

**WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

Saturday	Feb 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Feb 7	Annual Auction	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sat	Feb 12	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**

I want to thank those attending the Membership meeting Monday, the third, for your help and support. We had a good meeting and an interesting program. I have never operated on 6 meters, but now have ideas to put up an antenna for this, the magic band. It seems that my newer transceivers have 6 meter all mode included.

An issue of funding our youth outreach program was brought up, and by a show of hands, a majority of the membership present indicated this issue to be of importance. Harold Van Dyke, KD2PH (SK) and I had formulated a few ideas to develop interest in Dysart School District via the ARRL Wireless Technologies program. The beauty of this plan was that Harold could sit in his radio room and communicate with the kids via Amateur TV while I got fingerprinted, and went on campus. Expansion of this model could allow hams to do,

show and tell and demonstrations from their homes.

We all know that it is easy to have the treasurer write a check for a couple thousand to an educational organization and be done with it. My idea would be to authorize the same monies be provided to the Youth Outreach Committee to provide 'seed money' to find and support teachers willing to work to find our future HAMS. Full accountability and monthly reporting to the membership would truly make this a club event.

I invite interested members to join this committee by emailing me at [AE6QU@ARRL.net](mailto:AE6QU@ARRL.net). Perhaps we can have a recommendation for the March meeting (after the Feb auction).

*Ron Phillips*, President  
602-369-4242

**\*\*\* ANNUAL AUCTION - FEB 7\*\*\***

Our annual auction will be Feb 7, 2011. It will be at St. Clement of Rome social hall, 15800 Del Web Blvd. Sun City Az.

Equipment Inspection at 6 p.m.

Auction Begins at 7 p.m.

Questions phone 623 546-5710 or

e mail: hamauction2011@gmail.com.

Thanks. Ron Rasmussen,K6OP

**VALLEY LICENSE EXAM OPPURTUNITIES****Saturday February 5**

Sponsor: DeVry ARC and West Valley ARC

VEC: ARRL VEC

See details elsewhere in this issue

**Tuesday February 15**

Sponsor: Boy Scout Troop 127

Time: 8:00 PM: Walk-ins allowed

Location: St Francis Xavier School

4715 N Central Ave Phoenix Arizona

Contact: John H. Kelly

(602) 264-6854

Email: kellyj127@aol.com

VEC: ARRL VEC

**Saturday February 17**

Sponsor: Venture Out ARV

Time: 1:00 PM No walk-ins

Contact: Robert L. Bingham

(936) 788-4387

Email: k9wmp@hotmail.com

Location: Electronics Bldg

5001 E Main St

Mesa Arizona

VEC: W5YI VEC

**Monday February 21**

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

VEC: ARRL VEC

**Note:**

ARRL VEC test fee \$15; W5YI VEC test fee \$14.00. Bring photo identification, test fee - *exact change-please*; original and copies of current license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) to examination.

**HAMFESTS****January 29 – Saturday**

Palm Springs CA Hamfest

Website: <http://desertrats.am/>

**Friday February 18 - Saturday February 19**

Arizona State Convention

Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show

Sponsor:

Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

Location: Yuma County Fairgrounds

2520 East 32nd Street

Yuma, Arizona

Talk-In: 146.840(-) (PL 88.5)

Website: <http://www.yumahamfest.org>

Public Contact: Roger Hunt , K7MEX

PO Box 1843 Yuma, AZ 85366

Phone: 928-305-1034

Email: [info@yumahamfest.org](mailto:info@yumahamfest.org)

**March 12 – Saturday**

SpringFest

Sponsor – Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

New Location – Pima & 101

**NEW MEMBERS**

Karen Looney, Sun City, KF7LXC

Robert A Stirling, Sun City West, WR1K

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

There are no expiring licenses though March.

**SKYWATCH**

The Spring classes for Skywatch are now being scheduled. To find a class that may interest you, go to the website:

[www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/spotter](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/psr/general/spotter)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Ken Waters by e-mail at [ken.waters@noaa.gov](mailto:ken.waters@noaa.gov) or by phone 602-275-0073, option 5.

**Closing date for material for  
February Short Skip  
Friday, February 11, 2011  
Email: [shortskip@yahoo.com](mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com)**

**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 AI0D  
Joe Cutitta W0SLI  
Ken Peloquin N7PHO  
Robert Kettler, Jr. WA6MIO

**WATCH YOUR METERS**

Years ago when living in Northern California, I helped a friend Rubin, WA6AHF, with DX contests. One time we ran the CQ World Wide contest from his shack in the attic above his garage. It was a very close environment with his two Henry amps running, chain smoking and a continuously running coffee pot. On the second evening in the middle of the contest, his child ran into the shack and said "Daddy, your antenna is on fire!" Rubin thought it was a joke until he looked at the VSWR meter. We ran downstairs and sure enough, the bamboo spreaders of the Quad had caught fire, and the whole antenna had fallen off the mast in a pile of charcoal and wire. One of the lessons you can learn is always keep an eye on your VSWR meter.

**YEAR 2011 MEMBERSHIP**

**Year 2010** memberships expire January 31 2011. 2011 memberships are valid through January 31, 2012. Current members can check membership status by looking on the reverse side of this sheet, where the Address Panel displays Membership Status in the 2<sup>nd</sup> line of the Address information. It will either say "Member 2011" or "Membership Expired" depending on the status in our records. If you need to renew, an application is provided at the bottom of this page. Members whose application and dues have reached the Treasurer by February 1, 2011 will be listed in the printed Roster of Associated Members 2011 booklet. Members who renew or join later will be listed only in the online Roster.

<b>WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM</b>
NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? <b>Y N</b> (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 _____

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

Kenwood Transceiver TS450S, TS695s, for sale \$350 or trade for a newer model. Also for sale is about 50 ft. of rotator cable 8-strand  
Wanted: Tower and will pay to have it installed.  
Call Gene Cardelli, WB7FJM, at 623-972-4500

**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  
Generator-Generac – 6000 Watt.....\$600  
Call Stan K7PLO, 623-933-4073

**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

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