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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	June 6 th	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Av, Phoenix	09:00 AM
Monday	June 1 st	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ	7:00 PM
Monday	June 8 th	Board Meeting	Boswell Medical Center, Ironwood Rm. 2 Sun City, Az	7:00 PM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 12535 W Bell Rd.	7:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.300MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz+	9:00 AM
Mon.-Thurs.		Call-in Net	147.300MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz+	8:00 PM
Echo-Link			NY7S Repeater Node 598882	

Pres. Says:

None was received when this went to printing.

Jim Haveron KA7UND 73s
President

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday June 6th 2015. 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 operator and a photocopy of your Amateur License if you have one and a Pen and Pencil. 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 May 2nd, session at DeVry – 8 candidates were examined.

- 5 Earned Technician Class License
- 1 Failed Technician Class License
- 2 Earned General Class License

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

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West Valley ARC FCC LICENSE EXAMS
The May 4th, session at WVARC – 13 candidates were examined.

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

West Valley ARC LICENSE EXAMS

The Club test session will be held on the same evening as the monthly meeting 1st Monday of each month, following the monthly meeting testing from 8:00 pm to 9:15 pm will be the test session. St. Clements' Church Social Hall 15800 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.

Note:

Bring photo identification, \$15.00 test fee - exact change please; original and copies of current license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE).

We are looking forward to everyone's cooperation getting the information about our new program, and walk-ins are welcome. Many thanks in advance. Please call Joe Cutitta W0SLL at 623- 337-0040 or 623-215-2226 f or more information.

New Members

Norm Hanson W0HI
Michael Farler KG6HEE
Robert Nicewicz KG7ETY
John Sheehan
Ruth Sheehan
Richard Holt

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NET

We had a meeting at Lou's Tivoli Gardens and we had 14 members at the tables, there was a lot of thoughts, debates, and discussions, groups had splintered off to the ends of the table and the middle, the

biggest consensus was we need to gather at a meeting room, and also to have something to the effect as a field day event to develop guide lines.

I have been gathering information on a meeting room possibly at Boswell but that's in flux.

73, Bob KG7FIL

May, 2015 Short Skip Contest Corner

The contest Winter/Spring contest season is getting a little lean now. I'm currently hoping my Omni 7 will be back in time to operate in the CQ WW WPX cw Contest (the radio's cooling fan failed in a rtty contest and I think I blew the final transistors – it is in the Ten Tec hospital in TN). WPX is a worldwide contest where a multiplier is any contact with a unique prefix, e.g. N9 or WA7, worked the on any band. The contest generates lots of activity even just working US stations. I'd suggest you pick out a few, read the summaries at WA7BNM web site (see below) and the rules and get your station ready a few days before the contest/event. Give me a call if you have any questions: 630-209-4116. (all times and dates are stated in Arizona time and date) June 13 Sat. 11:00 AM – June 14 Sun. 8:00 PM -- ARRL June VHF Contest, all modes June 19 Fri. 5:00 PM – June 21 Sun. 5:00 PM -- All Asia DX Contest, cw June 20 Sat. 11:00 AM – June 28 Sun. 2:00 PM – ARRL Field Day, ssb, cw & fm June 30 Fri. 5:00 PM – July 1 Sat. 5:00 PM – RAC Canada Day, ssb & cw July 11 Sat. 5:00 AM – July 12 Sun. 5:00 AM – IARU HF World Championship, ssb & cw July 18 Sat. 11:00 AM – July 18 Sat. 11:00 PM – North American QSO Party, rtty Good contesting to all, John, N9NA

Detail concerning these contests and more can be found at the WA7BNM web site: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>. When you go to the web site, left

click on the "+" sign in the left margin to see more information.

If you looked at these contests, you may have noticed that the implied goal is to achieve a high score and the score is usually computed by multiplying the QSO total value by a total multiplier value. The value assigned to each QSO is usually 1, but may vary – sometimes 2, as in the ARRL contests for cw QSO's vs 1 for ssb QSO's, or a higher number for the higher frequency band QSO's in the ARRL VHF Contest. The multipliers may be assigned for new sections or countries or call letter prefixes (in the CQ WW WPX Contest). And the multipliers may be applied for each band or for the whole contest. For instance, if you operate in the ARRL January VHF Contest and make 10 contacts (QSO's where you exchange call letters and grid square numbers for each) all on 2 meters FM in 5 grid squares your total score would be 50.

Remember you can always casually participate in these contests - most any contest - spent a few minutes or a few hours to become familiar with the events. Actually only a minority (typically 10% to 25%) of the operators are really serious contestants and most will be happy to take a few moments to help out newbies – we all have been newbies.

By John Siepmann N9NA

Hanging out on the HF bands.

I like hanging out on the HF bands. Sunspots are still pretty active and unless Ole Sol acts up with a flair or whatnot, the HF bands are still in pretty good shape. Mornings on 10 – 15 – 20 are usually good for Europe and an occasional Russian or Ukraine station. You can hear some rare ones like Guernsey, off the English coast or the guy with the big new antenna on Crete in the Mediterranean. It's always fun searching for a rare or new one. Afternoons and early evenings bring the Japanese,

south Pacific and Australia and New Zealand stations on the bands along with Asiatic Russia and an occasional mainland China station (those are exciting).

There is this Italian station on 40 meters that must be running a zillion watts as he is S-9+ most evenings calling the US.

The DX spotting web sites (one is www.dxwatch.com) are always a big help for me in finding the right frequency or the right band and letting you know who is on.

Contesting has become a favorite of mine, not so much because I want to run up a big score but because there are so many stations on and picking up a new country or renewing acquaintances with a radio friend on the other side of the world. is much easier. Those contacts are usually short but not always.

I well remember a wonderful 30 minute rag chew with a fellow in New Zealand who lived on a high bluff on the South Island near the town of Christchurch. I looked him up on QRZ while we were talking and got to ask questions about his house, antenna and equipment while looking at the pictures of them that he had posted.

Sometimes when you listen, it seems that hardly anyone is on. But often, these days the propagation is good but no one is calling because they don't hear anyone. You might try a CQ or five and see who responds.

If you have an antenna that is suitable (towers are nice but not required) or just want to listen some, tune to the HF bands and search around some. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at what you find. I definitely recommend it.

Richard W7MDQ

Club Programs Coming

June

Tentatively Don Pitt KG7SUI will talk about his Lithium battery and antenna's he has made, and video on modern electronics.

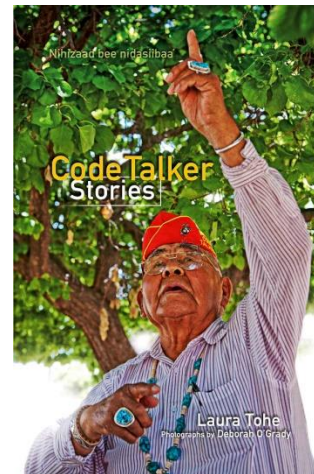
September

We will have the section manager involved with the State EOC.

October

We will have talk about MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio System) and Vietnam.

Coming in November – Code Talkers



We are scheduling a special guest speaker Laura Tohe, daughter of Code Talker Benson Tohe, has compiled an insightful oral history with many stories never previously told.

Laura Tohe is Diné (Navajo). She was born in Fort Defiance, AZ and is Tsenabahiñnii (Sleepy Water People clan) and born for the Tódich'íinii (Bitter Water clan). She grew up near the Chuska Mountains on the eastern border of the Navajo Reservation and attended both boarding schools and public schools in Albuquerque.

You can read more at

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/07/04/code-talker-stories-penned-daughter-love-155311>

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 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 at KB5OF@ARRL.NET

The Secretary position is open for volunteer's, please let anyone know on the board of directors if you would like to support the club.

Sponsor: Maricopa Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://copahams.org>
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- **10/23/2015 | [Arizona State Convention](#)**

Location: Kingman, AZ

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Mohave Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://k7mpr.net>
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Hamfest/Convention

06/06/2015 | [2015 White Mountain Hamfest](#)

Location: Show Low, AZ

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Kachina Amateur Radio Club

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

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- **07/24/2015 | [ARCA/Williams Annual Summer Hamfest](#)**

Location: Williams, AZ

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Website: <http://www.arca-az.org>

[Learn More](#)

- **10/17/2015 | [CopaFest 2015](#)**

Location: Maricopa, AZ

Type: ARRL Hamfest

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ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____	STATE: _____	
ZIP: _____ - _____			
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<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 _____	
	mm/dd/yyyy		

2015

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**