

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	May1	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	May 3	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	May 8	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

Every organization whether it is a for-profit corporation or a volunteer organization has a reason for existing. The reason or purpose of an organization is most often defined by a mission statement. I would suggest that the Mission Statement of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club might be "To be of service, promote amateur radio and have fun doing so". Volunteer organizations are similar to large corporations; in that they have a president and board of directors who answer to "stakeholders". With volunteer organizations the "stakeholders" are the members. They essentially "own" the club.

Most of the time the "Prez Says" column is devoted to some topic, which the President feels, might be of interest to the membership. This month I thought it might be worthwhile for the president to give the membership the opportunity to give some input. Is the club going where you want it to go? Is it meeting the needs of the membership and the community? Is it meeting the "Mission" of; being of service, promoting amateur radio and have fun doing so"? After all it is your club; what do you want it to be? So please take a few minutes to answer the questionnaire on the back page and mail it to me.

Thanks and 73, KE7IBG - Charles

HAMFESTS AND EVENTS

Saturday May 1

7QP: 7th Call Area QSO Party

Work the 259 counties in the 8 states.

6 AM to 11 PM Mountain Standard Time

7th call area stations work everyone, others work

7th area stations only. Work stations once per

band/mode. 7th area mobiles (and those

participating in other concurrent QSO parties or

contests) may be worked again as they enter new counties.

Bands to use - 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2m;

CW and Digital contacts must be in the CW/Data sub-bands.

7th Call Area comprises Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

For detailed rules and awards information see:

www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=DRYLAN D7S&Page=3

Saturday May 1

Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest

Sponsor: Cochise Amateur Radio Association

Green Acres

2756 Moson Road

Sierra Vista, Arizona

Talk-In: 146.76(-) PL 162.2

Contact: Dale Chidester, NJ7C

Phone: 520-227-1823

Email: dalechid@cox.net

<http://www.k7rdg.org>

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

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Braatelen, KF7IDB, Glendale, AZ

EXPIRING LICENSES

June K7SAB Shirley Barr

June K2LH Daniel Ford

CHANGES

My call has changed from W0FEK to K7WPM

John P. Davison, 623-687-6097

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MCECG TRAINING CLASS – JUNE 4, 2010

June 4th in a location to be determined, this dynamic class will teach you about proper operating procedures, battery management, antenna dynamics and the various roles which are routinely used in public service and emergency communications.

Class will be a mix of several training methods, and is highly regarded. You will need to bring a Vhf handheld radio, the radio's operators manual and a lunch. You will not have time to leave the facility for lunch.

The MCECG communications manual and copies of all the presentations will be given to each participant. Sign up at www.mcecg.net as early as May 1st.

Rick Aldom - W7STS 480-707-8423

Section Emergency Coordinator Arizona ARRL

ARIZONA – AM.NET

There are Hams around the world who still operate old vacuum tube gear in amplitude modulation mode (AM). AM International (AMI), in New Hampshire, is their promotional organization. ARIZONA – AM.NET is an affiliate whose website features photographs of the stations constructed by amateur radio operators in Arizona who generally run that gear.

Three WVARC members operate "legacy equipped AM" stations and proudly show them off online. Here are their Internet locations:

** Warren Mays K7SA

www.arizona-am.net/PHOENIX/K7SA/index.html

** Larry Kenan KO6SM

www.arizona-am.net/PHOENIX/KO6SM/index.html

** William Thissell K7VZP

www.arizona-am.net/PHOENIX/K7VZP/index.html

In a two minute MP3 QSO, Bill describes surgery on his Johnson Viking Ranger, a plate modulated, AM transmitter that uses a single 6146 rf power output tube.

Visit the home website www.arizona-am.net to see all the participating Arizona AM stations.

Rich Piggott WB2LKU

**Closing date for material for
June-July Short Skip
Tuesday May14, 2010
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday May 1st. 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.

The April 3rd, session at DeVry – 13 candidates were examined

5 Earned Technician Class license
7 Earned General Class license
1 Failed General Class License

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Joe Cutitta W0SLI
Jim Scherfling WB8CMG
Richard Moore N7IYT
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Gormley KS7U
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Bill Martin AI0D
Harold Taylor W7HVT

WHITE TANKS HAM TV REPEATER

The White Tanks HAM TV repeater has a new call sign and a new lease on life.

Now to be known as WA6SVT/R the parts to fix it are now on Mike Collis' bench in Southern California.

He plans to have the transmitter repaired within the next two weeks and then will schedule a trip to Phoenix to re-install the 1.2 GHz transmitter.

It has been off the air for many moons and it will be good to have it back on the air.

Hams should be seen as well as heard.

Bill Munsil, wmunsil@cox.net
K1ATV HAM TV
Mesa AZ

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

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

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:

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.

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.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Mail to : President WVARC
130 W. Surrey Ave
El Mirage, AZ 85335

** PLEASE....DO NOT include a return address on the envelope.

Please underline or circle your answer:

1) I am happy with the direction that the club is headed. YES SOMEWHAT NO

2) I find the programs presented at meetings generally interesting and informative.

YES SOMEWHAT NO

3) I feel that the club is actively involved in the community. YES SOMEWHAT NO

4) The club's website is informative and provides all the information I am interested in.

YES SOMEWHAT NO

Please enter any comments or suggestions below and use additional sheets if you want.

I would like to see the club do more of the following. (Mark all that apply.)

- 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 a 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.