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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

Saturday	Mar 2	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Mar 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Monday	Mar11	Board Meeting	Del Web Hosp. Meeting Rm 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor	
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 want to thank all the **volunteers** who made the WVARC Auction a great success. We made a profit of \$931! Also, a big thanks goes out to all the sellers and buyers. Thank you to Verdamae Cutitta, KF7UJB, Joe Cutitta, W0SLL, and David Morrill, N7TWT for all the wonderful food. A special thanks to Darla Kettler, Paula Helfrich, and Sharon Blaylock for their help at the food table.

Many thanks go to Phil Walker, W1PW for putting the bid slips into the computers. This allowed all the sellers to have their checks in a few days.

**March's Meeting:** Hope to see you at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and presentation on the "Birth and Death of Morse Code." Presenting will be David Zinder, W7PMD. I have seen this before and wished to have this shared with our club also.

73's Ken Peloquin N7PHO  
 President

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Next exam session at DeVry University is on Saturday March 2nd 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 February session at DeVry –15 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's  
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:  
James Skinnell, K7EOG  
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**HAMFESTS:**

**HAMFEST/CONVENTION 03/09/2013**

**Start Date:** 03/09/2013  
**End Date:** 03/09/2013  
**Location:** SRP PERA Club  
1 East Continental Drive  
Tempe, AZ 85280  
**Website:** <http://scottsdalearc.org>  
**Sponsor:** ARCA and Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 147.18 (PL 162.2)  
**Public Contact:** Ed Nickerson , WU7S  
902 North 73rd Place Scottsdale, AZ 85257  
Phone: 480-949-5162  
**Email:** [enickerson427@aol.com](mailto:enickerson427@aol.com)

***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  
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**send by Wed., Mar. 13, to e-mail at:  
[KD7JVW@cox.net](mailto: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

**Emergency Alert Settings on Mobile  
Phone (ID: 63681)**

Washington, D.C., Dec. 31, 2012 – Fema has Sample images of emergency alert notifications settings on a mobile phone. Alert reads: Emergency Alert Settings, Receive Alerts, Presidential Alert (Mandatory Alert), Extreme Alert (Extreme threat to life and property), Severe Alert (Severe threat to life and property), AMBER Alert (Child abduction emergency). You may wish to go to this site if you have a Smart phone and use this free service for our summer weather storms or other situation alerts.

**Travel Repeater Assistance**

I'd like to take a moment to call your attention to <http://www.repeaterbook.com/>

This is a great travel-compatible online database of Amateur Radio repeaters in the U.S. and Canada. There is also an Android app so you can take Repeaterbook with you while traveling, and the developer is working

on an iOS version for iPad and iPhone/iPod Touch users as well.

Repeaterbook.com has volunteer administrators for each state to help ensure up-to-date listings of on-air repeaters, and the website will accept submissions from visitors that will inform the admins of any updates that you provide, and the site creator is constantly adding features and updates to make the site more informative and friendly. Check it out, have fun trying the mobile app, and let us know (via the website) if you have updates to submit. Submitted by Thomas Smith

**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

Submitted by Thomas Smith

**Traveling to Hawaii? Or know of someone who is a Ham and going...**

Interesting article in CQ, Dec. 2012 issue...anyone traveling to Hawaii ...the battle ship Missouri .. contact their club ham radio station :go to qrz.com and KH6BB and their web site...you must contact them and arrange it in advance but they can put you on the air from the club station on the ship! Expect a pile up!

Submitted by Thomas Smith

**Special Alert...**

In case you did not know it, **Stan Swartz celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 14<sup>th</sup>**. He so enjoys a visit, a few home made cookies, a cup of coffee at your favorite spot, or a dinner at your home. It is never to late to treat our friend and help him celebrate during the year.

**Hamscope** is a good program for decoding CW, RTTY and PSK31.

It's free to download and use.

<http://www.qsl.net/hamscope/>

The real mode you want to look at is the PSK31. There is a specific frequency on each band to operate on, like if you go to 14.070.15 you will hear activity. There can be several conversations going on at the same time on that one frequency. Everyone operates on very low power. I crank down the power on the 756 down as low as it will go. It's a very stable mode, to communicate online CW or RTTY.

All of these programs allow you to just hit a button to send a canned message and then you can type in a few things to add personalize the message.

Canned messages are like:

cq cq cq de wb0dma

Thanks for the come back.

My name is Tom, I am at the Lake of the Ozarks

My radio here is ....

My computer is ...

The weather here is

btu (back to you) wb0dma de wa0ofo

Submitted by Thomas Smith

**Auction volunteers:** Thank you all for the part you played in making it all happen. Ted Walker, Ken Peloquin, Jerry Basso, David Cain, Lou Caldwell, Faye Delaney, Charles Deshaies, Randy Helfrich, Bob Kettler, Rosemary Kydd, David Morrill, Loren Peterson, Dave Porta, Ron Rasmussen, Paul Pumford, and Ron Wamsley. And also our Food Team.

**OOOPs... and Welcome,** I missed getting 4 new members listed in the November SS. They are Chuck Cummings, N7CWC, Herman "Red" Wahlers, KE7KUU, Robert W. Oldham, KF7YBJ and Carl W. Ewald, KK7YY. We are glad to have you as part of our club. In February we added Jim Dukarich, WA8OSS. Jim joined during the auction fun. There are many ways to get involved, have fun with us and enjoy the air waves.

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.

PS This is my last issue as being editor. I am on to another avenue in life. Thanks to those who shared articles for the Short Skip. Someone(s) is being set up to do the newsletter for you. Cindy, KD7JVW

**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](mailto:rahaworth@cox.net)

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