

# West Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## SHORT SKIP



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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	October 4	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	October 6	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Monday	October 13	Board Meeting	Denney's 11121 GRAND AVE. YOUNGTOWN, AZ	7:00 PM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 12535 W Bell Rd.	7:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	9:00 AM
Mon.-Thurs.		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	8:00 PM

### Pres. Says:

I wish to welcome back all our snowbirds to the valley. We missed you. See you at our October meeting.

Well the hot weather is almost over, and the cool weather will be here. That's why we live here in Arizona. It's time to do your yard work and your antenna projects you had on hold. Please check out the items that are for sale in our Short Skip or on our web page. There may be something listed that you are wishing for, or need to replace. Ted Walker has quite a list of

items that are posted on the web page from the club sales list.

**Election of officers is a few meetings away**, with voting on the new ones at our December meeting. If you would like to run for any office, please contact me at 623-980-7282, or any of our board members. We would love to have you work with us to improve the club and enjoy another year of serving our communities. Submit pictures of volunteer activities for use in the Short Skip.

**Ken Peloquin N7PHO 73s President**

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2014. 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 of the building. 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 September 6th session at DeVry – 15 candidates were examined

- 9 Earned Technician Class License
- 1 Failed Technician Class License
- 2 Earned General Class License
- 1 Failed General Class License
- 2 Earned Extra Class License

Administering VE's

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison  
VE Team:

Robert Miner KA7NPQ  
Robert Gormley KS7U  
Daniel Ford K2LH  
Michael Richards KI7S  
James Skinnell K7EOG  
Bill Martin AI0D

Submitted by David Morrill N7TWT

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Robert Fairfield K7RQN  
Ken Jenkins WB6MMV

**New Membership Chairman**

**ROGER THACKER KD0MD**

**Short Skip Deadline for submission of articles is 6th of the month**

**Send by 6<sup>th</sup> of the month email to [KG7FIL@cox.net](mailto:KG7FIL@cox.net)** Please have all articles, adds, etc. to me by that date. Thank you for sharing items with our club members. Robert Paul

**Attention:** We are working on a new roster for the club, one that will have a photo of each member and their call sign, to make this work this will take an effort on everyone to take part in this.

The result will be a series of pages of about 24 photos each with call signs, and the pages will be sorted by the call sign, how often have you wondered what face goes with that call, you will be able to just flip to page and see the face that belongs to the call.

**Let's get going on this, if you have not had your photo taken by KG7FIL or had sent one in please send an email with your photo that covers you from your waist to your head and I will crop it to fit the format, my email is Bob Paul at [KG7FIL@arrl.net](mailto:KG7FIL@arrl.net)**

**Club Items for sale:** There are radios and **ALL** kinds of supplies available through the club. Go to Ted's email at [kb5of@cox.net](mailto:kb5of@cox.net) and request a listing. We get some old equipment that won't sell that I will be adding to the items for free. Ted Walker KB5OF



**GO KIT**



**October 4, 2014**

The West Valley Amateur Radio club will show off their communication skills, emergency preparedness, and how ham radio is used in conjunction with the Hospitals, we will be at Sun City West all three fire stations: #101- 19001 Camino Del Sol, #102- 206022 Stardust Blvd., and #103- 13431 W. Deer Valley Rd, for heads up the following are items that should be in your kit.

- Wall charger can be used in some locations to rejuvenate depleted batteries while you operate with a charged one.
- DC power cable with Anderson power pole connections and also alligator clips allow for universal DC power connections.
- Small magnetic mount antenna with a short run of coax secured with twist-ties and extra coax fittings. This can be a special antenna fitted to work on your ToGo Box or other metal surfaces. A 1/2-wavelength or 5/8 telescoping whip that can fit in your ToGo Box can significantly improve your receiving and transmitted signals during lower power transmissions. Wearing the HT on your belt can block some incoming signal with your body and is not a good idea because too many calls can be missed.
- Ham radio manual and cards to assist programming.
- Small tool assortment, meters and electrical tape.
- Flashlight, extra batteries and spare eyeglasses.
- First aid kit with any medication you might need plus some of your favorite headache remedy.
- Extra notepaper, pens and pencils.
- In a separate bag, to prevent wet equipment, for bottled water, and a couple of your favorite snacks.
- You should personalize your ToGo Box to fit any individual needs or requirements.

Submitted by Bob [KG7FIL@arrl.net](mailto:KG7FIL@arrl.net)

**Free adds** are available for club members. Others will have a fee. Use this Space to sell your items or business skills. **Please let the editor know when items sell so your add is current for you.**

**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)

**Need Computer Help? (ad)**

Computer consultant: in-home tutoring, problem solving, hardware and software installation, virus detection and removal. I am Patient and professional with 30 plus years in the computer field.

Call **Larry KE7JXQ** at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295 or 602-863-0502

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The Wickenburg Community Hospital Antenna project has been completed; Dave Porta has informed Linda Brockwell *Chief Nursing Officer* on how to use the phone patch system to access the repeater on Del Webb Hospital to get help when all other communications fail.



Dave Porta WA0ZVM Linda Brockwell CNO

**We had a great meeting Monday Sept. 1 with the presentation by Luke Air Force personal.**

TSgt Richard Griego said when 911 happened, that it is the amateur radio operators that they depend on because the digital communication was shut down.

Griego thanked us for the support we give Luke Air Force base would have probably closed because of the F35 a lot people did not want the noise, but through community outreach they had gotten a lot of community support.

A1C Kayla Robichaux 21 years old, in flight school Kayla had to acquire three years of collage in about one and a half years.

SrA Lyndsy Slagle has been in the air Force about three years, up in the tower there are four different positions 1) take care of phones, handle the base agencies, flight plans, fire 2) ground control, and talk to taxi all the F16 and F35s and also talk to all the vehicle's and ground control. 3) Local control they have about 5.6 nautical mile ring around Luke Air Force Base that the controller's talk to. 4) Coordinator position, they talk to the other airports that are around Luke and talk to the radar facility and pass incoming and outgoing information.

SSgt Bernard Gilles talked about their radar facilities that if you fly commercially to California or International your pilot most likely has talked to one of their controllers, their radar facility controls thousands for square miles to the west north and south of Luke.

Some questions asked:

How many foreign countries are involved at Luke...? right now they have the Taiwanese, and the Singapore squadrons.

Is Luke going to be training F35 pilots...? Luke will be doing all F35 training for the air force.

What is the fuel cost for F35...? The cost is about \$22,000 an hour and radar control.

These are a couple of frequency's you can check out; the airmen say they are fairly boring. 119.1 133.175



SrA Lyndsy Slagle, TSgt Richard Griego, Staff Sergeant Bernard Gilles, A1C Kayla Robichaux.



## **Starting Oct. 6th, 2014**

**O**ur club will be launching a West Valley Amateur Radio Club testing session starting Oct. 6th, 2014. The test session will be held on the same evening, the 1st Monday of each month following the monthly meeting from 8:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

**St. Clements' Church Social Hall  
1012 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, Az.**

We have several VE'S within the club membership who have committed to work as a VE team.

We are looking forward to everyone's cooperation getting the information about our new program. Many thanks in advance.

**Please call Joe Cutitta W0SLL at 623-337-0040 or 623-215-2226 for more information.**

# 2014 HAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

On July 19, 2014 Joe Cutitta W0SLL received the "HAM OF THE YEAR" award presented by the ARCA (Amateur Radio Council of Arizona). The Council selects a candidate from all the clubs nominees submitted throughout Arizona.

Joe started his radio around 1962 while in the



Amateur Radio service. Also Joe is ARRL and the FCC sessions. He started testing at DeVry years back, volunteered Science Center W7ASC worked in testing exams AARC (Arizona Amateur Cross Building for

We are proud to have Valley Amateur Radio 16 years; also Joe Palo Verde siren testing for the past 16 years.

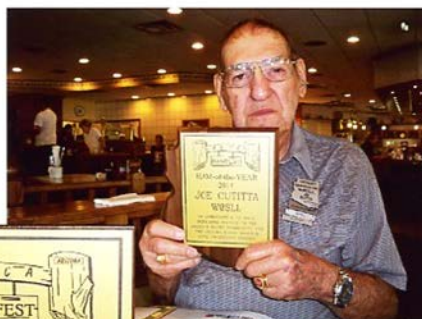
Joe is well rounded in his 52 years with Amateur Radio therefore he is well deserving of the "HAM OF THE YEAR" award.

**Congratulations Joe Cutitta W0SLL**

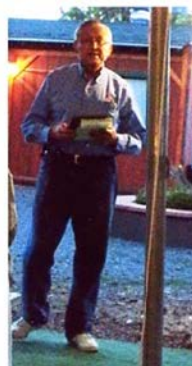
**Ken Peloquin N7PHO  
President**

## JOE CUTITTA, W0SLL

### 2014 HAM OF THE YEAR



**Gary Hamman, K7GH,  
announces the winner  
at the Williams Hamfest  
barbecue**



career in MARS U.S. Marine Corp in special services. Since his retirement after 20 years in the Corp, Joe continued his volunteer work in emergency coordinator for the scheduling testing the program for university some for the Arizona for five years, also there and the Radio Club) Red several years.

Joe in our West Club for the past monitored the

**11/08/2014 | [Tucson Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Marana, AZ  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://tucsonhamfest.com>  
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**11/15/2014 | [Hassayampa ARK's Hamfest](#)**

**Location:** Congress, AZ  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Hassayampa Amateur Radio Klub  
**Website:** <http://www.harkaz.org>  
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**12/06/2014 | [Superstition SuperFest](#)**

**Location:** Mesa, AZ  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** Superstition ARC  
**Website:** <http://superstitionsuperfest.com>  
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**02/02/2015 | [WVARC Annual AUCTION](#)**

**Location:** Sun City, AZ  
**Type:** non-ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** West Valley Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://westvalleyarc.org/>  
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**02/20/2015 | [Arizona Section Convention \(Yuma Hamfest\)](#)**

**Location:** Yuma, AZ  
**Type:** ARRL Convention  
**Sponsor:** Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization (YARHO)  
**Website:** <http://www.yumahamfest.org>  
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**03/21/2015 | [SCOTTSDALE SPRING HAMFEST](#)**

**Location:** Scottsdale, AZ  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Sponsor:** ARCA & Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club  
**Website:** <http://www.scottsdalearc.org>  
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<b>RENEWAL FORM</b>			
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ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: _____	
ZIP: _____	- _____		
	<b>zip plus 4</b>		
<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 licensed 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 _____		
	<b>mm/dd/yyyy</b>		

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Memberships

Dues

Dues for next year will now be accepted. Please fill out a membership form above, or one from the website, complete it and send with check to the address on the form OR bring it to the next meeting. I will also have forms at the meeting. It is extremely important that your correct email address is on the form. Dues are \$15 per year for a household at the same address. Thanks, **ROGER THACKER KD0MD**