



SHORT SKIP

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AZ REPEATERS TOPIC OF APRIL MEETING

The West Valley ARC will hold its monthly meeting on MONDAY APRIL 5 at 7:15 PM at St Clement Social Hall in Sun City (15800 Del Webb Blvd). The club program will cover the various Valley repeaters and links. Do you know how to access the east-west ZIA link or Northlink? Mike Zussman WA7NIY will explain the ZIA link, and Danny Hughes N7FHQ will describe Northlink. We're sure that these experts and others will be able to answer your questions regarding what is available on Valley repeaters. Our new TECHNICIAN CLASS hams will find the information especially useful. Everyone is welcome. Park on north side of the Hall in back of the church.

Membership in WVARC is open to anyone interested in ham radio. Dues are \$10 per year. Why not attend one of our meetings (FIRST MONDAY of MONTH)?

The large turnout at our March meeting enjoyed the video film by Ed Kritsky NT2X of the DXpedition to M-V Island (Malyj Vysotski). Edited by Jack Reed WA7LNW who ran the tape, and accompanied by a commentary by Frank Smith AA7FM, one of the Expedition members, the film allowed us to enjoy all of the ambience with none of the discomforts of the adventure.

CLUB SCW REPEATER TO AIR CW PRACTICE

Coming soon to our Del Webb repeater (145.29-MHz) will be regular code practice transmissions as a West Valley ARC-sponsored public service.

Frank Smith AA7FM will coordinate a crew of cw-afficionados that will prepare and transmit cw copy with speeds ranging from 3.5 to 25 wpm. The target audience is anyone within receiving range of the KE7DH repeater.

Running with an idea offered by Bert Davidson W2GOB, the executive board has concluded that this service will help encourage listeners to upgrade their licenses as well as enhance the public awareness of the club as an active service organization. So far no such service ever been offered in Western Maricopa County.

Once the code transmission system is in order, the initial transmissions will commence at 6 PM every Wednesday prior to the West Valley 2m Net. When ready, this service will be announced widely throughout the Valley. The service is expected to begin in April.

Frank AA7FM is seeking volunteers to assist in this project. If you are available or have questions, contact Frank at 876-2718 (days) or 938-8000.

[FCC continues to require 5wpm proficiency in Morse code for amateur operations on frequencies below 30 MHz, as required by international agreements. The commission recently denied a petition requesting the elimination of ADVANCED and EXTRA CLASS licenses, with no knowledge of radio theory beyond the present GENERAL CLASS test, and only 5wpm required for the top GENERAL class license.....Editor's note.]

Heading this month's report is news that after a longtime military ban on amateur radio, Ghana is now expected to be activated in late March or early April. Listen for 9G5AA. QSL route to be announced.

Two American DXers, Paul WF5T and James N3JCK will operate from Uganda (5X), until recently also closed to amateur operations. They will commence operations late March or early April, signing 5X1XA and 5X1XB.

Another very rare one just announced is an operation from Western Sahara (S0), by KA3KJH.

Many hams have recently worked VP8GAV who has announced plans to operate from the South Orkney Islands in late March and from the South Georgia Islands the first part of April.

Martti OH2BH's operation from one of the Malaysian-controlled Spratley Islands (9M0S) has been postponed until April. This will be a major operation with over ten operators and will be easy to work from Arizona.

Others to look for in the near future: Papua New Guinea P20X, Navassa KP1-, United Arab Emirates A61AD, Chad TT-, Rwanda 9X5AB, Ascension Island ZD8-, Senegal 6W6JX, Galapagos HC8A, Madagascar 5R8DG & 5R8DJ, Qatar A71CW, Tuvalu T20WQ, Crozet FT4WD, Cambodia XU7VK, Naura Island C21BR, Bangladesh S21ZG, and Bosnia-Herzegovina 4N4XX. Look also for the Isle of Man GD0SLY (via WA2CGE) and Guinea-Bissau J5 (via SMOAGD).

The bands are coming up with interesting surprises so the above list is by no means all-inclusive. Many of the bigger DXpeditions come unannounced so it pays to stay tuned. Romeo Stepanenko 3W3RR/AHOM has announced plans for Tunisia 3V and Libya 5A, both very high on the most wanted DX countries' list. He could show up any time from these two rare countries. It is also very likely that following a United Nations sponsored referendum in Eritrea (seeking independence from Ethiopia) we'll have a "new one" to work, probably the last part of April or early May.

73 es CU in the pileups!

If you have travel fever but don't know where to go, consider going to the Visalia International DX Convention April 16-18 at the Holiday Inn in Visalia, CA. WVARC's own Chuck Bailey W7YU has the distinction of being the only person to have attended this convention every year since its inception in 1949 in Fresno.

NEW ARRL SECTION MANAGER FOR ARIZONA

Cliff Hauser KD6XH of Tucson was unopposed in the election for Arizona Section Manager in the ARRL Southwest Division. On April 1st he will take over the reins from Bernie Sasek W0Y0Y whom we thank for a job well done the past few years.

Cliff has served recently as Chairman of the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona. Address any correspondence to him at 8741 N Holly Brook Ave, Tucson, AZ 85741-9589 (602) 744-9095.

CLUB BENEFITS FROM ANTENNA RAISING

When the new Butternut HF5B Butterfly Minibeam arrived at the QTH of Connie Hunter WA0KHL, his request for help in assembling and installing it was quickly answered by Tom Watts NY7S and George Hands KE7DH, who soon discovered that the original vertical antennas were too close to the new beam in the limited space available. So the good doctor donated the verticals to the club. Tom strapped them to his station wagon and hauled them across the valley to the Scottsdale Swapfest on March 13th, where the proceeds from their sale were turned over to the club treasurer. George Poland W8FWF assisted in the final tune-up of the beam after rooftop installation.

The club thanks Dr Hunter for his generous donation and the antenna crew for the contribution of their time and talents.

SILENT KEY

MARY LOUISE POSTLES N0UOB of Sun City West and Colorado Springs, CO, died March 1 at Del E. Webb Hospital. Lou is survived by her husband Norman N0UOA. Hams and club members for only a short time, she and Norm attended our Thursday luncheons. We extend our sympathy to Norm and her family.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR RECENT PUBLIC SERVICE

<u>ASSIGNMENTS</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
Bernie Bailey N7BIE	X		X	X
Chuck Bailey W7YU				X
Ed Balaker WK7L			X	
Merle Butterman KF8DZ			X	
Ed Carlstrom N7SPX			X	X
Tony Cipolla W2QL		X		X
Bert Davidson W2GOB	X			X
Reuben Deerhake WA2OQU			X	X
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	X	X	X	X
Dick Dyas W0JCP			X	X
Lou Einstein N7RCB	X	X	X	X
Don Fenton W1JH	X	X		X
Steve Fordham K2HPN	X			
Charlie Frankel N7NSY	X	X		
Norm Fulmer N7JAG		X		X
Frank Green W7MAJ			X	X
Bill Gregory K7CEH		X	X	
Ed Hadsell N7SLF			X	
Dick Harris N7XPS			X	
Tim Hayes KF7XY		X	X	X
Tom Ivy KA7ESP	X		X	X
Bill Johnson W9WFV	X	X		
Bert Keates N6QLJ			X	
Gene Klein N7OBM			X	X
John Kornbeck WA9HBT	X	X	X	X
Paul Kummel N7MYS			X	
Al Kutckik W9VYG			X	X
Red Maloney KE7XY				X
Bill Miller W7DJV				X
Ken Morrison W6SQ			X	
Monte Nelson NX1Z			X	
Joe Nowakowski W7FPG	X	X	X	X
Jerry Overeynder W6IWR				X
Ed Perjul KA7FQO	X			X
Dave Pollack KF7WW			X	
Jim Prendergast WF7L				X
Clarence Reid K0BHJ	X	X		X
Chuck Sauer K9IHV			X	
Walt Schwiebert K7HGZ		X		X
Marty Shapiro KA7GKN			X	
Elliot Silverman K1FOC			X	
Jim Steen KB7LVW	X		X	
Rudy Strothmann WA9RK1			X	
Fred Swain N6LWX		X		
Stan Swartz K7PLO			X	
Mit Thompson K9CCX				X
Dean Timmerman KD9NQ			X	X
Bob Walas N7UZZ			X	
Charlie Waldron K0VEB			X	
Fred Warrick KE7AK	X			
George Watling N7JSA	X		X	X
Tom Watts NY7S			X	
Howie Weger KA3RAR				X
Tom Wendt W9MRE			X	
Russ Whempner K6CLK		X		
Marvin Wood N7WIE			X	
Larry Young W7DVC	X		X	
Hal Zabel N7KXZ				X
Zeb Zebolsky KM7L	X			
Dick Zimmerman KB7IOT	X			

A = SENIOR OLYMPICS LONG BIKE RACES
FEB 21 in Surprise (beyond Happy Trails, W Bell Road).

B = SUN CITY WEST BIKE RACE, FEB 27

C = SUN CITY WEST SENIOR OLYMPICS FOOT RACES, MARCH 6

D = EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT RACES in PEORIA, MARCH 20.

Bill Johnson W9WFV reports that there were no serious problems in any of the above events. In Event A, the portable toilets did not show up and the dedicated ambulance was late. Our efforts to locate the johns were unsuccessful, but we were able to get the ambulance. One flat tire; no accidents.

In Event B, the event attracted riders from California, New Mexico, and Utah as well as Arizona. The series of races in this event continued well into the afternoon.

The Fourth Annual "OK Walk" in Sun City is scheduled for Friday, May 14. The walkers will gather at Grand Center and proceed down 107th Ave at 8 AM to Sun Bowl Plaza at Peoria Avenue. As in the past, team members will be stationed along the route.

FOR SALE

KENWOOD TS-440 SAT Xcvr (no filters), with mike, 12V power cord, manual. Gd condx. Best offer.
TH-77A, extra battery, with internal charger, manual; still in warranty.
TR-7850, 2m 45W mobile w/manual.
HA-14 Heathkit 500W Linear and PA-14 Heathkit Power Supply w/manuals.
Bill W5YIY 583-1739

ALLIANCE Antenna Rotor, Tailtwister T2X, new; \$250. ONAN Generator, cast iron, 5KW on support stand, NPG (can be converted to propane or gasoline), will run continuously; \$1500. PIONEER Tape Deck, reel-to-reel #707; \$125. MOSLEY CL-36 Broad Beam Antenna; \$325. SOUNDCRAFTSMEN Equalizer PR-2215R (20 channel); \$75.

ALUMINUM TOWER SECTIONS (Univeral Mfg)
2 - 18" Straight - 29# each
2 - 18" Taper - 29# each
1 - 14" Straight - 13#
2 - 14" Top section - 14# each
All 10' long, self-standing.
Bob KA9AHK 974-2076

ARRL-sponsored license exams will be held at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, on SATURDAY APRIL 3rd. Registration 8:30 AM. (No tests to start after 11 AM.) Bring FCC 610 form (extra forms are available), copies and originals of appropriate amateur licenses and CSEs, photo ID (e.g., driver's license), and check for \$5.60 (payable to ARRL/VEC). No charge for candidates for NOVICE CLASS only.

Tests are held at DeVry the FIRST SATURDAY of each month except holiday week-ends and other school closing days. Call Ray NW7R 972-8733 for info.

RADIO CLASSES END MARCH 30th

The club has been holding NOVICE and TECHNICIAN CLASS sessions for the past two months at the Sun City Posse HQ on Sunland Dr on Tuesday and Friday evenings. It is hoped that those who have not already passed their exams will do so at the April 3 test session at DeVry. The next classes will start in October. However, many prospective hams who study at home are able to pass the tests.

Our instructors use the text "Now You're Talking," available at Ham Radio Outlet and Radio Shack stores. There are other manuals available. One note of caution: There will be substantial changes in the questions for NOVICE and TECHNICIAN licenses beginning with July 1 tests. New manuals reflecting these changes will be in the stores in a few weeks.

F.A.R.E. PLANS ARE PROCEEDING

Merrill Butterman KF8DZ, our club liaison at organizational meetings of the Family Amateur Radio Event Day committee, reports that plans are proceeding on schedule for the SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th event at Rawhide. The club Executive Board has voted to set aside \$35 as a seed contribution to FARE, contingent on other clubs contributing a similar amount.

Len Winkler is spearheading the effort, which is expected to provide a family flavor to the various activities at the site. In addition to the usual ham events - swapmeet, seminars, club booths with work stations, etc - there will be attractions for other family members.

WANTED: Old cw keys, bugs, paddles; also hardline in quantity.

Frank AA7FM 876-2718, 938-8000

The ARRL has petitioned the FCC for changes in the rules regarding digital communications below 30 MHz. They ask that in addition to the 6 meter and shorter wavelength bands the following subbands be designated for use in automatically controlled RTTY and data communications, including third-party messages:

28.120-28.189; 24.925-24.230;
21.090-21.100; 18.105-18.110;
14.095-14.0995; 14.1005-14.112;
10.140-10.150; 7.100- 7.105;
3.620- 3.635 MHz.

Retransmitted messages on behalf of third parties would have to originate at stations that are under local or remote control.

The League has been granted an extension of its Special Temporary Authorization for such communications by designated stations for the duration of the rule making procedure.

CLUB NOTES

EVERY-THURSDAY-LUNCHEON starts 11 to 11:30. Denny's Restaurant, Bell Rd just west of El Mirage Rd, Surprise.

SECOND-SATURDAY-BREAKFAST, 8 AM, at same restaurant. Spouses welcome.

DAILY-CALL-IN NET (esp for shut-ins, but all welcome), 9 AM on 145.29-.

WEEKLY WEST VALLEY 2m NET, 6:45 PM, *Wed.* 145.29-; ham news from Newline, W5YI Reports, ARRL Letters, local QSTs. Also informal swap net at close.

BUSINESS MEETING 1st MONDAY OF MONTH, St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd, SC. Doors open 6:45 PM.

ARRL MEMBERS please renew through our League rep, Don Fenton W1JH, 12739 W Bonanza Dr, Sun City West, 85375. Club gets \$2 for each renewal. Make check to ARRL for \$2 less than is due, and \$2 check to WVARC and send both, with form, to Don. We also get \$5 for each NEW ARRL member. Make check to ARRL for \$5 less than required and check to WVARC for \$5; send to Don with form. The club appreciates your support.

Personal note from editor: Thanks to all for GET WELL wishes.....Ray NW7R.