



**West Valley Amateur Radio Club**  
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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

|           |         |                  |  |         |
|-----------|---------|------------------|--|---------|
| Saturday  | April 6 | VE Exam Session  | DeVry University<br>2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix                           | 9:00 AM |
| Monday    | April 1 | Monthly Meeting  | St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall<br>15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City | 7:00 PM |
| Monday    | April 8 | Board Meeting    | Denny's Restaurant   | 7:00 PM |
| Thursdays |         | Weekly Breakfast | Lou's Tivoli Gardens   | 7:00 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 Says:**

\*We hope all enjoyed the presentation given by David Zinder, W7PMD, on the "Birth and Death of Morse Code." He did a great job holding everyone's attention, with no one leaving early.

\*The warm weather is on the way, and it is time to fix or replace your antennas.

Remember to check your PL259 connectors.

\*Board meetings will be the second Monday

each month, at 7 P.M.. and at the Denny's Restaurant, on 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Grand Ave. This is a new location, and all are welcome to attend.

**Please remember** that the club needs ideas for programs to benefit our club members and to be enjoyed by them as well. If you hear of a program held at another club meeting, please share the information with a board members so we can use and enjoy this information as well.

Ken Peloquin, N7PHO, WVARC Prez

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University is on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. 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 Amateur License and a photocopy of your Amateur License. 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 VE's. Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners **cannot** make change.

The March session at DeVry –8 candidates were examined

- 3 Earned Technician Class license
- 2 Earned General Class license
- 2 Earned Extra Class license
- 1 Failed Extra Class license

Administering VE's

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

James Skinnell, K7EOG

Bill Martin, AI0D

Robert Fairfield, K7RQN

Ken Peloquin, N7PHO

Robert Gormley, KS7U

Robert Miner. KA7NPQ

Joe Cutitta, W0SLL

Verdamae Cutitta, KF7UJB

Michael Richards, KI7S

**Attention Amateur Radio Operators:**

ARCA and the ARRL will be in attendance for the 2013 Prepper Fest being held in Scottsdale on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April. The Prepper Fest organizers have provided us, ARCA, a booth and a soundproof room (in an old Circuit City store). ARCA and the ARRL will be available at the main pavilion booth to answer any questions and to hand out literature.

Would you and/or your club like to demonstrate Amateur Radio to the general public by operating a station? We are looking for hams to man stations. This would be an excellent opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio to folks seeking more information on personal communications. Operators will be provided a free pass for the event.

We suggest running 4-hour shifts at 2 (or more) stations – one station being HF and another on 2M/440. You will need to provide your own equipment, so keep it simple yet functional. Consider this a mini-field day! Provisions will be made to run coax and power to the booth and a couple of tripods will be available in the back to mount antennas. This is a growing and popular activity in the valley and Amateur Radio can be part of it.

Please contact me if you are interested. The deadline to join in the fun is Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Thanks and 73,

Mark, N7KKQ

ARCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

[N7kkq@arca-az.org](mailto:N7kkq@arca-az.org)

Submitted by: Ted Walker

**HAMFESTS:*****AARC and ARCA Hamfest 04/13/2013***

**Start time:** 04/13/2013

**End Date:** 04/13/2013

**Location:** DeVry University – south parking lot  
2149 W Daunlap Ave., Phoenix, AZ

**Hours:** 6:00AM to 12 Noon

**Admission Donation:** \$2

**Tailgate Spaces:** \$10

**VE Testing -** 9:00 to 11AM in DeVry Library

**Talk-in:** 147.060 (+) (No PL)

Public Contact: Gary Hamman at [k7gh@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net)

**Phone:** 602-996-8148

**ARCA Web Site:** [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org) for map

***White Mountain Hamfest***

HAMFEST/CONVENTION 06/01/2013

**Start Date:** 06/01/2013

**End Date:** 06/01/2013

**Location:** Show Low City Hall

180 North 9th Street

Show Low, AZ 85901

**Website:** <http://www.kachina-arc.org>

**Sponsor:** Kachina Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.310 - (PL 110.9)

**Public Contact:** Lori Gurk, KF7DGU

1020 North 22nd Avenue Show Low, AZ 85901

Phone: 928-242-1179 e-mail [deing55@cablone.net](mailto:deing55@cablone.net)

**Short Skip Printing Due Date  
For May 2013 Short Skip**  
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**Send by Sat., April 13, to e-mail at:  
kd7jvw@cox.net**

Please have all articles, adds, etc. to me by that date. Thank you for sharing items with our club members. Cindy Morrill

**Help for General Class License ...**

Anyone who is studying for their General License here is a auto-play list of U tube videos. It's an excellent supplement to the ARRL book and video.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvPVRfoKK0o&playnext=1&list=PL04E03D027A1CC8CB&feature=results\\_main](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mvPVRfoKK0o&playnext=1&list=PL04E03D027A1CC8CB&feature=results_main)

Submitted by Thomas Smith

**Date of Birth Requests:**

When signing in, at the registration table for the club meetings, please add your birth date by your name. We only wish your month and day. We are setting up a birthday card system to make your day special for you. It is one of the ways we are working to make our club members more in touch with each other and to help you extend friendship to others. Thank your for helping with this project. Have a question, please e-mail me at [kd7jvw@cox.net](mailto:kd7jvw@cox.net)

Submitted by: Cindy Morrill

**April Birthdays:**

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Jerry Basso, W7JIF    | April 15th             |
| Chuck Hayes, AI9M     | April 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| David Cain, AC7CS     | April 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cindy Morrill, KD7JVW | April 22nd             |
| Randy Helfrich, KD7ZM | April 24th             |

Happy Birthday to the April Birthday Members. We hope your month and day is special for each of you. Take care and enjoy this year.

**A Special Note:** A *special thanks* to Verdamae Cutitta for starting the hospitality table at our club meetings. She has recruited her hubby Joe to help move things in, and to make coffee for us as well. The goodies are appreciated and enjoyed. If you have a favorite and would like to share it, please let Verdamae know at 623-872-3844. For some of us we travel a ways or are on our way home from work, so the snacks are indeed a treat. There are always those special ladies who help and we appreciate your efforts as well.

We do ask that you remove your cups and napkins from the tables upon leaving and also to please scoot your chairs in. If we each help, it isn't such a big project for the officers, to tend to at the end of the meeting. We are required to leave the room the way we find it, and that is always neat and clean.

**Shows change for our Hobby...**

In February 2004, a unique Morse code for '@' was introduced: '·-·-·' (Dit-Dah-Dah-Dit-Dah-Dit).

It was the first addition to the alphabet since World War I, prompted by a need to exchange email addresses. There is no code for the exclamation mark, for example.

Submitted by Thomas Smith

===== **PRESS RELEASE** =====

DXers! Contesters! Don't miss our 64<sup>th</sup> annual International DX Convention April 19-20-21, 2013 in Visalia, California. Now at a new, larger venue with more vendors, more presentations and more fun!

Enjoy DXpedition presentations - Technical sessions - Over 60 Vendor exhibits - DX Academy - Contest Academy - Ladies Tour - Golf Tournament - Saturday Banquet - Over \$45,000 in raffle prizes - and meet DXers who travel from around the world to this premier DX event.

Early registration closes on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Register today, and see who else is coming at

[dxconvention.org](http://dxconvention.org)

Steve Northern California DX Club  
SJones N6SJ, International DX Convention  
Publicity Chair

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Items for Sale:

Yaesu FT-1000MP Mark-V  
w/Ext Speaker and P.S.  
Rotator Yaesu G-800 DXA (new in box)  
Ham M - Rebuilt  
45' Aluma Tower (w/new parts)  
Cushcraft A3S & A743-A744 40/30 M add-on  
RG8X-u New  
100' control cable (x2)  
and more. **Make a reasonable offer.**  
**N7TTC - Mike - 623-544-9652**  
He would prefer to sell as a whole unit if possible.

Selling the following equipment/radios:

Alan Perysian  
[Chevieman@aol.com](mailto:Chevieman@aol.com)  
602-291-3500

Icom ICT7H for \$119  
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Kenwood 7WV71 for \$325 (never used for  
transmission)

Icom 706MK for \$695 (never transmitted on)  
Icom 3200A for \$119  
Yseau 8200 for \$275

\*prices have some room for reasonable negotiation-  
no low ball-this equipment is mint.

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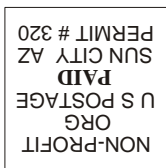
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