

# West Valley Amateur Radio Club

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## SHORT SKIP



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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	September 6	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	September 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Monday	September 8	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:

Hi all, summer is almost over and the cooler weather will be here again. It was a long hot summer the hottest day was 116 ° the hottest day since 1859, they say. Now that the cooler weather will be here before you know it , we can return to our outdoor projects again, changing antennas, coax etc.

Start marking your calendar for the West Valley Annual banquet date and time and where has not yet been determined yet.

**Ken Peloquin N7PHO 73s President**

#### FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday September 6th 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 August 2nd session at DeVry – 5 candidates were examined

- 2 Earned Technician Class license

- 2 Earned General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class license

Administering VE's  
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:  
Dan Ford K2LH  
Robert Gormley KS7U  
Ken Peloquin N7PHO  
Bill Martin AI0D  
Robert Miner KA7NPQ

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 4th 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.

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Sent by David Morrill N7TWT

**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 and 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



**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GEAR IDEAS??**

At our monthly meeting we had a short presentation on a product by Richard Hayworth W7MDQ and is made by a fellow ham James Cordill KI0BK, and it's made in the U.S.A. it's a Low Loss PWRgate it will allow communications equipment to remain operative on battery power during AC power blackouts, the switching is fast its instantaneous at 25 amps. And it's inexpensive. See [Click here](#) for more information or you can type <http://ki0bk.no-ip.com/~pwrgate/LLPG>

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

**To the Membership**

We are working hard to keep our data up to date; we are asking every member to go to our web page and roster, look up your name check all the information there including your email, or have someone do it for you, and if errors found, please send Bob Paul

[KG7FIL@arri.net](mailto:KG7FIL@arri.net) and Dave Morrill [n7tw@cox.net](mailto:n7tw@cox.net) an email with the corrections. This is greatly appreciated if you can do this.

73s  
Bob KG7FIL

**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)

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## **Fatal Accident at W0ZUS**

This was sent to me by  
Ted Walker KB5OF

The following is courtesy of Don, K4KYV

-----Original Message-----

Readers may remember the auction a couple of years ago at the estate of Dewey, W0ZUS, in which loads of parts and equipment, including numerous kilowatt size homebrew and converted broadcast transmitters went for pennies on the dollar, largely because of the remote location near Rapid City SD, too far away for most of us to attend.

Gary Peterson, K0CX, reports that a person was killed in a tower accident at Dewey's QTH. He was taking down Dewey's 120 ft. 160m vertical when it went over with him and another fellow belted on. He was an experienced climber who had done tower work for his employer for many years. Apparently, he overestimated the strength of the power line-type base insulators; the remaining 30 ft. of tower went over when the last set of guys was removed.

This makes Dewey's passing a double tragedy. I can't imagine how Dewey's widow must feel, nor are the lawsuits his estate likely to face.

## **Need Computer Help? (AD)**

Computer consultant: in-home tutoring, problem solving, hardware and software installations, 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

## **New Members to the club:**

STEVE PABIN N7ZZS  
ROBERT (BOB) MOORE AL7MH  
DANIEL SORENSON KG7NIY

Welcome to our new members.

Not to speak ill of the dead, but there was no excuse for that accident.

Sounds like Dewey had three insulators, one in each leg of the tower near the base. Personally, I would never use that type of base insulator, although this is a common method hams use to put up a tower for a vertical.

A single insulator on a pivoting base, like the ones used in broadcast service, is much to be preferred. Rohn used to sell three-legged insulators for the 25G and 45G, but they were very specific in NOT recommending this type of insulator for an AM type vertical. But regardless, I can't conceive of an experienced tower worker removing the last set of guys while belted to a tower like that, without first securing temporary guys immediately under each of the last sections before that section was removed. Of course, with a single pivoting type base insulator, temporary guys is a given, because otherwise there would be nothing to hold the tower up until the rest could be dismantled, and this kind of accident would have never happened. Without guys, a 3-legged insulator configuration wouldn't have much more holding strength than a standard pivoting type insulator to keep the tower vertical.

This person may have been an experienced CLIMBER, but I suspect he had zero experience erecting and dismantling towers.

This proves another point, that there is little reason to be fearful of climbing a tall tower, 100 ft. or more, as long as one is physically fit, equipped with proper

safety gear, and the tower structure is secure. You're just as dead after falling 30 feet as from 150 feet. Just because you are only climbing 20 or 30 ft.

up on a tower is no reason not to take the same safety precautions as you would climbing all the way to the top.

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### **Luke Air Force Event!**

On the brighter side, our monthly meeting September 1, 2014 we will have a special event! Come to the monthly meeting and spend your holiday with us. Join the West Valley Amateur Radio Club at their monthly meeting, Monday, September 1 at 7 pm. to hear a presentation on air operations at Luke. Presenters are Air Force personnel.

TSgt Richard Griego  
SSgt Bernard Gilles  
SrA Lyndsy Slagle  
A1C Kayla Robichaux

We are all pretty excited, and the free program is open to all Sun City West residents, and their guests. The meeting will be held at St. Clements Church 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City 7:00 pm.

### **Sun City West Event**

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS**

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club on October 4, 2014 Sun City West Arizona will be working with the fire department Emergency/Support Services Public Protection and Emergency Preparedness Awareness systems, demonstration's on how amateur can interface with community services.

Times and places will be coming shortly.

### **Ladies 88 Lunch Brunch**



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<b>WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.</b>		<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND</b>	
<b>RENEWAL FORM</b>			
NAME _____	CALL (if any) _____	ARRL MEMBER?	Y N
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: _____	
ZIP: _____	- _____		
	<b>zip</b>	<b>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**