

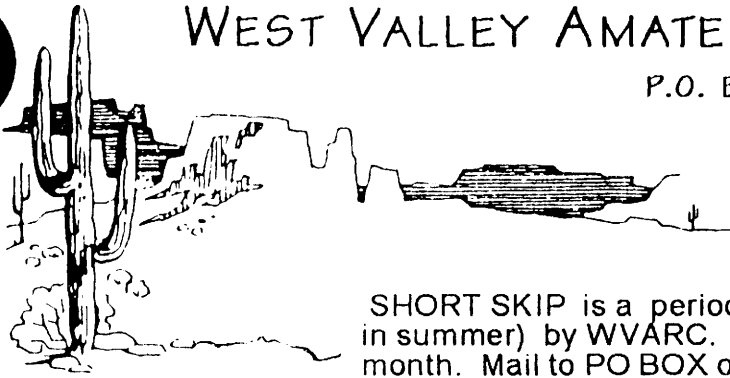


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DEC PROGRAM: LAST VOICE FROM KUWAIT

West Valley ARC will meet at St Clement Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, on MONDAY DECEMBER 2. Doors open at 6:30pm; meeting starts around 7:15. A Holiday spirit will prevail as we enjoy refreshments and good company. The business meeting will be brief, with election of Officers for 1997.

The Nominating Committee will offer the following slate: President (no nomination! Current Pres George Watling N7JSA says that he will reluctantly serve another term if we can't get a volunteer); V.Pres Tim Hayes KF7XY; Sec'y Don Korous K9EJC; Treasurer Ernie Brewer N7EBN. Directors (1 yr): Rich Haworth W7MDQ, Larry Benjamin AA2SC; (2 yrs) Rich Piggott WB2LKU, Doc Greene AB7BD.

Exec Board members are asked to bring cookies or other goodies. Soft drinks and tea or coffee will be provided. A short video The Last Voice from Kuwait will be shown. (The original selection What are those crazy sounding signals saying? was determined to be too technical for the occasion.)

We thank Ron Reynolds N7WTF for being at our November meeting which covered "Emergency Preparedness" and explaining his role as District Emergency Coordinator. Our Public Service team will work with him on area-wide emergencies.

CLUB CALENDAR

(Please mark your calendar)

1st MONDAY, GENERAL MEETING, 7:15pm
 2nd MONDAY, BOARD MEETING, 6:30pm
 WEDNESDAYS, 2m NEWSLINE NET, 6:45pm
 THURSDAYS, LUNCH, COUNTRY BOYS, 11am
 1st SAT, LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY, 8am
 2nd SAT, BREAKFAST, BRANTLEY'S, 8am
 DAILY, 2m CALL-IN NET 9am, 147.30 MHz

NOV 26, LICENSE EXAM, SC POSSE HQ 7pm
 DEC 2, WVARC MEETING, ST CLEMENT, SC
 DEC 7, LICENSE EXAM, DeVRY, PHOENIX
 DEC 7, SUPERSTITION FEST, MESA ComCol
 DEC 9, BOARD MEETING, PREZ QTH
 DEC 14, BKFST, BRANTLEY'S, T-BIRD Rd
 JAN 11, 1997 WESTFEST, GLENDALE ComCol

CLUB NOTES

Club dues (\$10) are payable by the Jan meeting. Please bring the enclosed renewal form to the December or January meeting to help Ernie's record keeping.

Tim Hayes KF7XY, Harvey Tetmeyer K5LJM and Don Thomas KALCWM have been added to the Repeater Maintenance staff.

The brochure "Amateur Radio, A Valuable Community Asset", prepared by Rich Haworth W7MDQ, is available in limited numbers from our Prez. It describes at some length how hams help at the local level as well as nationally in emergencies and public events and offers the club address as a source for more info.

NEW MEMBERS/NEW CALL SIGNS

Please welcome these new members:

Tex Jarvis	KE8AK	Sun City West
Jim LaBenz	N7VLT	Sun City
Bill Ridke	VE7BMW	Phoenix
Peter Scriven	WH6FH	Sun City
Dennis Sheehan	KC7RKR	Phoenix

New Call sign

Ron Rasmussen K6OP (was NG6X)

Just as this report is being prepared, Arizona teams are arriving in Togo and Myanmar (Burma) to activate these countries in the CQWW CW Contest. Both are large teams and should be easy to work on your favorite band. We hope you'll give them many Q's in the contest. See the last issue of Short Skip for details. Another local DXer, Dr Steve Protas K7SP, is expected to operate from Egypt, Jordan and Israel over the next several days.

DXing on the low bands has been particularly productive. Much activity has been reported on 30, 40, 80 and 160 in particular. Listen for Jacques F6HMG, who will operate from Mauritius 3B8 through the first part of December. Another semi-rare one to work is Joe G3MRC, who has been active as 5X1P from Uganda.

Other good DX out there includes Cyprus by Ted 5B4OG, UAE by Dave A61AF, Dodecanese by Al SV5/K7AR, Azerbaijan 4K by Axel DL6KVA, Oman A45 by Tom SMOCXU, Angola by Alex D25L and Reunion Island FR5DX.

DXers are eagerly anticipating activity from Amsterdam Island as FT5ZG, hopefully some time after November 20. This callsign should be active for nearly a full year. Amsterdam Island ranks #4 on the Needs List, so this will generate massive pileups. According to Chuck W7YU, Amsterdam Island is just about the furthest DX location from Arizona. Good Luck!

The next one will be Heard Island VK0; more on that in the next issue.

In the meanwhile, GL, GD DX, 73 es CU in the Pileups!

A QST FOR SUN CITY WEST HAMS

de Joe Nowakowski W7FPG

BE AWARE THAT CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN THE SUN CITY WEST AREA ARE TRYING TO CHANGE THE CC&Rs TO PROHIBIT ERECTION OF TOWERS AND ANTENNAS, NOT ONLY IN THE NEWER UNITS OF SCW BUT IN THE OLDER UNITS AS WELL. WE HAVE ALREADY HAD SUCH AN OCCURRENCE RECENTLY IN UNIT 46. IT HAS BEEN RESOLVED SO FAR. PLEASE ATTEND WVARC MEETINGS TO SUGGEST IDEAS TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM IN ALL AREAS.

The Center for Amateur Radio Learning is in need of your continued support. The Arizona Science Center staff has completed the physical ham shack, but we have a lot to accomplish before the facility opens in Mid-April 1997. Right now, most of all we need money -- money for a tower, money for equipment, money for control and coaxial cables, and money to buy all the other items that go into a ham shack.

By far, the most critical item is the need for a good, strong, new or almost new tower -- one that can be put on the roof of the Science Center and be capable of withstanding the expected wind loading and meet the newly imposed wind rating requirements specified by the county.

Let me know if you can help, 582-8208.

[Editor's Notes: The Executive Board of the West Valley ARC will recommend to the members present at the December meeting that the club donate \$1000 to the Arizona Science Center, to be used for the CARL Amateur Radio Station. Individual contributions would also be appreciated.

Bob Burleson KG7QJ, Station Manager, is preparing a list of volunteers to man the station when it becomes operational in April. It is hoped that retirees will be available in large numbers on week-days, with working hams assigned weekend duty. Volunteers did a great job when the station was on the air from the old Science Center during the summer of 1995. With the same enthusiastic response, the CARL station should be a Science Center feature that all hams can be proud of. Call Bob to volunteer (961-1109). There are about 25 clubs of various sizes in the Metropolitan Phoenix area, as well as many unaffiliated hams, so no one should be overworked.

The CARL group will accept donations of working equipment that may be used in the facility until new gear is acquired. Donated equipment that is not used on site will be sold to provide revenue for the operation.

CARL Chairman Ralph Barr reports that the group is now ARRL-affiliated.]

WVARC HAMS TAKE PART IN SIREN TEST

Some 38 West Valley Club hams participated in the Siren Test at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Plant on November 13th. Each year Valley hams check out the 39 sirens strung out around a ten mile radius of the plant, reporting any malfunctions when sirens are activated. On this occasion two sirens failed; one was serviced and was on line for the repeat test; the other failed on both tries.

This year hams met at the Buckeye Airport for coffee and donuts, etc, before being assigned their stations. Following the tests they returned to the airport for a box lunch.

Net Control Richard Jackson K7VCI said that 54 hams participated. In addition to Richard, the following club members helped. (I hope we got them all.)

Al Lee W6KQI	Rudy Strothmann WA9RKI
Tom Watts NY7S	Lois Dassonville AA7ZQ
Tom Ivy KA7ESP	Ronnie Janneke KC7DHN
Al Ellis W7RTA	Reuben Deerhake AB7DH
Tom Wendt W9MRE	Hillard Kolzak WB9OAC
Hal Zabel N7KXZ	Connie Muldoon N7WZA
Tex Jarvis KE8AK	Clarke Clayton N7IYV
Eva Karnatz KC7RY	Sam Macdonald N7MUV
David Cain KB7WDD	Archie Hayes KC7ADY
Tony Cipolla W2QL	Burt Davidson W2GOB
Chuck Bailey W7YU	Clarence Reid K0BHJ
Roy Dunlop KB7HBQ	Russ Whempner K6CLK
Jack Norman KA3VIY	Steve Fordham K2HPN
Ed Carlstrom N7SPX	Bruce Stuart KB7ZFF
Mit Thompson K9CCX	Jean Rigtrup KB7VSQ
Hal Van Dyke KD2PH	Merle Bodine KC7OGU
Tom Jenkins KC7ADU	Roy Woodruff N2HTX
Walter Davis WA6EMG	Dave Morrill N7TWT
	Phyllis Cipolla N2AGY

AROUND THE WORLD PARADE, SUN CITY WEST

Highlight of the "Sun City West Daze" festivities was the October 26 parade, with its "Around the World" theme. West Valley ARC was there along the route to report any problems. Stations taking part:

Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Reuben Deerhake AB7DH
Tom Ivy KA7ESP	Joe Nowakowski W7FPG
Tom Turner KD6GHA	John Kornbeck WA9HBT
Roy Dunlop KB7HBQ	Chuck Waldron K0VEB
Monte Nelson NX1Z	Archie Hayes KC7ADY
Ed Barranger N7YLC	Bert Davidson W2GOB
Ed Carlstrom N7ESP	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
	Baldwin Hallaway W0JD

LICENSE EXAMS NOVEMBER 26, DECEMBER 7

Tests for all classes of Amateur Radio Licenses will be held on TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 26th at Sun City Posse HQ 10861 Sunland Drive, beginning at 7pm (no tests to start after 8). Tests will be held on SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7 at DeVry Institute, 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix, beginning at 8am (no tests to start after 10am). Walk-ins are welcome at both sessions.

Bring photo ID, originals and copies of appropriate licenses and CSCEs. Fee is \$6.05 (after Jan 1, fee is \$6.25) and includes all tests taken once. If you fail by one or two questions you may take a second test for an additional charge; there is no charge for Elements 2 and 1A (Novice tests). FCC 610 Forms are available at registration desk.

License exams will also be held on December 7 at the Superstition Hamfest at Mesa Community College beginning at 12 noon, and at WestFest on January 11.

At the November 2 exam session at DeVry, 24 candidates took a total of 52 tests, resulting in 3 new Extra Class hams, 3 General and 10 No-Code Techs. Of interest, 8 (out of 13) passed CW tests!

The following Volunteer Examiners participated at the November session:

Rich Piggott WB2LKU	Jeff Johnson KJ7LO
Ray Sumner NW7R	Robert Knight N7PLD
Ed Beyer WU7AA	Shelly Newman AB7LQ
JS Corcoran KB9MJI	Leo Staley NS9Y
Marc Cuizon WH6CJD	Hal Van Dyke KD2PH
Jack DeWitt AB7AX	Glenn Wade N7JWF
Jack Dow KE7ZQ	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Dwight Yard KB7KON

The Nov 26th test session in Sun City marks the last meeting of the NO-CODE TECH class for this year. The class was held in Oct/Nov on TUESDAY nights and was poorly attended. Our future classes will return to Friday nights.

Tests at DeVry are held the FIRST SATURDAY of every month except those with a holiday weekend. We will publish the 1997 schedule in the next Short Skip. The exams are co-sponsored by West Valley ARC and DeVry ARC. Beginning in January Marc Cuizon WH6CJD will be Contact Person (944-5270). Rich Piggott WB2LKU will continue as Liaison w/ARRL.

WEST VALLEY HAMS/SPOUSES ENJOY BANQUET
Ken Wakershauser N7OWP Ham-of-the Year

The Ladies Night Banquet held on October 26th at the Sun City Country Club was a great success. Sixty-five people enjoyed an excellent meal, convivial company and recorded music for dancing to old favorite tunes. We hope to have a larger turnout at next year's banquet.

The club Ham-of-the-Year Award, a fixture at this event, was presented to Ken Wakershauser, our much-appreciated RFI Chairman. It is Ken's unenviable task to soothe the ruffled feathers of our neighbors who have problems with RF interference. He has agreed to continue in this capacity.

SILENT KEY

RAY KRUIKE WA7MOY passed away in Sun City on November 9th at the age of 94. Ray joined the club in 1963 and was an active member until recently when his health no longer permitted him to enjoy his hobby. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Anna and family,

SUPERSTITION HAMFEST, SATURDAY DEC 7

7am - 3pm, MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ADMISSION \$2/car; TAILGATE \$5/2 SPACES

TALK-IN 147.12+, 449.025- 100 Hz PL

Prizes: Deluxe TH-79A Dual Bander; DX-70;

DR-M06 6m; C508A 2m/70cm HT.

Sponsored by Superstition ARC.

More info: Chuck KB7ICP 986-3060

WESTFEST, SATURDAY JAN 11, 1997

6am to 1pm

GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Olive & 59th Ave (North Lot)

Parking \$2/car; Tailgate \$5.

License Exams, Prizes, Food, Refreshments

Talk-in 145.43-, 146.52 Simplex

Hosted by ThunderBird ARC

More info: Ralph Barr W0DNO 582-8208

W1AW SCHEDULE CHANGE

Starting January 1, 1997, W1AW will offer morning code practice and bulletins on Thursdays & Fridays only. Starting times will remain the same: code practice starts at 1400 UTC; the CW bulletins start at about 1500 UTC; RTTY/AMTOR/ASCII bulletin session starts about 1600 UTC.[ARRL Letter, 11/15/96]

WANTED

LATE MODEL 2m BASE STATION w/built-in Power Supply, PL-tone unit; 2m antenna.

Henry KE7BO 263-9367

VINTAGE CW KEYS AND BUGS

Frank AHOW 876-2718 wkdays.

KENWOOD HT-75 2m/70cm FM XCVR w/ tone unit, 2 battery packs (one for six AA batteries), mobile power cord, speaker mike; \$350. (equipment has a hum).

JAMES MILLEN TRANSMATCH ANT TUNER (no manual); \$50.

HEATHKIT ELECTRONIC KEYS w/man; \$25.

TELEX HEADPHONES; \$15.

TRIMM HEADPHONES.

80m DIPOLE.

Joe KC7DLU 979-6374

3-ELEMENT BEAM (12' BOOM); \$100.

Fred W7MCP 584-6100

SWR/POWER METER, DIAMOND SX-400, 140- 525 MHz; \$80.

Steve KB7TBZ 938-1398

MILLEN 90651 GRID-DIP METER; \$40.

HEATH GD-10 GRID-DIP METER; \$15.

Both in gd cond, w/instructions.

Al W8PAL 814-6387 wkday AMs.

YAESU FT-990 w/mic, headphones, manual; \$1200.

HY-GAIN VERT ANT (18ATV) 80-10m; \$50.

HY-GAIN VERT ANT (AQV) 40-10m, 50' coax; \$30.

LABTEST MONORAL/STEREO HEADSET w/vol cont; \$15

STRAIGHT KEY (HAM RADIO CTR) w/heavy base; \$8

MISC ITEMS \$5 ea: Bullhorn Spkr; Multimeter;

Soldering Irons; AC Adapters; Heathkit Novice

XCVR; Crystal controlled scanner, etc.

By appointment; Chuck W7YU 977-7427

TOWER, WILSON TT45, Self-supporting, foldover, w/RBRF Rotor Base Raising Fixture; \$400.

ROTATOR, CDE HAM III Series 2 System; \$90.

WILSON 4-el BEAM 10-15-20, Triband Sys 2; \$120.

All three above for \$550.

YAESU 901-DM XCVR, ext spkr, mike; \$250.

ANTENNA COAX SWITCH, B&W #345; \$20.

ANT TUNER, MFJ SUPER MOD 16010 ST.RANDOM WIRE

TUNER; \$20.

WATTMETER, SWR METER, HEATHKIT MOD HM102; \$15.

Ray W0MZ 974-4063

FCC STOPS RENEWAL REMINDERS. FCC has ceased issuing Form 610R license expiration notices -- reminders to hams that their tickets are going to expire within the next 90 days.... The demise of Form 610R means that hams -- whose licenses are issued for a 10 year period -- must take the initiative to remember the renewal date of their ticket and file a Form 610. An FCC spokesman in Gettysburg says the Commission hopes to have a Form 610 available soon on the World Wide Web to permit on-line renewals....[ARRL Letter, 10/25/96]

[Club members may obtain FCC 610 Forms from your Editor. Call Ray NW7R 972-8733.]