

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	June 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	June 7 July 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	June 12 July 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

Probably one of the most dreaded questions a ham could be asked is; "What is ham (amateur) radio? This seemingly innocuous question has caused many a ham's brain to enter a certain state of information bottleneck / overload which causes stuttering and the dissemination of a disconnected plethora of amateur radio activities as well as societal and educational benefits. Or more simply put we just plain have difficulty explaining briefly a "hobby" that is so varied, dynamic and means something unique to each of us.

Generally speaking amateur radio is one of those hobbies that tends to fly under the radar of most folks. Especially, when one considers that some hobbies tend to attract a bit more attention. Such as shooting the report from even the smallest caliber firearm is sure to attract some attention. Those involved in flying radio-controlled aircraft tend to

attract attention either for their skill or lack thereof. On the other hand a ham driving a "pigeon shredder" (A vehicle with more antennas than a military intelligence listening

post.) is hardly noticed. John Q Public tends to conclude that the driver either works for the local radio / TV station or NASA and moves on.

Shooting and flying model planes are relatively simple activities to understand. In shooting the goal is to punch as many holes in the red circle as possible. For radio controlled model aircraft the objective is to keep the darn thing in the air and get it back on the ground in one piece without hitting anyone. Both are simple and straightforward. This is not quite so with amateur radio. John Q Public may become interested in you and your vehicle, which looks like a pregnant roller-skate with a crew cut or why you are sitting in a park surrounded by antennas, radios and batteries. His curiosity is piqued because after all, that collection of gear and RF emitting / collecting devices are a bit odd but do not seem to be doing much. This curiosity then leads to the dreaded – What are you doing question. Of course we attempt to respond as informatively as possible while keeping it simple (if that is possible). [continued on pg 2]

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One day a co-worker asked me about the radios in my truck and the HT I was seen carrying during one of our emergency exercises. I tried to explain all the things that one can do with a 2-meter rig from emergency communications to communicating with the International Space Station as well as satellites. His response was; So you can talk to aliens? (Referring of course to the extraterrestrial variety.) I am still trying to convince him that the ISS is not manned by aliens and no I do not talk to aliens via satellite. I think I may be making some headway though during a recent conversation I received an over, over...

Or maybe I am just stuttering less.

Thanks and 73, KE7IBG - Charles

Vinson Thompson K5VT SK

Doctor Vinson Thompson K5VT, passed away on April 24, 2010. He was a member of Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) and was well known to many WVARC members especially those who also belong to CADXA. He was a board certified Gynecologic Oncologist and traveled extensively with the World Health Organization, primarily in Africa. He was a veteran and served with the U.S. Navy. He came to Phoenix in 1981 and was the Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Maricopa Medical Center until he entered private practice. Dr. Thompson was the first Gynecologic Oncologist in the entire metropolitan Phoenix area. A licensed amateur radio operator since the age of 13, he was recognized as a world renowned high speed telegraph operator and held the call sign of K5VT. He was an Honorary Member of the Central Arizona DX Association, where he was also the Past President and "DXer of the Year" in 1993, Vince was named New Orleans "DXer of the Year" in 1995. He was also a life member of the ARRL and also on the ARRL DX Advisory Committee. An active and founding member of the "VooDoo Contest Group", he held radio licenses from over 60 countries.

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HAMFESTS AND EVENTS

Saturday June 5

White Mountain Hamfest

Sponsor:

Kachina Amateur Radio Club

Location:

Show Low Junior High School

500 West Old Linden Road

Show Low Arizona

Talk-In: 145.31 (PL 110.9) and 146.52 simplex

<http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>

Contact: Richard Gurk, KE7EDP

Email: ke7edp05@cableone.net

CHANGES

New address

Thomas Cain, KB8ZL

P.O. Box 358

Nashville, MI 49073

tcain@email.com

Friday July 16 - Saturday July 17

Arizona State Convention & Williams Hamfest

Location: Williams Rodeo Grounds

800 Rodeo Road

Williams, AZ 86046

http://www.arca-az.org/main/july_hamfest.html

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Talk-In: 146.78 - (PL 91.5)

Contact: Lee Ilse, KD7OED

Phone: 520-236-11237

Email: KD7OED@arrl.net

RETURNING MEMBERS

Mark Saunders, KJ7BS, Glendale, AZ.

EXPIRING LICENSES

June: K7SAB Shirley Barr

August: N4MPD Douglas Farnsworth

September: AK9N Gene Melton

October: KA0NKU Jeanette M. Pasek

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday June 5th. 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 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. **Please note that exams will not be held in July, August, September or December** of this year.

The May 1st session at DeVry – 9 candidates were examined

- 5 Earned Technician Class license
- 2 Earned General Class license
- 2 Earned Extra Class License

Administering VE's

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

Robert Fairfield K7RQN

Jim Scherfling K8NAU

Ken Peloquin N7PHO

Joe Cutitta W0SLI

Bill Martin AI0D

Jim Skinnell K7EOG

Harold Taylor W7HVT

Paul Jorgenson KE7HR

**Closing date for material for
August-September Short Skip
Tuesday July 12, 2010
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

*** **HELP NEEDED** ***

Do we have any year-round club members who regularly visit the Sun City Post Office and would be willing to help out by checking the club's PO Box at least once a week? If someone can volunteer for this task, it will ease the burden on our Treasurer, who (otherwise) must check the PO Box once per week (more often during the months of our annual membership drive). If you can help, please call Phil Walker at (623) 298-5178 or contact Phil at his e-mail address listed in the Roster. Retrospectively, thanks to member Lou Caldwell, who did this prior to his summertime return to Washington State.

Phil Walker, W1PW

PROGRAM FOR JUNE

The speaker for our monthly meeting will be Steve Sipple, from NOAA, who give a presentation on Skywarn.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Ladies Night Out will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 2010, starting at 5:30 PM at Tivoli Gardens, 14635 N Del Webb Blvd., Sun City West.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

Radio Society of Great Britain maintains a "Tech" group on Yahoo. For those interested in the "more" (more is a relative in where amateur radio is related.) technical aspects of the hobby go to:
<http://www.rsgb.org/rsgbtech/about.php>

Celestrak - For those concerned about those things whirling around in space, ie satellites and the possibility of collisions, this site may be of interest. It also seems that we have engaged in a bit of "target shooting".

USA 193 Post-Shutdown Analysis
Coverage started 2008 February 27 and updated 2009 May 26

On 2008 February 21, the US Department of Defense reported the successful intercept of USA 193 by an SM-3 missile launched from the USS Lake Erie, positioned northwest of Hawaii. The missile was launched at on 2008 February 20 at approximately 22:26:47.36 EST (2008 February 21 at 03:26:47.36 UTC).
<http://celestrak.com/events/usa-193.asp>

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.

FOR SALE:

Complete HF Ham Radio Station

Ideal for the new ham

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)

\$1200 takes all incl. coax and many misc. items. All in good condition with boxes and manuals.

Lynn O'Dell, W10W
18899 N. 69th Ave.
Glendale AZ 85308
623-561-2008
LynnMax@cox.net

FOR SALE:

I have a HyGain TH3 Jr. 3 element Triband Beam Antenna operation on 10-15-20 Amateur bands. This antenna is all ready. Lost my tower. It's 2 months old. \$125.00. It cost me \$350.00.
Gene Cardelli, WB7FJM, 623-972-4500

FOR SALE: ANTENNAS

Antennas for sale. All with manuals from K4VM 1) HyGain DX77 vertical 75-10M. \$150 2) Outbacker perth 75-10M Mobile or balcony \$200 3) Cushcraft A147-4 4 el 2meter beam \$35
Marty Colburn, k4vm@arrl.net, 623-556-0112

WANTED:

WB7FMJ would like to purchase
1) an antenna for all bands Butternut
2) a ham radio Kenwood TS-430S
Contact Gene Cardelli, WB7FJM, 623-972-4500

WANTED:

I am looking for a copy of "Engineered Design Plans and Calculations" for a Hy-Gain HG54-HD tower to apply for a building permit. If anyone has this information and will share or knows where I can acquire it, please contact me at w7pp@arrl.net. Thanks!
 Dick Hale, W7PP

HELP NEEDED:

Help is needed to assist on an antenna, 75' Tower, 7 element beam. Problem 10 unit element has moved and rotated to approximately 5 o'clock. I need help getting this fixed.
 Contact Jim Haveron, KA7UND at 623-341-3233.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: Please express your opinion on the following and mail the information to: Charles Deschaies, WVARC PRESIDENT • 13022 W SURREY AVE • EL MIRAGE, AZ 85335				
		YES	SOMEWHAT	NO
1	I am happy with the direction that the club is headed.			
2	I find the programs presented at meetings generally interesting and informative.			
3	I feel that the club is actively involved in the community			
4	The club's website is informative and provides all the information I am interested in.			

	✓	I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CLUB DO MORE OF THE FOLLOWING
A		• Be more involved in community events.
B		• Be more active in ARES, SKYWARN and Emergency Management.
C		• Have more social events.
D		• Establish a club station.
E		• Offer an HF net or other means for members to remain connected while traveling.
F		• Run special event stations just for the fun of it.
G		• Be more active in promoting amateur radio in the West Valley.
H		• Add a D-Star, ATV or other "specialty" repeater.
I		• Do something for Field Day.

Please enter any additional comments or suggestions below, on the back or on additional sheets.
 Please **do not include** your return address information on the envelope. We prefer that the information be anonymous. Thank you!
