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SHORT SKIP

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CLUB CALENDAR

FRIDAY	DEC 31	NEW YEARS Y2K BACKUP PROGRAM FOR SUN HEALTH, 10 PM
MONDAY	JAN 3	MEETING, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 PM
SATURDAY	JAN 8	CLUB BREAKFAST, TIVOLI GARDENS, SC, 8 AM
SATURDAY	JAN 15	WESTFEST SWAPMEET, G.C.C , 6 AM TO 2 PM
SATURDAY	FEB 5	LICENSE EXAMS, De VRY INSTITUTE, PHX, 8 TO 10 AM
MONDAY	FEB 7	WVARC AUCTION, ST CLEMENT SOCIAL HALL, SC, 7 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 JANUARY 3 MEETING:

David Cain, KB7WDD, will present the program entitled: **"World War II boat anchors."** A rundown and show & tell about Dave's collection of surplus gear such as ARC5's and other equipment many of us have had on the air at one time or another.

REMINDER:

The WVARC 2000 dues need to be paid by December 31, 1999. If you have not paid your 2000 dues, please make your payment to the WVARC for \$10.00 and send to: P. O. Box 1573 • Sun City, AZ 85372 or bring to the January 3rd meeting at the latest.

WVARC AUCTION February 7th at 7 PM. Equipment registration will begin at 5 PM and bidding will start at 7 PM. Minimum bid will be \$1.00 with bidding increments of \$0.50. The WVARC will receive 10% of the proceeds. A preregistration form for equipment is available on the back page of this newsletter. For more information Contact Fred Jones, KC5AC at 623-214-7054.

PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES

REMINDER: If you are helping with the Y2K Backup for Sun Health, please meet at the emergency room entrance (just inside if its cold) at 10 PM on New Years Eve. For more information 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

WB7SRC - Bruce Kabana - March 2000

Call Sign Changes: Joseph Cutitta - W0SLL was WA0SLL
Sandra Ehrhardt - KK7UY was KC7VTM

The WVARC is looking for someone who could help solve TVI / RFI problems. This is a important part of our club and with public relations. if you are interested please contact Ron Rasmussen, K6OP at 623-546-5710

HAM RADIO LICENSE EXAMS at DeVRY February 5th. 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 \$6.65; 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 DECEMBER 4TH, 13 candidates were tested; the following licenses were earned: 1 Advanced, 1 General, 1 Technician, 1 Technician + and 1 Novice. Others earned partial credit towards a new license or license upgrade.

VEs on hand:

Edward Beyer WU7A	Joe Brian AB7VY	Jack Richards WA9TV
Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU	Sandra Ehrhardt KK7UY	Ray Sumner NW7R
Bill Kuchinski KB7MDX	Yoshi Sano K7YS	Dwight Yard KB7KON
Stan Kieffer N7QB	Shelly Newman AB7LQ	
Richard Piggott WB2LKU, Session Manager, Liaison		

Year 2000 exam Schedule: 2/5, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2.

Rich, WB2LKU, is canvassing ARRL/VEC accredited VEs for service at WVARC sponsored exam sessions. You may register your name, call sign, license class, address, phone number and email address at Club meetings, exam sessions, by email to wb2lku@arrl.net, or by phoning 623-546-4300. VEs do not have to be a member of WVARC.

WESTFEST SWAPMEET at GLENDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE on JAN 15th, 6am to 2pm, sponsored by ARCA and ADAW. Info: Mark Kesauer N7KKQ 602-779-2722. Free Admission. Talk-in 146.52 MHz.

W7ASC NOTES. EVERYONE IS WELCOME to the CARL general meeting in Room 101 at DeVry Institute on Saturday January 22 at 9 AM. Steve Sipple KB7QHP of the National Weather Service will give a presentation on SKYWARN. Walt Schuknecht N7IZM, who is chairman of ARRL SW Division Convention 2000, will tell us what the October 2000 convention will have to offer. And Rick Horwitz AB7FH will report on the progress of the plans to include additional modes of communication at the Science Center amateur radio station.

The ARRL Foundation has approved a grant of \$5808 for W7ASC, and an article on the station's activities and expansion efforts will appear in a QST issue early this year. ARCA (Amateur Radio Council of Arizona) has approved a grant request for \$900 to be used for expansion of the station's capabilities. And Kenwood has sent a TS-450S HF transceiver and a TM-V7A VHF/UHF radio -- these in addition to the TS-790 satellite radio on hand when the station opened in 1997.

W7ASC needs additional volunteers to man the station. Sign up for a 4-hour shift one day a week or join a stand-by list to fill in once in a while. Parking at the Science Center garage is free to volunteers. Take 7th Street south off I-10 to Monroe, then west a block to the garage. Get your ticket validated at the Center. Call Bob Burleson 480-961-1109 if you can help.

Arizona Senate Bill SB1017: electronic devices; use while driving. This bill as introduced seeks to amend the Arizona Revised Statutes during the next legislative session in 2000. Such a bill might have serious implications for amateur radio. The bill seeks to improve road traffic safety by restricting electronic voice transmissions by the operator of a motor vehicle while the vehicle is in motion. Does this bill refer to Amateur radio operation? Will it help traffic safety? Should Hams, as an interest group, respond to this bill? Read SB1017 and consider it carefully. The text of the bill is available at: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>

The Palo Verde Siren System Test was held on Wednesday December 8, 1999. Volunteers that have attended for at least 10 years were given a plaque in recognition. After the siren test everyone who participated was treated to a barbecue cookout of chicken and steak, which was really delicious.

WVARC Special Events Coordinator
John Kornbeck, WA9HBT

The following WVARC volunteers and guests participated in the test:

WA9HBT - John Kornbeck & Mary	KB7NLI - Richard Taubert & Mary	K6OP - Ron Rasmussen
W9JIF - Jerry Basso & Steffanie	KB7WDD - David Cain	N3HP - Harold Polk
W8EPO - Walt Schwiebert & Peggy	KC7RY - Eve Karnatz	N7JSA - George Watling
KA7ESP - Tom Ivy	K0HOZ - Al Heneman	W0SLL - Joe Cutitta
K9CCX - Mit Thompson & June	W7YU - Chuck Bailey	W8QVC - Ron Wamsley
N7KXZ - Harold Zabel	W6KQI - Al Lee	N7IAU - Loyd Waite
N7DFH - Marilyn Waite	KC5AC - Fred Jones	NV7G - Don Still
N7MUV - Sam Mac Donald	N7MYS - Paul Kummel	NY7S - Tom Watts
KD7BJK - Charles Thompson	W7FPG - Joe Nowakowski	K7VCI - Richard Jackson
KC7WIZ - Ralph Adair & Cathie	KI7DE - Larry Penrod	N7SPX - Ed Carlstrom
W2YGT - Ted Zebliisky	N7IYV - Clarke Clayton	K6RL - Mac McGrew
AA7ZQ - Lois Dasonville	AA7YG - Brad Dasonville	

WANTED

Radio Shack HTX 404
Contact: Bob Nelson, W9EXG 623-972-6090

Kenwood TS-250 ANT tuner.
Contact: Bill, WA8KFC
3 Pondview Dr.
Saginaw, Mi. 48609 - 5140

FOR SALE

Alliance HD 73-1 Heavy duty rotator. \$ 100
36 ft 3 section telescoping mast and several 5 ft masts. \$ 30
2 Micronta 13.5 V @ 2.5 amp regulated power supplies. \$10 each.
MFJ Econo-Keyer II \$ 20.

From the estate of Ed Balaker, WK7L
Contact Jerry Overeynder, W6IWR 623-584-5716.

CQDX de Frank Smith AH0W OH2LVG

As we approach the new year, there's much in DX to look forward to.

Several members of the Central Arizona DX Association, including our own Paul Playford W8AEF, will be traveling next month to activate a new IOTA from Thahtay Khun Island, Myanmar, as XZ0A. The operators will represent seven countries. The operation will run from January 13th through February 6th. QSL via W1XT.

Alan VK0LD has been active from very rare MacQuarie Island while working on that island's research station. If you wish to work him, please listen carefully to his on-the-air instructions.

The Association of Tunisian Radio Amateurs (ASTRA) has announced that a second Tunisian station is now QRV as 3V9ST.

In other DX, look for Tanzania 5H3MG, Vietnam 3W7CW, Nepal 9N7UD, Minami Torishima JD1BIC, Albania ZA/OK1JR, Swaziland 3DA0, the Australs FO0EEN and much more.

Look also for special millennial stations including Turkey YM2ITA, China as BT2000, Italy IR0MFP (Millennium for Peace), New Zealand ZM4IR, Moldova ER2000A and others including one from Sacramento as W2M. Listen also for Macao as XX9SAR celebrating the restoration of Macao to China.

DXers have just learned that a possible "new one" is in the works in March. The amateur radio society of New Caledonia in conjunction with several foreign operators will activate the Chesterfield Islands (IOTA OC-176) in March. More on this one in a future Short Skip.

GD DX and best 73 to all in the coming new year!

Cut along line

WVARC HAM RADIO AUCTION
February 7, 2000

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SELLERS	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
BIDDERS	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
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	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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