



SHORT SKIP

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WVARC TO MEET ON LABOR DAY, SEPT 6TH

WEST VALLEY ARC will meet on LABOR DAY, SEPT 6 at ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, 15800 Del Webb Blvd Sun City. Doors open at 6:45. Business meeting starts at 7:15 PM, followed by a presentation by Rick Tannehill W7RT, Executive Advisor of Post 599, and some of the Explorer Scouts. You will learn what is being done to encourage the young men and women 14 to 19 years of age to become involved in Amateur Radio.

WVARC's Executive Board is recommending that the club be a sponsor of Explorer Post 599. The club's only responsibility would be payment of the annual \$20 chartering fee to Boy Scouts of America. The troop is self-sustaining financially, thanks to their fund-raising activities. The troop would hope to draw on the technical expertise of the members from time to time. A vote on the board's recommendation will be taken at the meeting. Three club members are among the troop advisors.

In addition to the Post 599 presentation, members of the FAMILY AMATEUR RADIO EVENT committee will be on hand to describe all events and activities available at FARE, to be held SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th at RAWHIDE; doors open at 10 AM. This is a HAM AWARENESS DAY ACTIVITY in which the entire family can participate.

Finally, there will be an amusing video tape on AMATEUR RADIO that promises to send us home laughing. No guarantees. Everyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend.

SILENT KEY

We are saddened to announce the death of Frank Terzick KB9FJQ of Peoria, in August. Frank attended our meetings regularly. He died in Wisconsin, where he spent the summers. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Janet and family. (info from Fred Holsclaw N7BB)

LADIES NIGHT OUT BARBECUE

The annual LADIES NIGHT OUT is set for FRIDAY OCTOBER 22 at BEARDSLEY REC CENTER in Sun City West (same place as last year) with a Western Style Barbecue. Serving will start at 5:30 and continue to 7 PM to accommodate late arrivals. There will be two lines, to speed up the serving, and men are asked to wait on the YLs. Entertainment will be provided by the Wally Storm Trio, which features songs from the Big Band era. This social event is an appreciative nod to our long-suffering spouses. Last year over 100 were in attendance. The cost is the same: \$10 each; please send checks to Treasurer Walt Schwiebert K7HGZ, 19405 W Willowcreek Circle, Sun City, AZ 85373. (No tickets; just a check-off list at the event.)

From Bell Road, take El Mirage Rd north (along west wall of SCW) to Beardsley Rd, then left on Beardsley to the Rec Center (on left).

CLUB HAM-OF-YEAR TO BE NAMED AT LADIES NIGHT

Bert Davidson W2GOB is looking for more nominations for Ham-of-the-Year. Give him your selection for someone who has devoted a lot of time and effort to promote the club and its activities. Previous recipients include: Bert Davidson, Sam Lewbel (posthumously) 1992; Tom Watts, 1991; Bill Johnson 1990; Ray Sumner 1989.

MORE COMING EVENTS

SEPT 17-19 ARRL SW DIV CONVENTION, VENTURA, CA

OCT 2 ARCA NW AZ TRI-CLUB ARRL FALLFEST
Chamber of Commerce Bldg, Bullhead City

OCT 16 TUCSON SWAPFEST, DeAnza Drive-In,
22nd St/Alvernon Way; OPRC Sponsor.

Just when it seems like the bands go from bad to really bad, there will be some pleasant surprises. Veteran DXpeditioner Dr Vince Thompson K5VT of Phoenix came on the air from Eritrea signing E35A. Finally the experienced operator in Vince did activate Eritrea and most any W6 and W7 who still needed it got it, at least on CW. Thanks Vince!

Vince is heading up an international team to Mellish Reef (VK9M*) Sept 19-29. This will be one of the biggest and most important operations of the year and should be easy to work from Arizona. You can work them on CW, SSB and RTTY. Don't miss this one.

Romeo Stepanenko 3W3RR has arrived back at his home in Moscow after his short-lived operation from Libya (5A0RR), putting an end to all the rumors that he had been arrested in Tripoli. Romeo did make over 11,000 contacts and the QSL cards are being sent out already.

Romeo will be joining Andy UA3AB, Ed "the Red" NT2X (RV1AA) and yours truly on an island DXpedition in October. (Details in the next Short Skip.) We anticipate that the group will be in Phoenix for a few days prior to departure.

Don't be surprised if you hear some strange calls operating from Iran: EX0A/EP, EX0M/P and 9D8UW. These calls should be active the entire month of October.

Phoenix area hams Mike Bill AA7NO and Tony Rogozinski N7BG, whom many WVARC members know well, will be activating the Gambia with Warren Hill KE7ASY for the QMMW SSB contest in October. They'll sign C56V.

Other good ones to listen for include Belau KC6, Cambodia XU6WV, Chad TT8OBO, Macao XX9AS, Madagascar 5R, Mozambique C91A, St Maarten PJ8X, Southern Sudan ST0, Tanzania 5H3FOE, Uganda 5X1B, Angola D2EYE, St Kitts V44JK, Surinam PZ1DY and many more.

Finally, be alert for possible September start-up of Pratus Island BV9P, most likely a "new one", by Martti OH2BH and others.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CW PRACTICE STARTS SEPT 1st
Software and a computer/transceiver interface unit have been ordered. Permission has been received to use text from DX Magazine and DX Bulletin as source for transmissions. (We'll use Short Skip items also.) Sessions will air just prior to Wednesday Night 2-meter Nets.

In mid-July, Maricopa County hams heard that the County was about to vote a revision to the existing ordinance regulating amateur towers in unincorporated areas of the County, prompted by objections by certain county residents to towers. The public hearing on Aug 5 was attended by a number of hams, and action was tabled to permit further input into the debate.

WVARC Past President Frank Smith AA7FM was involved in helping to preserve ham interests in similar processes in Glendale and Mesa and subsequently served for 4 years on Glendale's Zoning Variance Board as well as on other committees involved with Zoning Ordinances. Frank was a good choice by the Club's board to head up a team effort to present the amateur radio operator's point of view to the County.

In discussions with County Staff members, Frank found that they appear to be willing to cooperate with hams in presenting more favorable regulations to the Board of Supervisors. MAXIMUM antenna height in residential zones may be increased to 89' (is 75'); the turning radius may be dropped from setback/height calculations. Larger acreage may accommodate higher towers (to 140') and more than one. At least these are suggestions that the staff is willing to present to the board, along with one that a modest flat fee (perhaps \$10) should be the most that is imposed on hams seeking a building permit for their towers.

Frank and his working group are looking for hams who know any of the Board of Supervisors personally in order to rally their support.

Representatives of WVARC, Superstition ARC, Scottsdale ARC and ARA were scheduled to meet on August 23 at 4 PM to coordinate valley-wide ham efforts. A meeting with county residents opposed to ham towers will be sought in order to present Amateur Radio in its best light.

Some hams have expressed the opinion that we should have NO ORDINANCE at all. Given the fact that there are anti-tower residents who want towers banned, our best hope is an ordinance recognizing the sense of PRB-1, an FCC regulation approved by Congress, which states that municipalities must make reasonable efforts to accommodate the communications needs of federally licensed Amateur Radio operators.

Frank has spent many hours each day on this problem since it popped up in July. Club members working with him are Bert Davidson W2GOB, Bill Kosanovich W8KFC, Tom Watts NY7S, George Hands KE7DH, Bill Johnson W9WV and Paul Playford W8AEF. Paul is circulating a petition at our meetings and breakfast/luncheons for our signatures in support of these efforts.

Action by the Board of Supervisors is not expected in the near future, and our committee will keep the members informed.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND EMERGENCY REPORT

PAUL KUMMEL N7MYS has been named Special Events Coordinator for the Club and will take on a number of the duties previously handled by Bill Johnson W9WV. Bill will continue as contact man with organizations requesting our help; he will also handle Emergency Services. Paul will work with the Field Captains in recruiting the required number of volunteers and will hand out assignments for each event.

Events scheduled for the rest of 1993 include:

Sept 18 PEORIA FIESTA DAYS, foot races.
Oct 6 PALO VERDE NUCLEAR PLANT, siren tests.
Oct 23 DEL WEBB HOSPITAL (SCW) RACE TO HEALTH.
Let your team captains know if you can work any of these events.

FOUNDERS DAY PARADE 1993 (SURPRISE) was cancelled, rescheduled for 1994. The "MEET ME IN ST LOUIS" bike and foot races in GLENDALE were also cancelled.

MINI-REPORT ON PROJECT GOODWILL ALBANIA

de Frank Smith AA7FM - Director, Project Goodwill Albania

With thanks to the support of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Project Goodwill Albania came to a successful conclusion earlier this year. Geni Mema ZA1B received his medical treatment in Phoenix and returned home to Tirana a near-healthy man. (Listen for him on 14195 SSB during our afternoons.) The cost of his treatment exceeded \$20,000 - all worth it, considering his life was saved.

Geni's story (which acknowledges West Valley ARC's participation) has now been re-published in several magazines and languages. We are expecting to see magazines in Italy and Finland publish something on this in the near future.

Project Goodwill Albania will now focus its efforts on non-medical assistance to the Albanian Amateur Radio Association. We will be soliciting equipment donations and assisting foreign hams wishing to operate from Albania.

Geni has asked me to relay his best personal greetings to all of the members of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club as well as to relay his sincere gratitude to the Club and its members who helped him. I will be visiting Geni in Albania in January and plan to transport with me equipment donations to the Albanians. Geni and I will be operating from both ZA and neighboring 4N5- (Macedonia). I'll be happy to set up skeds with WVARC members at that time.

NO LICENSE TESTS AT DeVRY LABOR DAY WEEKEND

VEC TESTS sponsored by WVARC are held the FIRST SATURDAY of every month, EXCEPT holiday weekends, at DeVry Institute. Exams will be held on OCTOBER 2ND, NOVEMBER 6TH and DECEMBER 4th. Walk-in registrations start at 8:30 AM. No tests will begin after 11 AM. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate licenses and certificates, and check for \$5.60 (payable ARRL/VEC); no charge for NOVICE TEST. FCC 610 Forms are available if you have none. For further info call Ray NW7R 972-8733.

Tests are held the THIRD SATURDAY of each month at the TEMPE PUBLIC LIBRARY. Doors open at 9 AM. For more info: Roger AA7QY 838-2005.

Club VEs who participated in a test session at the Glendale Firehouse on 63rd Ave and Union Hills on Sunday Aug 22nd for a class of NO-CODE TECHS included Bob Johnson KE7LZ, Bob Menefee AA7QL, Glenn Wade N7JWF, Leo Staley NS9Y and Ray Sumner NW7R. Allen Sklar of the Scottsdale ARC was in charge of the testing. Class Instructor was Loraine McCarthy N6C10.

NEW SITE FOR CLUB BREAKFASTS/LUNCHEONS

Beginning Aug 26th the club will hold its weekly THURSDAY LUNCHEONS and 2nd-SATURDAY-of-the-month BREAKFASTS at the COUNTRY KITCHEN, 12535 W Bell Rd, Surprise. Luncheons: 11 AM; Breakfasts: 8 AM. The site is a block or two west of our previous provider, Denny's Restaurant, whose manager was considering a charge of \$10-15 for the room and limiting our menu choice to five or fewer selections.

COUNTRY KITCHEN will offer us their regular menu and provide a special room for us (after the first session). Bert Davidson W2GOB did some fancy footwork to come up with a replacement on short notice. We hope that you will support the change.

Empire of the Air - The Men who Made Radio, the best-selling book authored by Tom Lewis, is now in paperback. As source for the PBS TV production, the book is a fascinating history of the early development of radio, focusing on the lives of Marconi, Sarnoff, Armstrong and DeForest and the vicious patent wars that consumed them all. The paperback is available at Antique Electronic Supply in Tempe for less than half the hardback price.

Lewis is said to be writing a sequel which will include mention of the history and contributions to 2-way radio by Al Gross W8PAL, who was one of WVARC's speakers last year.

NO-CODE TECHNICIAN CLASSES TO START OCT 12

WVARC will sponsor radio classes beginning the middle of October. If enough interest warrants, NOVICE/TECHNICIAN CLASSES may be held at two locations: Sun City Posse HQ and Kesler Elderly Care Home in Phoenix at 3829 W Thunderbird Rd. Classes will be two nights a week. (State preferences when enrolling.) UPGRADE CLASSES may be scheduled if enough candidates enroll. Call Ray NW7R (972-8733) to register.

FOR SALE

BUTTERNUT VERTICAL ANTENNA HF5V-111 (80, 40, 20, 15, 10m, WITH 160m resonator), includes above-ground stub-tuned radials, and manual. MANUAL TUNER AT-1200 AMP SUPPLY CO, 1000W rating, with manual. BOTH FOR \$150.

Jack KE7ZQ 584-5284

COLLINS 390(A) RCVR, very good condx. Also very antique Leeds/Northrup Wheatstone Bridge encased in wood.

Frank AA7FM 876-2718

48' TOWER, 6-SECTION (free standing), rotator and control box, new legs, excellent condx.

John KB7SSS 974-4188

MEXICAN HAMS HONOR FRANK SMITH AA7FM

WVARC Past President Frank Smith AA7FM was recently honored by the National Association of Radio Amateurs of the Republic of Mexico (A.R.A.R.M.) with the Flame of Eternal Friendship Award given in recognition of his work over the past three years with Mexican hams. The award was given during the Association's national conference held in July in Guajuato, Mexico. Frank has also been permanently licensed as XE2FIN and also holds the contest callsign 6FOS. He will be joining different Mexican groups in the near future on various DXpeditions.

CLUB MEMBERS TO OPERATE FROM ST MAARTEN

Jack Reed WA7LW and Frank Smith AA7FM will visit Simson Bay on St Maarten (Netherlands Antilles) in September, where they will operate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest and the European RTTY Contest. Frank will be signing PJ7/CH2LVG just before the contest and will be looking for WVARC members only during the evening (AZ time) of Thursday Sept 23rd. Listen to the West Valley 2-meter net the night before for exact schedule and frequency for WVARC members, which will be coordinated by Chuck Bailey W7YU.

The island consists of a French and a Dutch side. The latter has not been activated in two years. During the contest Jack and Frank will sign PJ8X. As always, Frank promises expeditious QSL card service for WVARC members.

WVARC OFFICERS - 1993

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The Nominating Committee will announce its recommended 1994 slate of officers at the Nov meeting, voting to occur at Dec meeting.

DONATIONS WANTED

VFW VOLUNTEER SERVICES, ATTN: V.A. AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, VOCATIONAL REHAB THERAPY 117-H, DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DOMICILIARY, WHITE CITY, OR 97503. This organization is looking for donations for a 13.8V, (up to 20A) power supply to operate their 2-meter rigs. Their VA LIBRARY could also use books on ham radio.

WANTED

Az-El rotator, CK-1 cw keyer, also old CW keys and bugs. Frank AA7FM 876-2718

CHECK-INS FOR VACATION NET, MONDAYS & FRIDAYS, 10:15 AM AZ time, 14.240 MHz. Valley hams at summer QTHs listen for W7YU, net control op.

FROM W5YI REPORT (8/15/93)...Effective 30 days after publishing in the Federal Register, ANY AMATEUR TO AMATEUR COMMUNICATIONS ARE PERMITTED except 1) music, 2) communications facilitating a criminal act, 3) messages obscured by codes or ciphers, 4) obscene or indecent words or language, 5) false or deceptive messages, signals or ID. Transmissions for compensation are not allowed except Morse Code practice and information bulletins (that must meet special criteria) or those by teachers using ham radio in classroom; transmissions for the pecuniary benefit of the station control operator or his/her employer are not allowed. The following communications are permitted, but not on a regular basis (undefined): 1) communications which could reasonably be furnished through other radio services; 2) notices concerning sale or trade of amateur station apparatus; 3) Retransmissions of Government provided space shuttle, propagation and weather forecast bulletins. Commenting on the ruling, FCC rep Wm T Cross observed that there is a lot of flexibility and it does allow communications that previously were prohibited. Amateurs will have to be more vigilant about the communications they handle...(the FCC) believes that amateurs will protect their own service from exploitation.