KS7U
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Jim Skinnell K7EOG
Robert Fairfield K7RQN
Bill Martin A10D
Joe Cutitta W0SLI
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Kettler, Jr. WA6MIO

NEW MEMBERS

Howard Bullock, W4LBM, Sun City West
Henry Lines, K7GNR, Brightwood, OR

EXPIRING LICENSES

November W7MCP Fred L. Jones
November: N7QV Fred S Jones
December: K7GSW Gordon S Willis
December: WA9HBT John Kornbeck
January: W8QVG Ron Wamsley
February: KG7MR Richard Delaney

MEMBER KENNETH NEUFFER W9ZA SK

Ken, a DXer and contester, died in Sun City October 29. He and his wife Darlene moved to Sun City West in August 2007 from Chicago. He had been a corporation executive in the corrugated packaging industry. A private service was held at Camino del Sol Funeral Chapel Sun City.

VALLEY LICENSE EXAM OPPURTUNITIES

Saturday December 4

Sponsor: East Mesa VE Team
Time: 8:00 AM Walk-ins allowed
Location: Mesa Community College
Dobson Rd & Southern Ave Mesa Arizona
Contact: Steve Gurley
(480) 704-3666; email: kj7wk@cox.net

Saturday December 20

Sponsor: East Valley VE Team
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Location: City of Mesa Bldg
640 N Mesa Drive, Mesa Arizona
Contact: Steve Gurley
(480) 704-3666; email: kj7wk@cox.net

Note: Bring photo identification, \$15.00 test fee - ***exact change-please***; original and copies of current license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE).

**Closing date for material for
December Short Skip
Friday, December 10, 2010
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

HOLIDAY TREAT NIGHT

December 6th will be our Holiday Treat Night. Please bring an item that is finger food and does not need to be refrigerated. The plates, napkins and cups will be provided by the club. It is a fun time to share a favorite of yours with other club members.

Always asked is how many and a dozen per person is a good idea. For a couple, 18 is great. Thank you for helping to make this evening fun, yummy, and could even be nutritious. See you after the club meeting.

For questions please e-mail Cindy Morrill at KD7JVW@COX.NET.

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

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.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Our annual auction is coming up Feb 7th of 2011. It will be at St. Clement of Rome social hall, 15800 Del Web Blvd. Sun City Az. Please start to gather up any *HAM OR HAM-RELATED* EQUIPMENT that you may sell to make the auction a success. Questions phone 623 546-5710 or e mail hamauction2011@gmail.com.

Thanks, Ron Rasmussen

YEAR 2011 MEMBERSHIP

Year 2010 memberships expire January 31 2011.

Year 2011 memberships will be valid through January 31 2012. Your 2011 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2011 dues are \$15 for an individual or family of Hams at the same address. Please list only one individual on the front of the form. List other licensed family 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, 2011 will be listed in the Roster of Associated Members 2011 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.

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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 these 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 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. Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.

Send to WVARC, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573, or pay at any regular meeting.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

FOR SALE: Complete Ham Radio Station

ICOM 751A Transceiver
IC PS 15 Power Supply
IC SP3 External Speaker
MFJ-941D Versa Tuner II
IC-SM6 Desk Mic
Bencher Iambic Paddle
SF Radio Desk
William Nye Co. straight key
Outback Outreach Vertical Antenna
Alpha-Delta aluminum tripod mount
Van Gorden 20m dipole kit (unused)

\$800, or BEST OFFER, takes all incl. coax and many misc. items. All in good condition with boxes, manuals, dust covers. Moving soon and can't operate in new location. Come by, look it over and try it out!

Antenna covers 160 through 10 meters and I've worked 160 DX countries with it. My HOA doesn't even know I have an antenna !

Lynn O'Dell, WI0W
18899 N. 69th Ave., Glendale AZ 85308
623-561-2008, email: LynnMax@cox.net

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS50 Xceiver with auto tuner and Astron RS20M Power Supply. Excellent Condition. \$350. Call Fred L Jones, W7MCP at 623-584-6100, email: mjones9798@msn.com.

FOR SALE: BASE STATION

Dual Band Trans Yaesu, FT5200 \$150
SWR/Power Meter Kenwood SW100 \$35
Dual Band Ant Diamond X 50A.....\$50
Power Supply Duracom SS11 11AMP...\$40
50ft RG8U Cable.....\$20
40ft Telescoping Mast.....\$40
Generater-Generac – 6000 Watt.....\$600
Call Stan K7PLO, 623-933-4073

FOR SALE: Antennas for sale. All with manuals from K4VM

- * Outbacker perth 75-10M Mobile or balcony \$200
 - * Cushcraft A147-4 4 el 2meter beam \$35
- Marty Colburn, k4vm@arrl.net, 623-556-0112

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