

**WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

Saturday	Nov 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Nov 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sat	Nov 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
Mon-Thur		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	8:00 PM

**PREZ SEZ**

A chill is in the air, and the swap meet season is about to start. In the middle will be the WVARC auction. Seems like only yesterday. But today we have the issue of the upcoming election. I'm happy with the support at a recent breakfast for new board members, but we need more officer position support. I have ideas of how to make each office an easy task; the President could only conduct the meeting with others doing program, carry the key and unlock the meeting room, and transport and set up the projector. If you could do one of these, let me, Cindy, or Stan know. Some have suggested going dark for three months in the summer, but I know about thirty members living here year round would be unhappy. There is also a suggestion to combine Secretary and Treasurer, and have a bookkeeper type the minutes and the financial reports. We would like your feed back. It is your club!

Our last program on Ham laser communications was very interesting, and shows the creative effort still alive in the amateur community. Kevin is a master presenter, and I'm sure he will have more programs for us in the future. Each of us have a story to tell. Let me know what yours is, and I will be happy to get it included in the 2012 program season.

We have a field trip for the November meeting. We will be caravanning to Dick Stout's (KE7RD) antique radio museum on Welk after the meeting. Leaving the church, we will go north past Bell; at the first stop sign turn left on 107th Ave. Travel about two miles, and turn right onto Union Hills (Circle K). Turn left at the first street (Welk) and go to 18801 on the right. If you haven't seen it, you are in for a surprise. **Let's hear from you,**

*Ron Phillips, AE6QU, President*

**VALLEY LICENSE EXAM OPPORTUNITIES**

***Saturday Nov 5***

Sponsor: DeVry ARC&West Valley ARC

Location: DeVry University-Library

See details elsewhere in this issue

**Note:**

ARRL VEC test fee \$15. 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**

***Saturday, December 3, 2011***

Superstition Hamfest

Sponsor: Superstition Amateur Radio Club

Location: Mesa Community College south parking lots (North of US 60 Exit 177, Dobson Road

Opens at 5:30 AM, closes at 2 PM

Talk-In: 147.12 (PL 162.2)

**Note:** For walk-ins only, there will be

VE Testing: Enroll 8:30 AM, test 9-11 AM

***Saturday, January 7, 2012***

Thunderbird Hamfest

Sponsor: Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club

Location: Northwest Community Church  
16615 N 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Phoenix

Parking: \$2

Talk-in: 146.700 -600 KHz, (PL 162.2)

Contact: hamfest@w7tbc.org

**Note:** VE Testing on-site, Classroom E110,

Hours 10 – 11:30 AM, Cost \$15

***Quartzfest 2012 January 21-28***

Location: Approximately 8 miles south of Quartzsite, AZ

For full information on this event, go to the website: [www.quartzsitefest.org](http://www.quartzsitefest.org)

Email contact: [organizer@quartzfest.org](mailto:organizer@quartzfest.org)

**NEW MEMBERS**

No new members

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

This notification service has been suspended for now as Richard Piggott, who does this service, is currently recovering from illness.

**CHUCK IMSANDE, W6YLJ, SK**

Chuck Imsande, who was a member of the WVARC for many years, became SK on October 14, 2011. He was very active for many years on the bands and known in many ham circles throughout the world. He was president of the 10-10 Club and president of the County Hunters Association, having worked all the counties in the US and had the QSLs to prove it. Our condolences to his wife Esther, KB8HW and his family.

**PALO VERDE SIREN TEST NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

If you are interested in doing the Palo Verde Siren Test please email me, David Morrill at [n7tw@arrl.net](mailto:n7tw@arrl.net). There are 48 Sirens this year. Sirens are added as the population grows. The night before, on NOV 8th, at 7 pm, there will be a short NET on the 146.94 to answer any last minute questions that you might have. I have been a HAM for 20 years and this is my 18th siren test. As you can imagine I really enjoy doing this and it is a lot of fun meeting other Amateurs in person and doing public service. Submitted by David Morrill, N7TWT

**2012 ARRL Southwestern Div. Convention February 17-18m 2012**

Mark your 2012 calendar. This convention is hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization, and will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. For more information, go to their website: [www.yumahamfest.org](http://www.yumahamfest.org).

**HELP NEEDED: Short Skip Editor**

While WIFI is extensive throughout the US, while on a two month trip, I experienced very poor reception. In 2012, I plan to travel extensively and will find doing the newsletter difficult. Therefore, I need someone to be the editor and I'll be more than glad to help them.

*Submitted by Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA*

**Closing date for articles for  
December Short Skip  
Monday November 14, 2011  
Email: [rjhelfrich@aol.com](mailto:rjhelfrich@aol.com)**

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University is Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Exams start 9:00 AM and all test 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.

Administering VEs  
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At the Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> session at DeVry, 15 candidates were examined.

- 7 Earned Technician Class licenses
- 1 Failed Technician Class license
- 6 Earned General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class License

*Annual Banquet 2011*  
*Wednesday, November 16, 2011*

**LOCATION: Lou's Tivoli Gardens • 14635 N. Del Webb Blvd • Sun City, AZ 85351**

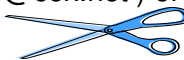
**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar will be available)  
- 6:00 PM: DINNER  
- 7:00 PM: Program and Entertainment

**MENU ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

<b>Top Sirloin Steak</b>	<b>Baked Breast of Chicken</b> Lightly breaded, served with a Sherry/Butter sauce.	<b>Baked Fillet of Cod</b> Lightly breaded, served with a Chablis sauce.
Dinner includes a Baked Potato, Vegetable, Warm Bread and Salad. Dessert and Beverage		

(All MENU Choices cost \$20, which includes tax and gratuity).

Questions? E-Mail to Dick Faust ( k9ivb@cox.net ) or phone at 623-875-6653



<u>Name(s) Please Print:</u>		<u>Call Sign(s)</u>		<u>Telephone #</u>	
Entrée Choice	Quantity	Cost			
<b>TOP SIRLOIN STEAK</b>		@\$20.00	\$		
<b>BAKED CHICKEN</b>		@\$20.00	\$		
<b>BAKED COD</b>		@\$20.00	\$		
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>					
Please RSVP by mailing this completed coupon with your check (payable to WVARC) to: <b>WVARC Banquet 2011 • P.O. BOX 1573 • SUN CITY, AZ 85372-1573</b>					
<b>We MUST RECEIVE your coupon and payment no later than Wednesday, November 9, 2011</b>					

**FOR SALE:**

- Transceiver - Radio Shack HX 202 FM
- Transceiver – 2 meter ICOM, Model IC251, 144mg, all mobile transceiver
- 2 meter antenna.

**“Make Offer on Items”**

Contact: Gene Metzger, WA0GRV  
Phone: 623-546-8478

**FOR SALE:** The WVARC has several items for sale. If you are interested in a list of items, you can visit the club’s website at [www.westvalleyarc.com](http://www.westvalleyarc.com), or you can send a simple request to Ted Walker, [Kj7v@cox.net](mailto:Kj7v@cox.net), and Ted will put your name on his send list.

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Richard Haworth W7MDQ  
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602-370-1450 cell, [rahaworth@cox.net](mailto:rahaworth@cox.net)

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