



# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

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## SHORT SKIP

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### CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY	DEC 4	LICENSE EXAMS, De VRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8 TO 10 AM
MONDAY	DEC 6	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	DEC 11	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8 AM
WEDNESDAY	DEC 8	PALO VERDE SIREN TEST
FRIDAY	DEC 31	NEW YEARS Y2K BACKUP PROGRAM FOR SUN HEALTH, 10 PM
WEDNESDAYS		2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
THURSDAYS		BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 9:30am
DAILY		CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One \$10 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one Short Skip mailed to each address.

### PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 6 MEETING:

Election of new officers to guide us throughout the Y2K.

The December meeting is a year end party when finger treats are served along with the coffee and some kind of musical entertainment.

Slate for the elections at the December 6th meeting:

President	Ron Rasmussen	K6OP
Vice President	Jerry Basso	W9JIF
Secretary	Pete Pedersen	W7KTK
Treasurer	Allen Heneman	W0HOZ
Past President	Ralph Barr	W0DNO
Director	David Cain	KB7WDD
Director	Rich Haworth	W7MDQ
Director*	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU
Director*	Bob Greene	AB7BD

\* Elected for a two year term last year

**PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES**

Volunteers are still needed for the Sun Health Y2K backup program on New Years Eve. If you can help please contact Rich Haworth, W7DMQ, at his office at 602-843-2700 or send a e-mail at rhaworthaz@aol.com

Club "Emergency Communications" magnetic signs for the side of your car are available for \$7 each. Club badges (black on yellow, AZ-shaped) are \$5. See Ray NW7R to order.

**CLUB NOTES**

FCC License expirations:

N7OBM Gene Klein January 2000

KA7IRP Harry Fuller February 2000

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:** George Watling, N7JSA who received the "Ham of the Year" Award and Ray Sumner, NW7R who received a special award for his long time service to the WVARC as the Short Skip Editor.

These awards were presented to George and Ray at the WVARC Ladies Night Out Banquet on November 12th. Also present at the banquet was the ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K 1 Z Z.

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**HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS** at DeVRY December 4th. Register 8 to 10am; no tests will start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate licenses or CSCEs. Form 610 (or Form 605, if activated) is available at Registration. Fee is \$6.45; please have correct change. For this fee you are entitled to one test in all desired Elements; a second charge is made for a repeat test in any Element. No charge for Elements 1A, 2.

**NO EXAMS ON JANUARY 1.** The 2000 license fee is \$6.65 in exact cash amount or check payable to ARRL/VEC.

On NOVEMBER 6TH, 10 candidates were tested; 1 General, 6 Technician. Others earned partial credit to a new license or license upgrade.

VEs on hand:

Edward Beyer WU7A	Joe Brian AB7VY	Joe Brian AB7VY
Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU	Sandra Ehrhardt KC7VTM	William Gadbois KC7JRY
Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Bill Kuchinski KB7MDX	Monte Nelson W1MN
Jack Richards WA9TV	Yoshi Sano K7YS	Ray Sumner NW7R
Harold Van Dyke KD2PH	Glenn Wade N7JWF	Roy Woodruff W2HTX
Dwight Yard KB7KON	Richard Piggott WB2LKU,	Session Manager, Liaison

## The WVARC needs your help in Locating Equipment belonging to the club

If you have any equipment or know of someone having equipment that belongs to the club please contact:

George Watling, N7JSA at 623-933-0854

**FCC RULES ON "LAST TWO"**

Riley Hollingsworth, Legal Adviser for Enforcement of the FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau has issued a statement about the practice of identifying with abbreviated call-signs, or "last two". In a letter dated November 3rd, he wrote to a DX net controller explaining that "...the practice of identifying only by the last two letters of an Amateur callsign is a violation of Part 97 of the Commission's rules." Further, he explained, "A station identifying by only part of its assigned callsign is not complying with the clearly written rules regarding station identification."

**Y2K DRY RUN FOR SUN HEALTH IS A COMPLETE SUCCESS**

Members of the WVARC are ready to participate on New Years Eve for backup Communications for the Sun Health Systems (Boswell & Del Webb Hospitals). A joint practice run between Sun Health Systems and the WVARC was held on Saturday November 20th and Sunday November 21st. Communications were shut down temporarily at the hospitals and official traffic was run through Amateur Radio.

The following operators participated on Saturday, November 20th at Boswell Hospital in Sun City:

Richard Haworth	W7MDQ	Telecommunications & Net Control
L oyd Waite	N7IAU	Area 2A & 2B
Marilyn Waite	N7DFH	Area 2C & 2D
Joe Cutitta	W0SLL	Area 3A & 3B
John Kornbeck	WA9HBT	Area 3C
Tom Peterson	KK7KW	Area 4A & 4B
Glenn Wade	N7JWF	Area 4C
Ray Sumner	NW7R	Area 4D
David Cain	KB7WDD	Area 5C & 5D
Ted P. Walker	KJ7V	Nursing Office 3rd floor
Jim Burdeaux	K8LHK	Area 5A & 5B
Al Golden	W7KAP	Lab
Joe Nowakowski	W7FPG	Emergency Department
Tom Watts	NY7s	Pharmacy
Ed Perjul	KA7FQO	

The following operators participated on Sunday, November 21st at Del Webb Hospital in Sun City West:

John Kornbeck	WA9HBT	Telecommunications & Net Control
Richard Haworth	W7MDQ	Telecommunications
Tom Peterson	KK7KW	Area 2B
Tom Watts	NY7S	Area 3A
Joe Nowakowski	W7FPG	Emergency Room
Fred Jones	KC5AC	Area 3B
Shirley Moyer	KC7HDZ	Area 4A - 4W
Bob Moyer	KC7CMM	Pharmacy
Bert Davidson	W2GOB	Area 4B
Bob Hunt	KC7NJZ	Area 5A & 5R
Ron Rasmussen	K6OP	Area 5B
David Smith	WC9Y	Staffing Office
Reuben Deerhake	W7RD	Lab

### CQDX de Frank Smith AH0W OH2LVG

Probably first on most DXers' minds is the upcoming CQWW CW Contest, November 27-28. Look especially for Arizonans travelling to far places to activate the rare ones including Tony Rogozinski N7BG who will be signing PJ4B from Aruba and Mike Fulcher KC7V and Vince Thompson K5VT and others from the Voodudes Contest Club who will activate Ghana 9G this time.

Other upcoming contests include the ARRL 160 meter contest Dec. 3-5 and the ARRL 10 meter contest Dec. 11-12.

There's lots of DX out there and upcoming including Burundi 9U5D, Isle of Man GD4UOL, Ascension ZD3Z, Marion ZS8D, Vietnam as both 3W6DK and XV7SW, Guinea 3XY2D, Palestine E4/S53R, Chatham Island ZM7ZB, Minami Torishima JD1BID/JD1, Chat TT, Macquarie VK0, Papua P29BI and much more.

There's plenty of IOTA action out there including Cayo Sabinal NA-086, Cayo Breton NA-201 and others.

In the meanwhile, best 73, GD DX and CU in the pileups.

### FEBRUARY 2000 AUCTION

The WVARC's Annual Auction is just around the corner. We are looking for some volunteers to help with this event. There are many good positions still available. Contact Fred Jones, KC5AC, Auction Coordinator at 623-214-7054 or e-mail [kc5ac@arrl.net](mailto:kc5ac@arrl.net)

### FOR SALE

Kenwood TS-450S, \$500

Kenwood TS-AT-250 Auto Ant. Tunner, \$150

Kenwood TS-430S Speaker, \$25

Alinco DR 1200 2 meter Transceiver., \$150

Kenwood TH215A 2 meter H.T., \$150

Astron RS-35M metered power supply, \$100

AEA PK-232MBX --- All mode TNC. Packet, RTTY, Amtor, Pactor, Morse, \$100

MFJ Econo Keyer II, \$25

Autek WM1 Power/SWR meter, \$60

Bencher paddle, \$40

Astron RS-20A power supply, \$60

G5RV Antenna, \$25

Kantronics Interface II for RTTY, Amtor, ect., \$25

From the estate of Ed Balaker, WK7L

Contact Jerry Overeynder, W6IWR, 623-584-5716