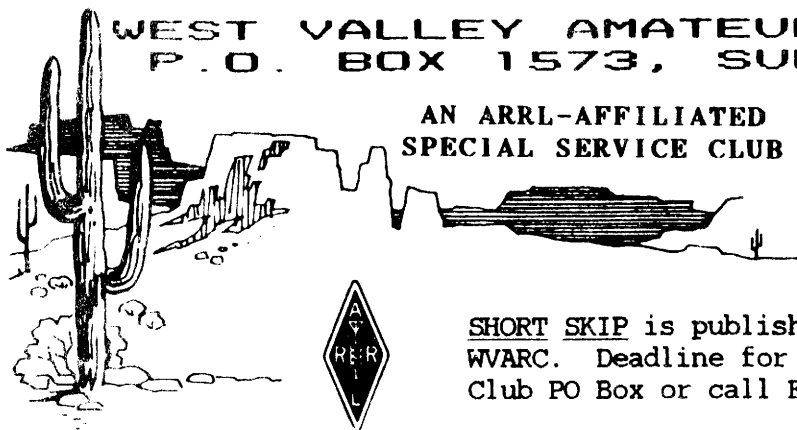


SHORT SKIP



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WVARC SWAPMEET SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

Have you upgraded your equipment and is the old gear gathering dust and taking up space in the shack? Tailgate it at the SWAPMEET on NOV 1st in the Merrill Lynch parking lot on Bell Road and 98th Avenue from 8 to NOON. Call Bob Gormley WA1MHZ (843-2193) to reserve a slot (no charge). No commercial vendors and just ham and electronic gear, please. Buyers are asked to park at PO or bank across the street, or nearby shopping mall. We know that Sunday is a family day, so bring the spouse, then enjoy dining out.

WVARC OLD-TIMERS

A midwest ham radio newsletter received by George Poland W8FWF reported that an 86 year old operator back East was still an active ham. George said that he thought we could top this. Indeed!

RAY KRUIKE WA7MOY, a charter member, is on the air at 90. CLIFF FAY K7BQ is at his rig at 89. We have not heard from another charter member, STAN WADE W7PD, in a while, but he and the very active CHARLIE BLAKE W7BP are 88. HOKIE BANG WA7TMH, DICK LEONARD KE7HP and BILL MILLER W7KAJ are active at 87. And at 86, ED BALAKER WK7L works both HF and VHF, MILTON ROBINSON attends our meetings and works HF, and CHUCK MCGINNIS W7GJH hasn't reported in lately.

We may have overlooked other members in the above category. We are sure that there are other valley old-timers who are also active past 86, but our club probably boasts the largest number.

SILENT KEY

GENE KAMMERLING W9IMJ, 75, of Sun City. He had been a club member for about a year. Gene was an optometrist in the Chicago area for over 50 years. We wish he could have been with us longer. Our sympathy to his wife Rose and their family.

NOV 2 MEETING: HAM RADIO AND PUBLIC SERVICE

The West Valley ARC will meet on MONDAY NOVEMBER 2nd at St Clement Social Hall at 15800 Del Webb Blvd in Sun City. Doors open 6:45 pm. Everyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to hear DICK JACKSON K7VCI and BILL JOHNSON W9WFV describe the many ways our hobby serves the Valley community.

At this meeting the Nominating Committee is expected to name a recommended slate of officers for the coming year. Elections are held at the December meeting.

LADIES NIGHT BARBEQUE WAS FINE BUSINESS

The general consensus among participants was that the LADIES NIGHT OUT barbeque held at the Beardsley Recreation Center in Sun City West on October 2nd was a big success. Over a hundred members and spouses were on hand to enjoy the excellent food and pleasant company. A musical trio of amigos lent an appropriate ambience to the occasion, though they were not everyone's cup of tequila. If next year's Board approves another BBQ, we are assured that the event will start on time and the chow line will move twice as fast, using both sides of the serving tables. Other suggestions will be appreciated.

As is customary on this night, the club HAM-OF-THE-YEAR was announced. Two recipients were named. A plaque recognizing the many contributions of time and talent to club members by Silent Key SAM LEWBEL W7JHQ was presented to his widow Gladies. BERT DAVIDSON W2GOB was the second honoree. Bert was the primary teacher of a Novice Class of 12 candidates at Desert Horizon School, all of whom now have their licenses. He also taught a class in Packet Radio and helped our members (including your editor) in countless ways. The honors to these HAMS-OF-THE-YEAR are richly deserved. We wish that Sam had received his in his lifetime.

Door Prize (two dinners at the Olive Garden) was won by Don Fenton W1JH.

SIREN TEST: On Oct 7, thirty-three WVARC members participated in testing the operation of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station's warning sirens, along with other Valley amateurs. The club has participated in these tests for nine years. A yearly test for proper operation of each of the 39 sirens is a federal requirement. The tests are supervised by the Arizona Emergency Management Department with assistance from PVNGS personnel and hams.

Amateurs are stationed at each of the siren locations to make sure each one operates properly and there is no physical damage. The amateurs make sure that each siren starts and stops on time, that it rotates and that the tone is steady. Two tests are run, the first originating at the PVNGS facility and the second from Arizona DPS HQ. In a real emergency, the sirens alert those within earshot to tune in a Phoenix radio station for instructions.

At this test session several problems were experienced. The first was that the Communication Van engine had a dead battery! Later, the car of one of the participants had a flat tire. During the exercise the van's 2-meter transmitter lost significant signal strength, resulting in less than full-quieting performance through the repeater. And finally, the tractor feed on the printer that digitally records the performance of the sirens failed.

In spite of these problems the tests were performed on schedule and the amateurs reported that all 39 sirens operated properly. After the tests the PVNGS served a fine box lunch at which time a great hamfest was had by all.

Club Volunteers for the Siren Test included

Net Control: DICK JACKSON K7VCI

JACK DOW KE7ZQ	JERRY OVEREYNDER W6IWR
DON FENTON W1JH	WALT SCHWIEBERT K7HGZ
LEO STALEY NS9Y	GEORGE VAN ROOY KB0PK
ED BALAKER WK7L	DICK ZIMMERMAN KB7IOT
ART SIMEK WAORFJ	JOHN KORNBECK WA9HBT
GENE KLEIN N7OBN	GEORGE WATLING N7JSA
NORM FULMER N7JAQ	JOE NOWAKOWSKI W7FPG
PAUL KUMMEL N7MYS	PETE PEDERSEN W7KTK
STAN SWARTZ K7PLO	CLARENCE REID K0BHH
CHUCK BAILEY W7YU	STAN EDGERTON K8RAL
FRANK GREEN W7MAJ	SAM MACDONALD N7MUV
MIT THOMPSON K9CCX	RUSS WHEMPNER K6CLK
TONY CIPOLLA W2QL	DAVE WILLIAMS KG7PR
LARRY YOUNG W7DVC	STEVE FORDHAM K2HPN
BILL JOHNSON W9WV	LARRY GEROULD W6CZ
ALEX KUTCHIK W9VYG	HAL VAN DYKE KD2PH
MARK CHILCOOTE W7PS	FLOYD EMANUEL K7BN

[Typically, some members sign up directly with Dick K7VCI for the Palo Verde Siren Test and are not on W9WV's list...Ed.]

The OCTOBER 17 RACE TO HEALTH from Del Webb Memorial Hospital in Sun City West was a well coordinated event with some 200 participants in 10K run, 5K walk and 2 mile fun run and walk. A few runners needed medical attention which the ham stations were able to initiate. JACK DOW KE7ZQ and STEVE FORDHAM K2HPN were net controls and BILL JOHNSON W9WV was the liaison with race officials. After the runners had passed his station, JOE NOWAKOWSKI W7FPG followed stragglers around the course to the finish line on his bicycle. Other volunteers were

TOM IVY KATESP	BILL GREGORY K7CEH
RAY SUMNER NW7R	BERNIE BAILEY N7BIE
JIM CAPEK KB7GTV	CHUCK WALDRON K0VEB
ART SIMEK WAORFJ	BERT DAVIDSON W2GOB
FRED SWAIN N6LWX	RUSS WHEMPNER K6CLK
GENE KLEIN W7OMB	JOHN KORNBECK WA9HBT
CHUCK SAUER K9IHV	MARTY SHAPIRO KA7GKN
CHUCK BAILEY W7YU	GEORGE WATLING N7JSA
MIT THOMPSON K9CCX	FRED WARRICK KE7AK
MONTE NELSON NX1Z	JASON EBERHART KD7KY
BILL MILLER N7DJV	WALT SCHWIEBERT K7HGZ
ZEB ZEBOLSKY KM7L	CHARLES FRANKEL N7NSY
LARRY YOUNG W7DVC	DICK ZIMMERMAN KB7IOT
FLOYD EMANUEL K7BN	CHUCK TRUDEL K8JVB

A footnote: one of our members Floyd Smithberg NQ7X was a participant in the 10K run.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SAYS THANKS

Club Pres Frank Smith AA7FM has received a note of appreciation for the club's participation in the siren tests on October 7. Robert H. Bishop, Director of the Department of Emergency Management for Maricopa County, acknowledged especially the efforts of Bill W9WV in coordinating WVARC's involvement.

RADIO CLASSES

NOVICE AND TECH CLASSES sponsored by the West Valley ARC are held in Sun City at the Posse HQ on Sunland Drive. These once-a-week Classes began on Tuesday Oct 6 and Friday Oct 9 respectively, and will be over in early December, so join now. Time: 7 - 9 pm. There is no charge. Register with George Hands KE7DH 974-3361 for Novice and George Thompson AA7LA 977-9855 for Tech Class.

Only a few hams have signed for the upgrade classes. Call Ray NW7R 972-8733 if interested in GENERAL or ADVANCED CLASS or Bob Koons WE7T 972-7749 for EXTRA CLASS.

WVARC OFFICERS - 1992

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	Bob Gormley	WA1MHZ	Gld	843-2193
	Bert Davidson	W2GOB	SCW	584-6260
	Jerry Haigwood	KY4Z	Peo	486-2756
P Pres	Bill Kosanovich	WA8KFC	Ygtn	972-7741

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club is an ARRL-Affiliated Service Club. No geographical requirements for membership, just an interest in Amateur Radio. Most of our members reside in the northwest quadrant between Central Avenue and I-10. Dues are \$10 per year, payable by our January meeting. For those joining now (Nov 1 and later), your membership is paid through Dec 1993. All hams at the same mailing address are put on the roster for that same \$10 fee; we mail the newsletter and roster to only one name at that address but you may pick up additional rosters at our meeting or other gatherings.

Anyone wishing to join the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) should do so through ARRL club rep Don Fenton W1JH, 12739 Bonanza Dr, Sun City West, AZ 85375. The club gets \$5 for each new ARRL member. Make check to ARRL for \$5 less than required and check to WVARC for \$5 and mail both to Don with your membership form. The club appreciates your support. ARRL members who renew through the club should make check to ARRL for \$2 less than renewal fee and check to WVARC for \$2, and mail w/form to Don.

FOR SALE

ESTATE OF EARLE N7EJA

HY-GAIN TH3MK3 Hi-Q trap antenna; \$125.
HAM-M ROTOR w/control; \$100.
KENWOOD TS-430 XCVR (gen. coverage RCVR); \$475
PS-430 Power Supply; \$110. MC-50 Mike; \$30.
Hallicrafter 5" speaker; \$10.
KENWOOD TR-2500 HH w/2 battery packs; \$150.
TEMPO VHS-ONE-PLUS 2m XCVR mobile/fixed; \$150.
ASTRON RS-7A 7 amp (5 amp continuous); \$30.
RADIO SHACK MICRONTA PS, 2.5 amps; \$10.
HEATH CANTENNA Dummy Load; \$20.

Call Van KB0PK 972-4198
or Sylvia Anderson 974-4660

YAESU 901 AC/DC XCVR, 10-80 meters, 100 Watts.
George KE7DH 974-3361

ARRL SW DIVISION NEWS ITEM

ART GODDARD W6XD is the new Vice Director of ARRL's SW Division, serving So California and Arizona. Former Vice Director Wayne Overbeck N6NB did not run for re-election. Art and Director Fried Heyn WA6WZO are both residents of Costa Mesa, CA.

DX HAPPENINGS de FRANK SMITH AA7FM/OH2LVG

I am writing this to WVARC almost literally on the eve of my departure to M-V Island as 4J1FM and 4J1FW, where I am hoping to hear many friendly voices of WVARC members per our sked published in the last Short Skip.

DXing is getting better and better, especially on the lower bands. Forty meters is gang-busters during our evening hours, and now eighty meters is yielding good catches as late as 10 pm and 11 pm and of course just before local sunrise.

Among upcoming DXpeditions will be Glorioso, this time by Yoland FR5AI, mainly on CW. He expects to be there through November 15th.

There is a Japanese DXpedition headed soon to Wallis Island, all bands, including RTTY, signing FW/KG7XE.

Listen the end of October and first week of November for Mikiko PS7ZMA, who will operate as PF0F from Fernando de Noronha. According to the DX Bulletin, he will also operate the Nov-ice and General Class subbands.

Jim Smith VK9NS has been making waves from Willis Island (VK9WW and VK9NS/-W) and may be there towards the end of the month. And there is a Norwegian team spending the winter at Jan Mayen, signing JX7DFA and JX3EX. This ought to be good for several bands.

Other DXpeditions of interest include Bangladesh S21A, Antarctica KC4AAF, Belize V31DX, Chad TTB/WA4OBO, Galapagos HC8A, Grenada J37L, Seychelles S79IDY, Swaziland 3DA/G3SXW, Uganda 5X5WR and Vietnam XV7TH.

For those working on DXCC you should know that the DXAC has voted to add Croatia 9A, Slovenia S5, Bosnia-Herzegovina YU4 and Macedonia YU5 to the DXCC list. YU1, YU6 and YU7 will remain as the old Yugoslavia. In spite of this, the ARRL warns not to send cards on these new ones until directed.

Don't forget that Dave Heil, in the service of our State Department, is now in Botswana and is regularly QRV as A22MN. It's a particularly easy catch on 40m cw. Dave and I both have proved our sense of high taste and cultural refinement; our XYs are from Finland!

With that, I'm off to Finland and Russian Karelia towards 4J1FM, where I'll wonder by virtue of what possible wisdom I left the beautiful skies and warm sunshine of the West Valley for the Arctic freeze of a lonely uninhabited island way over there.

VEC EXAMS AT DeVRY ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th

Volunteer Examiners will be on hand at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, to offer all classes of amateur radio exams on SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7. Sign-in time 8:30 am. Bring photo ID, original and copy of any FCC license and CSCE, and check for \$5.40 (payable ARRL/VEC). No charge for Novice Test only, unless you are a no-code TECH taking 5 wpm test or have credit for 5 wpm and Tech written test, in which case you are upgrading to TECH w/HF.

The number of candidates has diminished in recent months, probably because of the number of test sessions available in the Valley. Tri-ARC runs tests at the Tempe Library on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Scottsdale holds them quarterly. Arizona Amateur Radio Club has tests at the end of classes.

The October session at DeVry had 32 candidates; all but one finished by 10:30. Unless there are a large number of registrants, no tests will start after 10 am. Please try to turn all papers in by 11.

The Question Pools for Novice and Tech are being reviewed. New exams will be in place on July 1, 1993 and later. By then it is expected that all Novice testing will be under the VEC program.

Testing will take place at DeVry on Saturday December 5th, 1992, but not in January of 1993. DeVry Institute has graciously offered to provide rooms for testing on eight Saturdays next year.

ARRL has copies of the five written exams in Braille. If you wish to take a test in Braille, let us know well in advance because the number of copies is limited and must be returned to ARRL after each use. Call Ray NW7R (972-8733) to schedule a test in Braille.

CORRECTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S ROSTER ADDENDA

We apologize to Tim Hayes KF7XY and Len Webre N7VVD for botching their call signs in the last Short Skip.

CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS ON 2-METERS IN WORKS

Chuck Bailey W7YU has been named chairman of a five man committee that is planning to introduce code practice sessions on one of the club 2-meter repeaters. Much preparation is needed to provide a format and a backlog of tests. A January start-up date is planned. In general, the speeds will conform to the W1AW code practice format. If you have any suggestions, contact Chuck at 977-7427.

PACKET HF AUTO FORWARDING MAY BE POSSIBLE

Under existing rules automatic forwarding of packet messages is allowed on VHF and UHF bands, but unattended HF operation is not permitted except where Special Temporary Authority (STA) has been granted by the FCC. Some 134 STAs have been issued since 1987 for the purpose of testing packet radio forwarding on HF. The STAs will expire on January 13, 1993.

On the basis of response to a survey in the Jan 1992 QST, ARRL's Board voted to petition the FCC for SEMI-automatic, unattended digital operations on HF, that is, when contact with an unattended station is initiated by a station with a control operator. A number of concerns about fully automatic forwarding prompted this position, one of which was the effect on transmissions of foreign stations.

The September meeting of IARU Region 2 in Curacao addressed this issue, and a bandplan was proposed for digital operations between 3585-3635 kHz, 7035-7050 kHz, 10.130-10.150 MHz, 14.070-14.112 MHz, 18.100-18.110 MHz, 21.070-21.125 MHz, 24.920-24.930 MHz and 28.070-28.189 MHz. 7100-7200 kHz was also selected for HF packet operations within region 2.

Later in September the ARRL Digital Committee met with representatives of the present STA auto-forwarding network in Dallas. As a result, the Committee will ask ARRL's Board to petition the FCC to specify band segments (by rule) in which automatic forwarding would be permitted. They are: 3.620-3.635, 10.140-10.150, 14.095-14.112, 18.105-18.110, 21.090-21.125, 24.925-24.930, 28.120-28.189 MHz.

The group also seeks permission to operate at 7.100-7.110 and 1.800-1.810 MHz. The Committee prefers the term "automatic priority" and not "packet priority" for the bandplan.

It is expected that ARRL will request an extension of the current STA status while the new proposed rules are under consideration.

[Info from W5YI Report, Oct 15, 1992]

CLUB NOTES

2nd-SATURDAY-OF-THE-MONTH BREAKFAST 8 am on Nov 14, and WEEKLY THURSDAY LUNCHEON 11:15. Denny's Restaurant, Bell Rd 1 blk w of E1 Mirage Rd in Surprise.....DAILY CALL-IN NET (for shut-ins, especially, but all welcome), 9 am on 145.29 MHz (KE7DH/R).....WEDNESDAY 2-METER NET (Ham news from Newslite, W5YI Reports and ARRL Letters), 6:45 pm, KE7DH/R.... VACATION NET on 20m is QRT until next April.