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FEBRUARY WVARC CALENDAR,

Saturday	Apr	6	VE Exams De Vry Tech	7.45 to 10 AM
Monday	Apr	1	Monthly meeting,	St Clement Social Hall, SC, 7 PM
Saturday	Apr	13	Club Breakfast	Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM

Wednesdays	2 meter Newsline Net,	147.30 MHz, 6.45PM
Thursdays	Brunch, Coco's,	98 th Avenue & Bell Road, 9AM
Daily	Call-in Net	147.30 MHz, 9AM

PROGRAMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS April To Be Announced

THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE HAMS IN SERVICE

A DEDICATION TO EMERGENCY SERVICE. 9-11 brought out much of what is best in the American spirit, and notably so in the Amateur Radio Service call to duty. From the April issue of QST. WORLD TRADE CENTER, New York City. Over some five weeks, several dozen Amateur Radio operators from the greater New York area assisted the Salvation Army to provide logistical support for the Army's canteen and feeding center.

ARRL special services and RACES members helped mobilize relief efforts to aid injured and displaced disaster victims at various care centers.

AT THE PENTAGON Virginia Amateur Radio provided relief operations at the Pentagon, clearly demonstrating the resolve and commitment by so many hams to meet the needs of fellow Americans at a time of great tragedy.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CRASH SITE local hams arranged preliminary repeater communication support into and out of the crash site for a goodly number of relief services working at the site.

PROUD TO BE A HAM

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next session at DeVry, Phoenix on April 6th. Exams start 8:45 AM, must be completed by 10:00 AM. bring original ID, original and copies of FCC license CSCE's. \$10.00 fee covers all elements taken once. If an element is repeated, an additional \$10.00 fee applies. Please have exact cash amount, or check payable to ARRL/VEC

REPORT OF MARCH 2, 2002 EXAMINATION AT De VRY

Nine candidates were examined.

Results	Extra Class	3 Passed	
	General Class	3 Passed	
	Technician Class	2 Passed	1 Failed

Session Manager	Yoshi Sano	K7YS		
VE's present	Stan Keifer	N7QB	Dwight Yard	KB7KON
	Ed Beyer	WU7A	Robert Knight	N7LPD
	Joseph Brian	AB7VY	Glen Wade	N7LWF
	Shelley Newman	AB7LQ	Joe Cuttita	W0SLL
	Jack Richards	WA9TV	Rick Tannehill	W7RT
	Bill Gardbis	KC7JRY		

2002 ROSTER WEB EDITION NOW ON-LINE

The electronic edition of the 2002 Roster of members associated with the WVARC has been installed on the Club web site. Members are listed throughout the year as their 2002 club dues are received by the Club Treasurer. Changes to mail or e-mail addresses, call sign, phone numbers are posted when submitted on the interactive form. An application/renewal form is also available on the web site.

Members whose dues payments were received by the Club Treasurer by February 4th will be listed in the printed version of the roster.

The printed version of the Roster is scheduled to be mailed jointly with the April edition of Short Skip.
<http://www.qsl.net/wvarc>

A REPORT ON DUES FROM THE MARCH GENERAL CLUB MEETING

David Cain AC7CF, presented a summary of the 2002 budget and expected income. In 2001 the club income was about \$2000.00 below expenses, requiring a significant withdrawal from the club savings.

The income for 2002 is projected to be about \$1500.00 below expenses, with no allowance for special projects such as improvements to the 440 repeater. This is primarily caused by two factors. Club membership has dropped from the 350/400 range to about 280 in the last two years. Club dues of \$10.00 per year has remained unchanged since 1989, and we have had some 48% inflation during the intervening thirteen years. Today's equivalent dues would be about \$15.00 per year. An outline of Board plans to increase membership was mentioned, and a proposal to increase dues to \$15.00 was presented.

Club President Bill Roberts asked the meeting attendees to approve an increase of individual/family dues to \$15.00 per year effective for the year 2003. Voice vote of members present appeared to be unanimous. President Roberts declared the motion passed.

Submitted by Davis Cain AZ7CF Board Member

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Harry Tetmeyer	K5LJM	9723 W Campana Drive	Sun City	Az 85351-1369
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Consult Web edition of the 2002 Roster for phone number and e-mail address.

LICENSES EXPIRING

Al Kobe	N7XPY	April 2002
Richard Fern	KI7CH	April 2002
Diana Hayes	N7YKT	May 2002
Ed Barranger	N7YLC	May 2000
Larry Penrod	AC7FC	June 2002
Charles Buell	N7WXO	June 2000

MEMBERSHIP IN WEST VALLEY ARC is open to anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio. One \$10.00 annual fee includes all family hams at same address; only one SHORT SKIP mailed to each address.

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President thus far in 2002. I consider it an honor to do so. It is one way to contribute to ham radio in my communities.

I am concerned about our "lack of service" for a service oriented club. Why we do not participate in drills at the hospitals in case of communications failure so that we all know what we are supposed to do and when. It would give us the opportunity to test our repeater equipment under "emergency" conditions to see if there are any problems that might come up.

Why is it so hard to get anyone to volunteer to do anything? Are we all dead? From what I can see most of us can walk around, we have our five senses working, and we haven't missed many meals. If we can breathe we can do something of value. We can contribute.

I see a lot of people with a vast storehouse of experience in just about every field imaginable and we are letting that go to waste because no-one wants to expend a little effort to pass it on to someone else. Many of you have been where I am going in my ham radio career. You have knowledge that I want and need. I do not know who has that knowledge because no-one likes to volunteer.

Why do you think it is so hard to get people to be officers? Because they know no-one will help. They do not want a thankless job. Now I know it. But I think that we have what it takes to be a service oriented club.

We meet in Sun City, Sun City is the City of Volunteers.

What other kind of activities could we be doing to help in our communities and to attract new members?

Arizona Repeater Association can tell you how many man-hours were spent last year in service. They can tell you how much the equipment costs that they used as well as being able to provide a break-down of all this information per event served.

We have the know-how, we have the equipment. Let us get the get up and go to get up and get with it!

Sincerely, BILL KD7JMN PRESIDENT

Friendship

*I hold in my hands a box of gold, with a secret inside that has never been told
The box is priceless, but as I see The treasure inside is far more precious to me
Today I share this treasure with thee, tis the treasure of friendship you've given
To me. ((anon Coffee Clutch News))*

FOR SALE

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The e-COMMUNICATOR

Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard W6XD and Vice Director Tuck Miller NZ6T have announced the publication of a frequent news-letter with news items of and about the SW Division of ARRL. In recent years we have lacked such a communication, and look forward to reproducing articles of significance in the Short Skip. You can download the letter from the website <http://www.qsl/net/arrisw/>
The March/April publication not available at Press-time.

ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Course is a valuable learning tool for hams wishing to update their skills to become skilled and competent in emergency communications. Registration is on the first Monday of each month, beginning at 2.00 PM EST for Level 1, on the second Monday of each month at 2:00 PM EST for Level 2, and on the third Monday of each month at 2:00 PM EST for Level 3. Registration remains open until the course limit of 50 members have enrolled. The courses must be taken in order, starting with Level 1. Register at the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page <http://www.arrl.org/cee>