



SHORT SKIP

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MAY PROGRAM: LEN CLEMENTS, CHANNEL 10

The West Valley ARC will meet on MONDAY, MAY 2nd, at the St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd in Sun City. Channel 10 helicopter pilot LEN CLEMENTS will be flying in around 7 PM to tell us about his work. Bring the family. A brief business meeting will be held following Len's presentation.

Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio may join the West Valley ARC. Dues are \$10 per year, payable January (or \$5 after July 1st for last half of year).

The club had a fine turnout in April to learn about WEATHER SATELLITES from Ned Stearns AA7A. Ned gave an overview of the various sources and what is involved in accessing them. He showed us some excellent images that he had down loaded and offered to help others get started in this field.

If you have ideas for a program or a service that the club can provide, see a Board member or drop a note into the SUGGESTION BOX on the front table at a meeting.

CLUB ROSTER

Members will receive a copy of the Club Roster with this issue of SHORT SKIP. Total membership is 422, which includes many not on the last list. Many did not renew. Please call Ray NW7R (972-8733) for any corrections. President Ralph Barr W0DNO assembled the booklet from computer files kept by the newsletter editor. Cutoff was April 15th. We thank those who have renewed or have joined recently. The club appreciates your support.

MAY CALENDAR

APR 30	AARC FEST CHRISTOWN MALL	6am
MAY 2	WVARC MEETING, ST CLEMENT	7pm
	7 VEC TEST, DeVRY INST	8:30am
	14 BKFST COUNTRY KITCHEN	8am
	THURSDAYS LUNCH " "	11am
	WED NIGHTS NEWS NET 147.30	6:45pm
	DAILY CALL-IN NET 147.30	9am

FCC POLICY ON DIGIPEATERS

The FCC has recently established a new policy on the responsibilities of digipeater operators regarding illegal messages forwarded through said repeaters. The need to establish a clear policy resulted from a message that was sent along a string of digipeaters prior to the action of the US and its allies in Desert Storm. The message condemned US involvement and solicited responses via a 900 telephone number (which involved a charge to the caller). At the time, the FCC held all digipeater operators responsible for carrying the commercial message.

The new FCC policy is to hold the originator of the message responsible for the contents and the first forwarding station responsible either for the identification of the originator, or if unable to do so, for the content of the message.

At the same time, the FCC has also established that repeater operators will not be held responsible for the utterances of users of a repeater in real time.

CLUB NOTE: The Repeater Maintenance Committee has no firm date, as of now, for requiring tone units to access our repeaters on 147.30 and 449.80 MHz. Stay tuned for further announcements.

If you think the DX bands are getting bad, you're right. The WWV index numbers have been consistently discouraging for several weeks and the pundits agree that this condition will worsen overall for the next 2-3 years. Nevertheless, the low bands still offer up a few goodies from time to time, especially 30 and 40 MHz. It's time to get out the handouts that George KE7DH gave us on how to build a rotatable dipole on 10 MHz and put it to use!

In spite of that, there is always some DX news. Everyone is waiting anxiously for Yemen 7O1AA and Trinidad PY0TUP, both reportedly now active but not yet heard/worked in Arizona.

World-class DXpeditioner Ron Wright ZL1AMO will be heading out on another of his Pacific tours, this one likely to include C2, T2 and ZK3. Look also for Petri Keskinen OH3MEP who will be heading up a group of Finns to Ahland Island/Ahvenanmaa OH0.

Other DX to look for: Benin TY8OBO, Dodecanese SV5, Juan de Nova FR/J, Laccadives VU7LI, Liechtenstein HB0/DJ2XS, Niger 5U7Y, Pakistan AP2MIZ, Rwanda 9X5DX, Saudi Arabia HZ1AB, Gabon TR8LT, San Andres HJ0VVGJ and many more.

Yours truly and Chod Harris VP2ML/WB2CHO (Editor of DX Magazine) will be operating from Sint Maarten Island (NA-130) as PJ7/OH2LVG and PJ7/WB2CHO. I'll also operate as PJ8X in the CQWW WPX/CW contest as single-band, single-

op entry, but also on SSB same call on other bands, including WARC.

The weekend of April 16 saw a successful International DX Convention in Visalia. The death of Natashi Nose KH6IJ on April 7 was very much on everyone's mind. "Mr Nose" had many firsts, including the first WAS, DXCC and WAZ from Hawaii, winner of the very first CQWW CW contest (1939) where he used a homebrew rig with handmade capacitors. He was inducted into CQ's Contest Hall of Fame in 1987. Our sympathy goes to his wife Matsuyo.

Once again Visalia oldtimers and young DXers alike paid tribute to WVARC's own Chuck Bailey W7YU for his 100% attendance at all 45 (!) of these annual conventions. Chuck is such a celebrity at these gatherings that his DX friends from Phoenix find it hard to get close enough to say hello!

Let's all wish good luck to Romeo 3W3RR/RV7RR/AH0M (and 45 other calls!) who is spending the next few months in Brooklyn. He is expected to complete paperwork on his P5RS7 operation within the next few weeks and 5A0RR at a later date. I spoke with him by telephone just after his arrival in NYC and he asked to relay his best greetings to the hams in Arizona because "that's where my friends are!" We expect him here in October.

With that, GD DX to all and CU in the pile-ups! 73.

FCC AMATEUR LICENSES, 1993

Figures released by the FCC indicate that there are a total of 631,598 amateur licensees on the FCC rolls. These figures probably include a number of SILENT KEYS and drop-outs because of the 10-year life of the license. ARIZONA has 12,579 hams, including 5,142 TECHNICIAN CLASS -- 41% of the total. Nationwide there are 227,681 TECHNICIANS -- 36% of the total. During the past 5 years, total number of hams in US has increased 43.4% vs an increase in ARIZONA of 51%. UTAH has had an 86% increase in these 5 years! [Figures reported in W5YI Report, 3/15/94.]

ROSTER ADDITIONS, CHANGES

Each month, space permitting, we'll report the additions and changes to the club roster. Please make a note of them. We already have one change that arrived after the deadline. Ed Hadsell N7SLF has returned to California permanently after several enjoyable years in Sun City West.

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PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT
de Paul Kummel N7MYS

PEORIA PIONEER DAY RACES were held in downtown Peoria on SATURDAY APRIL 9 with great success -- no injuries or other calamities. Marty Shapiro KA7GKN was Net Control and checked in 16 stations by 6:45 AM:

Reuben Deerhake WA2OQU Tom Ivy KA7ESP
Dean Timmerman KD9NQ Art Mohr WB7SYL
Chuck Waldron KOVEB Tim Hayes KF7XY
Stan Edgerton K8RAL Geo Hands KE7DH
Ed Carlstrom N7SPX Geo Watling N7JSA
Rick Piggott WB2LKU Chas Frankel N7NSY
Jim Burdeaux K8LHK Ed Barranger N7YLC
Mit Thompson K9CCX Archie Hayes KC7ADY

The PEORIA EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT RACES were to be held on APRIL 25th at the Arrowhead Towne Center between 75th and 79th Avenue on Bell Rd. The next newsletter will have details.

Some 21 hams were signed up to monitor the races, which would take place between 7 and 10 AM, hopefully before the traffic presented any problems.

SILENT KEY

We are saddened to report that BETTY VETTER KE7ZV passed away on April 13th at Boswell Hospital in Sun City. Betty served as Club Secretary in 1986 and participated in club activities for a number of years until slowed down by illness. We will miss her. We extend our sympathy to husband Ed KF7BK and their family.

WANTS

Will trade ALINCO DJ-580 MARS-modified twin-band HT and accessories for small twin-band mobile w/manual or small 2m mobile w/manual.

Ballard N7XRF 841-8233

HF Transceiver in good condx in \$250-300 range (may be tube type).

Leonard W7LYS 931-8529

GEORGIA RESTRICTIVE PROPERTY COVENANTS

We promised to keep you informed of the progress of the bill in Georgia's state legislature that would eliminate CR&R restrictions on amateur radio operators. If you said, "Don't hold your breath," you'd have been right. As often happens, the session adjourned without action on the proposal. The sponsor says that it will be introduced again in the next session.

LICENSE EXAMS FOR MAY

AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE EXAMS are held on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month (except March and holiday weekends) at DeVry Institute, W Dunlap Ave. Next test session is MAY 7; walk-in registration begins at 8:30 AM and no tests will start after 11. Use the NEW FCC 610 form (available at sign-in). Cost is \$5.75 (no charge for NOVICE Element 1A or Element 2). Bring photo ID and original and copy of appropriate CSCES or licenses.

EXAMS are held on the THIRD SATURDAY at 9 AM at Tempe Public Library, sponsored by Tri-ARC. Check with Roger at 838-1215; April's session was moved to the 2nd Saturday because of a conflict in scheduling. We understand that the Superstition club has exams on the 4th THURSDAY at 7 PM in Mesa; call Larry 986-2298. Arizona ARC holds tests on the 4th SATURDAY at 7:30 PM at the Red Cross building in E Phoenix; check it out with George 274-6212.

Volunteer Examiners at the April 2nd session at DeVry were

Ed Blaszczyk N7EB Ed Beyer WU7A
Marcus Clay AB7AH Rick Dill WA0EDH
Charlie Hall WB7E Bob Johnson KE7LZ
Phil Lawrence W7FQM Glenn Wade N7JWF
Dwight Yard KB7KON Ray Sumner NW7R
Merrill Buttermann KF8DZ

VEs at the April 1st session in Sun City were

Ed Blaszczyk N7EB Jack Dow KE7ZQ
Bob Koons WE7T Al Lee W6KQI
Monte Nelson NX1Z Leo Staley NS9Y
Hal Van Dyke KD2PH

DAYTON HAMVENTION IS APRIL 29-MAY 1

Each year the largest convention of Amateur Radio Operators is hosted by the Dayton ARA. This year the date is April 29th - May 1st. Club member Len Winkler KB7LPW will be a member of the panel talking about Ham News and Ham Views from Around the World; also Bill Pasternak WA6ITF, who edits Newsline, heard on our Wednesday night net. Len hosts the Ham Radio and More radio show on 1510 KHz (KFNN-AM) from 3 to 5 PM on SUNDAYS. The first hour is aired nationwide. Check it out.

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CLUB THANK-YOU NOTES

The GENERAL and TECHNICIAN Class instructors (Ted Torrence and Ray Sumner) and their students wish to thank the SUN CITY POSSE for the use of the Posse HQ classroom during February and March. Classes have been held there on Tuesdays and Fridays for the past 3 years during spring and fall months.

Radio classes (No-Code Tech and any upgrade classes with sufficient interest) will resume in mid-October. There were 23 candidates at the license exam session at Posse HQ on Friday April 1st; most of them passed.

The club also wishes to thank the MERRILL-LYNCH group for the use of the meeting room on Bell Rd & 98th Ave for monthly Executive Board meetings during the past several years. In prior years the Board met at the homes of various Board members, and President Ralph Barr has suggested returning to this format. He will host future meetings during his tenure. A majority of the present Board probably live closer to the Barr QTH. Nevertheless we have enjoyed the hospitality of the MERRILL-LYNCH organization and are pleased that they will welcome our return any time.

And on the same theme, many thanks to DeVRY INSTITUTE, which has provided our Volunteer Examiners with rooms for test sessions for a number of years on the FIRST SATURDAY of each month. The facilities at 2149 W Dunlap Ave have become a familiar place to a large number of candidates.

And of course we are grateful to ST CLEMENT OF ROME CATHOLIC CHURCH for the use of their Social Hall for our meetings on the FIRST MONDAY of each month. The club donates a nominal sum to the church in appreciation of these fine accommodations, which include use of the kitchen area at least once a year.

ARIZONA ARC'S SECOND ANNUAL HAM-FEST

SATURDAY APRIL 30, 1994

CHRISTOWN MALL PARKING LOT
BETHANY HOME ROAD/15TH AVE

\$1 Admission includes hourly prize ticket; Tailgating \$5/space; commercial vendors. Talk-in 147.28+.

To reserve space: George 274-6212

WEST COAST VHF/UHF CONFERENCE

APRIL 29 - MAY 1

SHERATON CERRITOS HOTEL, TOWN CENTER
12725 CENTER COURT DR, CERRITOS, CA

Technical talks, Vendors, Swap Meet, Noise Figure Measurements, Antenna Measurements, etc. FREE PARKING.

Registration	\$15
Banquet (Adv regis required)	25
Breakfast (" " ")	12
Conference proceedings	10

(Special hotel rates \$59/night)

[Your Short Skip editor has registration forms for those interested.]

COCHISE ARA HAMFEST SATURDAY MAY 7

5 Miles E of SIERRA VISTA on HWY 90,
Then S on Moson Rd for 2+ miles
Talk-in 146.76-

(This event is held on Saturday only)

FORT TUTHILL HAMFEST JULY 22, 23, 24

FLAGSTAFF AIRPORT EXIT #337 on I-17.
TAILGATE, \$10/SPACE; CAMPING \$5/NIGHT
(To reserve your space write ARCA at
PO Box 32756, PHOENIX, AZ 85064,
BEFORE JUNE 10.)

[More info in later SHORT SKIPS]

ARRL SW DIV CONVENTION AUG 26-28, 1994

TOWN & COUNTRY CONVENTION CTR
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Early Bird Regis. (Before 5/15)	\$10
Pre-Registration (5/16-8/10)	12
Registration (8/11 to show)	15
Saturday night banquet (Prime rib)	35
Sunday DX breakfast	18
Saturday Ladies Luncheon	21
Friday night Harbor Cruise (Bus, dinner, bar, cruise)	55

FORUMS, TECHNICAL SESSIONS, EXHIBITS,
T-HUNTS, WOUFF-HONG MIDNIGHT CEREMONY

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