



SHORT SKIP

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WVARC MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 1st

West Valley Amateur Radio Club will meet on November 1st at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. The Nominating Committee will present its recommended slate of officers for next year. Election of officers will take place at the December meeting.

At press time the November program had not been arranged, but come out and meet with your colleagues and catch up on the amateur radio activity in the Valley. Your suggestions are needed on club activities (e.g., where and when to hold our next SWAPMEET. The Merrill-Lynch parking lot used in previous years is too small to accommodate the increase in attendance.)

Doors open at 6:45 PM; meeting begins at 7:15.

ARRL SW DIV DIRECTOR FRIED HEYN AT DEC MEETING

Fried Heyn W6WZO, Southwest Division Director for ARRL, will be on hand at the WVARC December meeting to bring us up to date on all that is happening in the world of Amateur Radio. He is interested in your concerns and how ARRL can help improve your activities in ham radio. All area hams are invited to meet with Fried. A video on ham activity in Kuwait prior to and during Desert Storm will be shown. The DECEMBER meeting is our traditional Holiday Season event with coffee, soft drinks and conestibles (cookies, etc) available. Bring your spouse.

CALENDAR OF NOVEMBER EVENTS

(Mark YOUR calendar, please.)

- NOV 1 WVARC GENERAL MEETING, 7:15 PM.
3 PALO VERDE NUCLEAR PLANT SIREN TEST
6 LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY INST, 8:30 AM.
8 WVARC EXEC BOARD MEETING, 6 PM
13 8 AM BRKFST, COUNTRY KITCHEN, SURPRISE EVERY THURS, 11 AM LUNCH " " "

TUES&FRI 7 PM, TECHNICIAN CLASSES, SC POSSE HQ
WED 6:45 PM, HAM RADIO NEWS NET, 147.30+ MHz
DAILY 9 AM, CALL-IN NET (esp shut-ins), 147.30

Also DEC 4, SUPERSTITION ARC HAMFEST at Mesa Community College (Dobson Rd/Southern Ave).

CLUB'S 2-METER REPEATER NOW ON 147.300+

WVARC has returned its repeater in Sun City West to 147.30 MHz and relinquished its 145.29 assigned frequency at that location. The Boswell Hospital (SC) repeater, which was previously assigned the 147.30 frequency, is no longer in service. There is no autopatch at Boswell Hospital at this time. Eventually the club hopes to have an autopatch on the 449.8 MHz repeater at Boswell.

A new 147.300 MHz crystal has been ordered for the Del Webb repeater. Transmissions are presently some 2-3 KHz high. Some listeners who get occasional intermod at 147.300 report that reception is clear at 147.305. If you are getting the "grunge" at 300, try 305.

Those who monitor the club repeater every day are happy that they no longer have to hear the traffic on the Green Valley 145.29 machine

MEMBERSHIP IN THE WVARC is open to everyone interested in Amateur Radio. Dues are \$10/yr or \$5 after July 1. \$10 Payment on or after the Oct 1993 meeting date will make you a member in good standing Nov 1, 1993 to Jan 1995. All family hams at same mailing address are enrolled at no additional cost. (Only one newsletter sent to each address.)

First, thanks to all in the club who worked Jack Reed WA7LNW and me during our DXpedition to Sint Maarten recently. We made over 7000 QSO's during our 4-day stay, which included many on RTTY and new contacts on the WARC bands. We had unbelievable propagation on 80 meters one night that allowed for easy Q's to both Europe and the USA simultaneously!

The airwaves, contrary to what you have heard, have been quite busy recently. Some of the bigger catches have been

Tristan da Cunha ZD9SXW (G3SXW),
Burundi (9U5DX (DJ6SI),
Ethiopia ET3BH and, of course,
Mellish Reef VK9MM.

Eighty-meter aficionados have been surprised with the likes of 9J2BO, V85XF, JT1BR, J79DX, Z21HS, as well as a variety of Latin American stations. These low bands will steadily improve over the next 2-3 months, even after the traditional HF bands have died out.

Due to a variety of reasons, our 4J1- team of last year has elected to postpone our XF4- operation until the 1994 WPX Contest. And speaking of postponements, the Pratus Island (BV) operation has been postponed again, this time until November.

Timo Klimoff OH1NOA has announced that a team of Finns plan to brave the unpredictable waters of the Gulf of Bothnia/Baltic Sea and activate Market Reef. The team has been assigned the very unusual call of OJOM. Look for them during and outside the OQWW/SSB Contest. This will be one of the very few chances ever to work Market Reef on the low bands from W6/W7. (Yours truly operated from OJ0 in the summer of 1990, but with entirely different conditions.) Wish these guys good

luck! They will traverse through very dangerous waters to give us all a QSO.

DXers are speculating that Mount Athos, site of some very controversial DXpeditions of recent years that may lead to the location's deletion from the DXOC list, may be active again as SV2ASP.

We are now entering contest season, beginning with one of the most popular of them all: the OQ Worldwide Phone, October 30-31, and the OQWW/OQ to follow November 27-28. Many who have earned their DXOC did so during a single weekend of either of these contests. Some of the many contest calls to look for include
Curacao PJ9U, Aruba P40W,
Providenciales VP4L, Lord Howe Island VK9LI,
Aland OH0DX, Belgium with special call OT3T,
Gibraltar ZB2X, Senegal 6V6U,
Martinique with special call T05MM,
Trinidad 9Y5H, Guadeloupe FG5BG,
Belize V31DX and many more.

In addition to the contest, listen for Iranian stations signing the prefix EX0,
Algeria 7X2LS, Cambodia XU7VK,
Ivory Coast TU2PA, Madagascar 5R8DG,
Malaysia 9M2FK, Rwanda 9X5HG,
UAE A61AD, Monaco 3A/DK6AS,
and Bangladesh S2.

This DX editor would like to list in a future column all WVARC members who are honor roll, DXOC, 5-band DXOC, 5-band WAZ + any endorsements. Please give me your information during the next few months. In the meanwhile, let me encourage all the HF guys and gals out there to go for their DXOC certificates and use these contests to your advantage!

CU in the pileups as Best 73!

FOR SALE

DIGITAL SYSTEM for RTTY and AMTOR. AEA CP-1 Computer patch, power supply, Commodore "64" computer, color monitor, cables, accessories, books, manuals. All for \$300.
George AA7LA 977-9855

HAM IV TELEX ROTOR; \$180.
EICO AH32 DUAL BAND MAGMOUNT; \$20.
DON KE7EU 972-4607

TRISTAO TOWER (Retractable), 54'; HAM II ROTATOR; HEATHKIT SB220 LINEAR AMPLIFIER (only 4 hours of use!) Bob KE7LZ 978-8350

ROHN HDBX TOWER (self-supporting), 48', excellent condx; \$500. Jack WA7LNW 938-2627

COLLINS R-390 Rcvr w/mechanical filters, completely serviced. Frank AA7FM 876-2718

160-80-40 TWIN SLOPER; \$20.
AUTEK AUDIO FILTER; \$45.
AEA MORSE UNIVERSITY (C-64); \$15.
CURTIS LI'L BUGGER KEYS; \$10.
ALPHA DELTA LIGHTNING PROTECTORS 200W 2KW; \$10.
MACAW SWR PEAK READING WATTMETER; \$35.
NETWORK POWER MOUSE; \$40.
DAN W6NTX 546-2131.