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SHORT SKIP

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CLUB CALENDAR

SATURDAY	JUNE 5	LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8-10am
MONDAY	7	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm
SATURDAY	12	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, Sun City, 8am
MONDAY	JULY 5	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:15pm
SATURDAY	10	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, Sun City, 8am
WEEKEND	JULY 23-25	FT TUTHILL HAMFEST, FLAGSTAFF

MONDAY & FRIDAY	VACATION NET, 14.240 MHz, 10am
WEDNESDAYS	2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
THURSDAYS	BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10am
DAILY	CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

PROGRAM FOR JUNE 7th MEETING: - Steve Sipple KB7QHP and David Runyan of the National Weather Service (NWS) will conduct a weather spotter information and training session similar to the one held at WVARC several years ago.

This session should be interesting to everyone and is necessary if you are interested in becoming a certified SKYWARN observer, or to maintain your SKYWARN spotter proficiency.

PROGRAM FOR JULY 5th MEETING: - (Tentative) - Paul Playford W8AEF will discuss and demonstrate measuring high frequency Receiver Sensitivity.

Membership in the West Valley ARC is open to anyone with an interest in ham radio. Dues are \$10/yr. Fee includes all hams at same mailing address; only one Short Skip to each address.

NOTE FROM NW7R: This June/July issue will introduce our new Short Skip Editor Tom Peterson KK7KW, who has graciously volunteered to take over the reins. Tom has a background in Commercial Printing, and we hope that he will brighten these pages with a fresh look. Tom will put the newsletter together and turn the task of getting it printed and mailed over to others. Dave Cain KB7WDD has been handling some of these chores, but is away during the summer. We need a volunteer or two, who are available around the middle of July and September, to label and stamp envelopes, stuff and mail them. Ray NW7R (972-8733) will work with you. It has been a pleasure serving as Short Skip editor these past dozen years. Please continue to send your news items to the club PO Box or to Tom via email (SEE ABOVE). His home phone: 872-3013.

CLUB NOTES

Congratulations to Sandra Ehrhardt KC7VTM, who upgraded to General Class recently

FCC License renewals due: August - Tex Jarvis KE8AK;
September - Dave Pollack KF7WW.....

The club has purchased a 70" x 70" glass-beaded projection screen for under \$200

CHANGE OF CALLSIGN: Fred Fitzgerald, now W7OJL.

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY JUNE 5th, NO EXAMS ON JULY 3rd. Register 8 to 10am; no tests will start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of any appropriate licenses or CSCEs. Form 610 is available at registration. Fee is \$6.45, which entitles you to one test in all desired Elements. A second charge is applied for a repeat test in any Element. There is no charge for Elements 2 (Novice written) and 1A (5wpm code).

On May 1st twenty-two candidates were tested. Two earned Extra Class licenses, one Advanced, one General, three Tech Plus, and five Technician and one Novice Class. Others earned partial credit towards a license or upgrade. Volunteer Examiners participating:

Rich Piggott WB2LKU, Liaison and Session Manager

Ed Beyer WU7A	Joe Brian AB7VY	Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU
William Gadbois KC7JRY	Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Stan Kieffer N7QB
Jack Richards WA9TV	Yoshi Sano K7YS	Ray Sumner NW7R
Glenn Wade N7JWF	Dwight Yard KB7KON	

Exams at DeVry are sponsored by DeVry ARC and West Valley ARC. They are held the FIRST SATURDAY of each month except holiday weekends; volunteer examiners are most welcome. Arizona ARC holds test sessions the FOURTH SATURDAY at 7pm at the Red Cross Bldg; NO TESTS WILL BE HELD BY AZ ARC IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST. VE Exams (walk-in only) will be held at the Ft Tuthill Hamfest from 9 to noon on SATURDAY JULY 24; for info call Rick at 520-544-8791.

ADDITIONS TO ROSTER:

Alec Alenskis	KB7YBM	19837 N Palo Verde Dr	Sun City AZ	85373-1136
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* Late renewals

SILENT KEYS

ROBERT GOEHRING W7LUN died April 25th in The Forum at Desert Harbor, Peoria, AZ, at the age of 90. Bob joined the club in 1976 when he moved to Arizona from Pennsylvania. He is survived by several nephews and nieces.

DAN HIRSCHL WB7FHA, 84, of Sun City West, died May 6. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Miriam, daughter Janice, and sons Ronald and Jeff.

LARRY GEROULD W6CZ, 81, of Rocklin CA, formerly of Sun City West, passed away in California recently. We offer our condolences to his wife Barbara and family.

A TIP OF THE HAT TO.....our DX Editor FRANK SMITH AH0W/OH2LVG, who has been awarded a formal recognition certificate from the National Olympic Committee of Cambodia, signed by Dr My Samedy, acting president of the committee, who also serves as personal representative of the king of Cambodia with permanent cabinet rank in that country. Frank and Yasuo "Zorro" Miyazawa JH1AJT (who was similarly recognized) were introduced to Dr Samedy at a formal reception last November in Siem Reap during their XU1A DXpedition.

The certificate is written in both the Cambodian and English languages and states in part that the National Olympic Committee "officially conveys the committee's great sense of appreciation for your highest support of The Angkor Wat International Half Marathon '98 as shown by your invaluable contribution to its realization."

The special event XU1A DXpedition last November was instrumental in raising over \$10,000 in funds to help provide support for victims of landmine accidents in Cambodia. The effort coincided with the Angkor Wat International Half Marathon which drew participants from all over the world including past Olympic medalists.

The XU1A team has been asked to return later this year to operate Amateur Radio again from the Angkor Wat area for a similar event.

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AH0W/OH2LVG

DXers are busy working and discussing signals from Somalialand coming from Baldur DJ6SI as 6O0X. Watch the Reflectors and bulletins for more information on this interesting "entity."

You might be hearing a lot of strange-looking prefixes, such as AX1ITU which is a special prefix allocated in Australia for the World Telecommunications Day. And to celebrate the opening of parliament in Scotland you'll hear 2S prefixes; look especially for 2S2MP. Another one will be P3A Cyprus, operated by Arizona's favorite Russian and DXpeditioner Andy UA3AB and others.

Alain F2HE has announced plans for a Marquesas (FO) operation - good idea to work it in case you missed the Ferreros' operation from this new DX entity.

Other DX to look for and work include Nigeria 5N by OK1JR as 5N0MSV, Rodrigues by Robert 3B9FR, Glorioso by Henry as FR5ZQ/G, Crete as SV9/GM3YOR, Svalbard JW, Galapagos HC8 by K1EA and friends, Chad as TT8DF, Libya 5A1A, Iran EP2FM, Monaco 3A5OR, Market Reef OJ0VR by OH1VR, Macao XX9JUV and more.

It must be IOTA season. Some of the postings include Fehmarn EU-128, Tombelaine EU-156, Natucket NA-046, Asiaat NA-134 and Angmasialik NA-151.

Remember the CQ-World Wide WPX Contest is coming up on May 29-30.

It's time to make plans to attend the New Orleans International DX Convention, August 27-29 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel on Bourbon St in New Orleans. This year's line-up of programs includes technical seminars on 160m and 6m DXing, an ARRL DXCC update and several DXpedition presentations including Pratus BQ9P, Rodrigues 3B9R, Wake KH9, the Marshalls V7 N4XP, Cambodia XU1A, Eritrea E30GA and a special program on IOTA. There will be a session on the Rising Cost of DXing. A Gala Jazz Banquet will culminate the activities with the awarding of the International DXer of the Year. Contact Don Boudreau W5FKX at dboudr@lsumc.edu or Silvano Amenta KB5GL at kb5gl@aol.com for information or contact your DX editor at 876-2718. For more details, check www.gnofn.org/~w5ru/ In the meanwhile, Best 73, GD DX, GL and CU in the Pileups.

ZIA CONNECTION TO GO QRT

Early in May, Milt Jensen N5IA announced that the Zia Connection will cease to exist and operate over the next couple of months. Milt started the Zia Link with three repeaters, at Guthrie Peak, Jack's Peak and Mt Lemmon, in 1982. In due course, some 15 or 16 repeaters were linked, from the westernmost sites at Yuma and Quartzsite in AZ to the Sandia Crest in NM and Notrees TX. Lately a number of repeaters have had considerable down time, and Milt has had neither the time nor the money to maintain the system. He is negotiating with a group which may keep the Benson Ridge repeater in NM in operation as a stand-alone unit or linked to the El Paso repeater on Comanche Peak. The western end of the system will be off the air by the end of May. Quartzsite hams may keep that repeater on the air as a stand-alone station. The repeaters in eastern AZ and western NM may remain linked together under another name and group, although major changes will be required.

In announcing the end of the Zia Connection, Milt gave special thanks to Joe Montierth WA7ZNY and Martin Raue WB5LJO for their help and support throughout the years of operation. The Amateur Radio community owes this team a hearty THANK YOU and best wishes for the future. The Zia Connection will be missed.

WANTED

SLUG FOR BIRD WATTMETER #43 1000w H series or 2000w H series.

John W3OJX 972-6503

ICOM AH-3 ANTENNA TUNER and ICOM SM-8 DESKTOP MIKE.

Ted KB7MMT 566-8372

US TOWER Model MA-40 with bottom rotor

Ron K6OP 623-546-5710

FOR SALE

YAESU XCVR Model FT-101ZD, KENWOOD MIKE MC-50, HEAD PHONES, manual. SPEED-X KEY Model 500. STRAIGHT HAND KEY J-38. AUTOPATCH MIKE MC-46. MICRONTA 3-WAY C-B TESTER w/SWR/MOD. GONSET RCVR Model G-66, 10-160m, w/man. TEN-TEC ANT TUNER Model 229, 200-2KW. KENWOOD 2m XCVR TR-9000, w/ant, man. HEATHKET LINEAR AMPLIFIER SB-220 w/man. REALISTIC SCANNER Model 20-114 (30-54, 108-136, 138-174, 380-512 MHz). MICRONTA PWR SUPPLY (12v), 120vac/13.8 vdc @ 2.5 amps. CB T/R 23-CHNL ASAWI.

Anne Bartinoski 623-972-1510 (SC); Estate of Bill KC7KX

PANEL METERS- 0-100, 0-150 DCMA; \$5 each. 0-1 DCMA; \$10 each. 0-250 ACMA, 0-300 VAC; \$10 each. Westen Lab Model 433, 0-5,10,20,50 VAC; \$25. Leeds & Northrup Resistance Bridge; \$25.

Murray W7XY 933-1132

ASTRON RS-20 POWER SUPPLY 13.8vdc, 20a ICS, like new. Make offer.

Fred W7MCP 584-6100

COMPLETE HAM STATION: ICOM 745 XCVR w/mike, manual. KDK FM2025 2m XCVR w/mike, manual, mobile antenna and mount. CUSHCRAFT R-7 VERT ANT. ASTRON RS-20A POWER SUPPLY. B&W VS-300A ANT TUNER. NYE LOWPASS FILTER. TEN-TEC DUMMY LOAD 1209. REALISTIC NOVA-40 EARPHONES. EXTERNAL SPEAKER. B&W COAX SELECTOR SWITCH Mod 375. TWO STRAIGHT KEYS. NYE VIKING SKM-1 MEMORY KEYER w/manual. UNIVESAL MULTI-TESTER Mod DM20K. ICOM WORLD CLOCK. REMINGTON RAND STANDARD MILL (Needs fixing). Box of miscellaneous adapters, connectors, insulators, cable etc.

Best reasonable offer. Jack WJ7N 977-8790

HUSTLER ANTS: G6 (2m), G7 (2m), 6-BTV (HF). CUSHCRAFT 11-element beam (70cm).

Bob KC7CMM 520-684-1219 (Wickenburg), will deliver PHX area.

YAESU 900 w/auto ant tuner, CW filter, detach control head, Spider ant; \$900. ALL HF BAND MOBILE ANT w/towbar mount control cable and relays (screwdriver operated coil type; \$175. KENWOOD 820 with Hy-gain vertical ant; \$350.

Fred W7LOL 933-6771

HONDA GENERATOR 2500W (in time for Field Day); \$250.

Howard K6QWH 583-7650.

KENWOOD TS-940S/AT HF XCVR w/IF-232 Computer Interface Unit and Cables. Excellent condx, mike, instruction & service manuals, shipping boxes; \$900.

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