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CLUB CALENDAR

MONDAY MARCH 1 MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7:00pm
 SATURDAY 6 LICENSE EXAMS, DeVRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8-10am
 MONDAY 8 EXEC BOARD MEETING, PRESIDENT'S QTH, 7pm
 SATURDAY 13 CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, Sun City, 8am
 13 SPRINGFEST, SCOTTSDALE COMM COLL, open 6am
 APR 9-11 1999 DX CONVENTION, FRESNO (CA) HOLIDAY INN
 SATURDAY APR 17 AZ ARC SWAPFEST, DeVRY South Parking Lot.

WEDNESDAYS 2m HAM NEWSLINE NET, 147.30 MHz, 6:45pm
 THURSDAYS BRUNCH, LINDA L'S, SUN VILLAGE (Surprise), 10:30am
 DAILY CALL-IN NET, 147.30 MHz, 9am

VERY LAST CHANCE TO BE IN 1999 ROSTER. MARCH 1ST is the deadline for the 1999 ROSTER. There are still a large number of long-standing members who have not paid their dues. The club thanks them for their past support and hopes that their interest in Amateur Radio and the club will continue. Dues are still \$10/yr. Check the EXPIRATION DATE on the address label; if it doesn't agree with your records, call our Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP in WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One fee includes all family hams at same address; only one Short Skip mailed to each address. The club badges (black on yellow, AZ-shaped) are available for \$5. "Emergency Communications" sign for the side of the car, identifying you as a club Public Service amateur operator, is \$7; see Ray NW7R.

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club meets the FIRST MONDAY of EVERY MONTH at ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, 15800 N DEL WEBB BLVD, SUN CITY. Doors open at 6:30pm; meeting starts at 7:15 with a brief business session, followed by a program related to Amateur Radio. On MARCH 1ST, Al Lee W6KQI will tell us about the LAST VOYAGE OF THE QUEEN MARY. He was aboard the vessel on her trip to Long Beach, where she now serves as a hotel and convention center. In fact, the 1999 ARRL SW Division Convention will be held there on Oct 1-3.

Programs for April, May have not been arranged. Any ideas? Call our Prez.

CQ DX de FRANK SMITH AH0W OH2LVG

About the biggest DX news to happen in a long time is the New Entity Palestine with its new ITU assigned callsign bank of E4A through E4Z. As of this writing a number of individuals appear ready to activate this "new one", including Dr Sami ZC6B, a Palestinian national, Ali JY4NE, Bernie W3UR and now a group of Finns including Martti OH2BH, Pekka OH2TA and Pekka OH1RY, according to the latest information. As you read this, E4 will no doubt be on the air facing mega-pileups. Good luck, but if you miss it, don't worry. We're told a number of foreign operators are lined up to keep Palestine on the air permanently.

Congratulations to the ZL9CI Campbell Island team, who just finished their DXpedition with over 96,000 QSO's in the log!

Other DX to look for includes Monaco as 3A/K8PYD, Mauritius as 3B8/DJ7MI, Barbados as 8P9JA, Minami Torishima as JF1KFR/JD1, Seychelles as S7MX, Belau as T88TM, Cocos-Keeling as VK9XX and VK9XY, the Falklands as VP8CSA, Burkina Faso as XT2DM and XT2OW, Albania as ZA/YO2LDE, and much more.

New plans have been announced for St Peter and St Paul's Archipelago in late March by ABRA-DX Brazilian Association. Check out their web page
<http://www.pt2dx.org.br>

In the meantime, best 73/GL aand CU in the pileups!

MORE DX NEWS.....The Midway-Kure Foundation announces details for its 1999 Rodrigues Island 3B9 (AF-017) DXpedition, scheduled for April 1 through 10.

A team of nine operators representing five countries will conduct the DXpedition on all modes from 160 through 6 meters. Plans are for up to nine fully equipped HF stations to operate from a number of locations throughout the island. One station will be dedicated to RTTY only.

The DXpeditioners are Bruce Butler W6OSP, Kimo Chun KH7U, Jari Jussila OH2BU, Victor Keller XE1VIC, Jacky Mandary 3B8CF, Garry Shapiro NI6T, Yuuji Yoshitani JA3IG/K1NT, Ned Stearns AA7A and Frank Smith AH0W/OH2LVG, team leader.

Chief pilot stations will be Andy Chesnokov UA3AB and Gary McClellan K7ZD.

QSL manager is Joyce Johnson N7LVD. Callsign to be announced later.

Inquiries: mkdxf@aztec.asu.edu

NOTICE.....

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club is seeking one-time sealed bids on a KENWOOD TS-870S 9-BAND TRANSCEIVER (S/N 70900031) with Kenwood Microphone PTT (T91-0352-XX) and DC Power Cable (E30-3157-XX)> This equipment does not include Instruction Manual, Accessory Plugs (2), Shipping Boxes, Computer CD Program or any computer connecting cabling.

Offers will be made by sealed bid, opened at the March 8th Board Meeting. The WVARC Board has the right to reject all bids. The WVARC Secretary will collect all bids. Payment to WVARC is not tax-deductible. The TS-870S is sold as operational but without any additional warranty. The successful bidder will be notified after the March Board meeting. The results will be published in the April issue of the "Short Skip".

Proceeds will be used by the Center for Amateur Radio Learning Project for the purchase of a low-band rig, which will be retained as the property of WVARC. The CARL staff feel that the TS-870S has more "bells and whistles" than are needed for a rig operated by Science Center hams of varying degrees of expertise.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES: The 11th Annual Race to Health event in Sun City West was held on Saturday, February 6. The races ran smoothly, with no problems reported. Amateur Radio Operators monitoring the races from stations along the route included WA9HBT John Kornbeck, WVARC Special Event Coordinator, and the following:

N7SPX	Ed Carlstrom	N7OBM	Gene Klein	W7EOY	Del Young
KA7ESP	Tom Ivy	K6OP	Ron Rasmussen	KE7ZQ	Jack Dow
KC7FYN	Robert Giles	KOHOZ	Al Heneman	W9JIF	Jerry Basso
W2GOB	Bert Davidson	NY7S	Tom Watts	W7RD	Reuben Deerhake
KC5AC	Fred S Jones	W2YGT	Ted Zablisky	WB9OAC	Hillard Kolzak
		KF7XY	Tim Hayes		

Volunteers are needed for a race to be held in Sun City Grand on March 6. Call your team captain if you can help:

NW SCW (Zone 0): Del Young 584-2534, Ron Wamsley 584-7447.
 SW SCW (Zone 1):
 Ed Carlstrom 584-8171, Baldwin Hallaway 214-0074, Reuben Deerhake 584-0412.
 SE SCW & Surprise (Zone 2):
 Jack Dow 584-5284, Paul Ashby 546-2812, Ed Balaker 584-1449.
 NE SCW (Zone 3): Bert Davidson 584-6260, Paul Kummel 584-6422.
 SCW Extension (North): no captain.
 SC (Phase I - South): Walt Schwiebert 972-0370, George Watling 933-0854.
 SC (Phase II-Central): Fred Swain 977-6683.
 SC (Phase III-North): Hal Van Dyke 977-0379. PEORIA: Tim Hayes 878-1278.
 Glendale, Phoenix: No captain.

THIRTY-FOUR CANDIDATES WERE SERVED AT DeVRY FEBRUARY LICENSE EXAMS. Because there was no test session at DeVry Institute in January, a larger than normal group of examinees showed up for the February 6th tests. Twelve earned Technician Class license, three Tech Plus and one General Class. Several others earned partial credit toward a license. In all, 60 exams were taken (including ten CW tests), with a passing rate of 62%. The following Volunteer Examiners participated:

Ed Beyer WU7A	Bob Johnson KE7LZ	Robert Knight N7LPD
Bert Littlepage N8NVB	Shelly Newman AB7LQ	Yoshi Sano K7YS
Rick Tannehill W7RT	Charles Wallace W1OSV	Dwight Yard KB7KON
Rich Piggott WB7LKU, Liaison and Session Manager		

The VE turnout at recent sessions has been small. Additional volunteers would be appreciated. If your FIRST SATURDAY of the month Morning is open, how about joining us at a DeVry test session? If you would like to become a Volunteer Examiner, call Rich at 546-4300 for info. Next Exam is March 6.

Amateur Radio License Exams are held the FIRST MONDAY of each month except holiday weekends at DeVry Institute 2149 W Dunlap Ave. Register 8-10am; no tests to start after 10. Bring photo ID, original and copy of appropriate license/CSCE. Fee is \$6.45 and includes one test in as many Elements as desired; a second fee is administered for a repeat test in any Element. There is no charge for Elements 1A (5 wpm) and 2 (Novice written).

Other test sessions: THIRD MONDAY 6pm, Mesa Utility Office, 7115 E Adobe Rd; sponsor Superstition ARC (Denise AB7KG 898-4066). FOURTH SATURDAY 7pm, Red Cross Bldg, northbound frontage rd to I-177 just North of Bethany Home Rd; sponsor Az ARC (Gary K7GH 996-8148).

FOR SALE

ASTRON RS-20 POWER SUPPLY 13.8VDC, 20A ICS, like new; \$70.

Fred W7MCP 584-6100

CLUB NOTES.....Ralph WODNO reports that the club made \$501.25 as a result of the ANNUAL AUCTION held in February. This was quite a bit better than last year since there was more equipment donated to the club. The Auctioneers, Paul Playford W8AEF and Fred Jones KC5AC, did an excellent job in handling the bids and keeping the bidders interested. Some twenty club members gave much effort and time to the smooth running of the auction. One comment was that the event was a bit lengthy, but there was much enthusiasm and anticipation toward the next ANNUAL AUCTION. Several suggestions for improving the event are being studied by the Board. Your suggestions are welcome.

There is still time to enroll in the GENERAL CLASS and TECHNICIAN CLASS studies being held at the Sun City Posse Headquarter during February and March. Instructor Ted Torrence KB7MMT has a good turnout of candidates for the General Class license. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm.

Instructor Dan Pierson W6NTX only has four students in his TECHNICIAN CLASS group, but he is willing to conduct the class as long as there is an interest. The Tech class meets on Friday evenings from 7 to 9pm.

The classes run though the end of March. Call Ray NW7R (972-8733) to join.

Members whose FCC licenses must be renewed soon: April: Ralph Barr WODNO. May: Jean Good KA6EDX, Sam Macdonald N7MUV.

Our THURSDAY Brunch Bunch attendance at Linda L Restaurant in Sun Village, one mile west of Grand Ave on Bell Road, is between 30 and 40 hams/guests. Our SECOND SATURDAY breakfast at Tivoli Gardens in Sun City is less popular, with only 10 to 20 attendees. Mark them on your calendar and try to join us. Thursday diners gather between 10 and 10:30am; breakfasters at 8am.

Long-time member Chuck Bailey W7YU was recently honored by the Quarter Century Wireless Association for 70 YEARS (!!) of activity in Amateur Radio. Congratulations, Chuck.

Please welcome new member Larry Odle KC7FVS of Peoria.

C.A.R.L. GROUP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS. At the Annual Meeting of the Center For Amateur Radio Learning on Jan 23, the following officers were chosen:

President Rick Horwitz AB7FH; VPres Char Horwitz KB7TKQ; Sec'y Al Lee W6KQI; Treas Ralph Craner WAORSF; Directors Bob Burleson KG7QJ, George Cooney KQ7C, Bruce Kabana WB7SRC and Dave Pollack KF7WW.

NOTE FROM TOM BOZA NE7X, Sec'y Central AZ DX Assn: FEB 6, 1999, WAS THE DAY that the antenna system of the famous K7UGA, Barry Goldwater, was taken down. 4 HyGain LongJohn antennas, 10-15-20-40 beams, were removed in 6 hours by tramping them on cable to a rooftop, where they were disassembled and hauled away. CADXA was involved in this historic undertaking with the tower riggers Paul K7PN (from Zig Zag, OR) and veteran towerman Mike KC7V. The groundcrew was Rod W7EKV, Paul W8AEF, Mike N7MB and a new helper, Barry Goldwater, Jr.

The 77-ft HyGain rotating pole will be removed in the future. Pictures of the event can be seen at <http://www.azhub.com/goldwater> Click on 'View the Listings'. More pictures and descriptions will follow as time allows. The antennas will be listed for sale at a later date.....de Mike N7MB.

SCOTTSDALE SPRING HAMFEST, SATURDAY MARCH 13

SCOTTSDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 9000 E CHAPARRAL RD (LOOP 101-N /CHAPARRAL)
RV PARKING TABLE FEE \$5 PARKING \$2 TALK-IN FREQUENCY 147.18 MHz
OPEN 6 AM. For more information: Rollie W90BU 391-3946