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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

Saturday	Feb 2	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Feb 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Monday	Feb 11	Board Meeting	To be announced – all are welcomed	
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:**

I would like to thank all the club members who voted for the purchase of 2 new repeaters: 2 meters/70 cm (440). It is always a good idea to be prepared for an emergency situation. We are blessed that we have a great Tech Committee to do this important work for us Free! Thank You

Don’t forget the **WVARC Annual Auction** on Monday, February 4, 2013. Bring lots of

cash and or your check books. There’s always a lot of good deals and equipment out there.

**March’s Meeting:** Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>, David Zinkers, W7PMA will do a presentation on the “Birth and Death of Morse Code.” See you there and bring a friend with also.

73’s Ken Peloquin N7PHO

\*\*\* ANNUAL AUCTION – FEB. 4<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\*

Our first big venture in 2013 is the WVARC Auction on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. Clement of Rome Social hall, 15800 Del Web Blvd., Sun City, AZ. Volunteers are needed for this project, and we do make a great team when we get working on this together. Ted Walker is in charge of this project. He does have some volunteers signed up, but if you have time available, please contact him.

Ted Walker, KJ7V, @ 417-260-7401

**Set-up** usually starts at 4 p.m. with covering the tables with paper.

**Sellers** – Please bring your Ham or Ham Related Equipment to the church between 4:30 to 6 p.m.

**Buyers** – Equipment Inspection at 6 p.m. Register for bidder paddles in the entry. Auction Begins at 7 p.m. Cash or checks only.

**No computer equipment will be allowed for sale.**

**Clean-up** – Needs to be done on Monday evening following the sale. All tables need to be put back into the proper arrangement, and the room picked up and cleaned as necessary. Some fresh volunteers are always needed.

### **FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University, will be Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</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 Jan, session at DeVry –13 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's  
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:  
Joe Cutitta, W0SLI  
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### **Membership Renewals**

**Year 2012** Memberships expire Jan. 31 2013.

**Year 2012** memberships will be valid through January 31 2013. Your 2013 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2013 dues are \$15 for individual and any additional Hams at the same address, or \$7.50 **after July 1, 2013**. Please list only one individual on the front of the form. List other licensed family members and their call signs on the back of the form; that makes it easier to transcribe entries correctly. Members whose dues reach the Treasurer by February 1, 2013 will be listed in the Roster of Associated Members 2013 booklet. Members who renew or join later will be listed in the online Roster. Application forms are available at monthly meetings or can be downloaded from the **WVARC web site** and printed out.

## **2012 Marks All-Time High for Amateur Radio Licenses**

01/15/2013

As 2012 came to a close, ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, had a good reason to cheer: The number of radio amateurs in the US reached an all-time high of almost 710,000. "2012 was definitely a banner year for the number of Amateur Radio operators here in the US," she said. "It is amazing to see these new numbers and to know that Amateur Radio is experiencing such a healthy trend."

In looking at new and upgraded licenses, as well as licensees per ARRL Division (see the charts below), Somma also crunched the numbers looking for growth within each license class -- and all of Amateur Radio -- over the last 40 years. "This is an all-time high for Technician, General and Amateur Extra class licensees," she said. "When looking at the three current license classes, the number of Technicians, Generals and Amateur Extras peaked in December at 345,369, 163,370 and 130,736, respectively."

Somma explained that the total number of US amateurs in the FCC database also continues to grow each year: "As of December 31, 2012, the number of licensees reached an all-time high of 709,575; year-end totals were 702,056 for 2011 and 696,041 for 2010. The number of licensees increased at an average rate of 21 per day, while the number of US licensees has increased by 7 percent since 2008!" More than 3000 new licenses were issued in 2012 than in 2011, while upgraded license activity remained steady in 2012.

In the past 40 years, the number of Amateur Radio operators in the US has grown at a remarkable rate:

- December 1971: 285,000
- December 1981: 433,000
- December 1991: 494,000
- December 2001: 683,000
- December 2012: 709,500

Source: 1971, 1981, 1991: print editions of [Radio Amateur Callbook](#). 2001, 2012: [www.ah0a.org/FCC/Graphs.html](http://www.ah0a.org/FCC/Graphs.html). Please note: While the number of licensees has grown considerably over the years, we realize that these numbers include some who are no longer active in Amateur Radio. A recent survey of ARRL members, however, indicates that more than 80 percent of those responding are active.  
ARRL VEC Program Statistics

The ARRL VEC is by far the largest of the 14 Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) groups in the country, coordinating approximately 70 percent of all Amateur Radio exams. "When looking at the statistics over the last year, the ARRL VEC sponsored exam sessions and exam elements taken were up in 2012, which is a good sign for Amateur Radio overall," Somma said. "Compared with 2011, ARRL VEC exam sessions in 2012 were up by 8 percent. A total of 6831 exam sessions were administered in 2012, compared to 6352 in 2011. Exam elements were slightly up from 41,096 last year, to 42,473 this year. The total number of accredited ARRL Volunteer Examiners (VEs) has reached an all-time high of 36,682. The ARRL VEC has been busy meeting the needs of the Amateur Radio community by helping people become radio amateurs or upgrade their existing licenses. 2012 was a very good year for Amateur Radio -- I can't wait to see what 2013 brings!

Submitted by Thomas Smith

### **HAMFESTS:**

**02/09/2013** | [Superstition Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Mesa, AZ

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Superstition Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://wb7tjd.org>

**02/15/2013** | [Arizona State Convention \(Yuma Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Yuma, AZ

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO)

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

**03/09/2013** | [2013 Spring Hamfest](#)

**Location:** Tempe, AZ

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** ARCA and Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://scottsdalearc.org>

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**  
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**N7TTC - Mike - 623-544-9652**

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