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FEBRUARY WVARC CALENDAR,

Saturday	Feb 2	VE Exams De Vry Tech	7.45 to 10 AM
Monday	Feb 4	Monthly meeting,	St Clement Social Hall, SC, 7 PM
Saturday	Feb 12	Club Breakfast	Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM
Wednesdays		2 meter Newline Net,	147.30 MHz, 6.45PM
Thursdays		Brunch, Coco's,	98 th Avenue & Bell Road, 9AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz, 9AM

PROGRAM FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 4	The Club Annual Auction	Articles for sale welcomed
March 4	Jerry NcManus KA7G	New Ham Products

Let's give a big thank-you to Phil Walker W1PW for volunteering to be Secretary of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club. Phil will play an important role in the life of the Club. The Arizona Corporation Commission requires that the Club have a Secretary to remain a registered corporation. Thanks Phil.

WVARC ANNUAL AUCTION to be held Monday February 4th at St Clement of Rome Catholic Church Social Hall, 15800 Del Webb Blvd. Sun City. Bidder registration 6 to 7 PM. Auction 7 to 10 PM. Get your Lot ticket and Bid record early from Del Young W7EOY. Del will bring a supply to all Thursday breakfasts before the auction, and they will also be available at the door of the auction. Collecting your items into 'lots' and filling out the form before you arrive will greatly facilitate the sign-in process. A 'lot' may be a piece of operating equipment or a box of misc junk!

CONTESTS

ARRL DX CW Contest February 16-17

ARRL DX SSB Contest March 2-3

Work as many amateur stations in as many DX CC entities as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 meter bands. 48 hours each mode (separate contests). Starts 00.00 UTC Saturday, ends 24.00 UTC Sunday.

For a trove of Amateur Radio Contesting resources and information go to <http://www.ng3k.com/cont>

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next session at DeVry, Phoenix on February 5th. 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 completed, an additional \$10.00 fee applies. Please have exact cash amount, or check payable to ARRL/VEC.

REPORT OF JANUARY 5TH EXAM SESSION

9 candidates examined. 2 upgrades to Amateur Extra; 2 upgrades to General; 2 Technician Licenses earned; 1 Element Credit earned. Passing rate for all written elements, 100%.

Administering VE's:	Rich Piggott	WB2LKU	Liason		
Edward Beyer	WU7A	Joseph Brian	AB7VY	Joseph Cuttita	W0SLL
Elliott Klein	K7ER	Bill Kuchinski	KB7MDX	David Morrill	N7TWT
Yoshi Sano	K7YS	Harold Van Dyke	KD2PH	Glenn Wade	N7JWF
Dwight Yard	KB7KON				

Congratulations William R Faulkner earned Technician License KD7OHZ

WVARC TECHNICIAN CLASS BEGINS IN SUN CITY FRIDAY MARCH 8th.

DAN PIERSON W6NTX announces a no-code Technician license class will be held at a Sun City location beginning Friday March 8th. There will be nine sections from 7 to 9 PM. Ham Radio needs new members, and Dan requests your help in introducing new members to our exciting and important hobby. Call Dan at 623-546-2131

2002 ROSTER WEB EDITION NOW ONLINE

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 are received by the Club Treasurer by February 4th will be listed in the printed version of the roster.
<http://www.qsl.net/wvarc>

SB SPACE ARL ARLSOO2 NEW AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA INSTALLED IN SPACE

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station got a new antenna January 14, and one more, the fourth, could be installed January 25. Crew members of the ISS installed the flexible-tape VHF-UHF antenna on a hand rail near the crew quarters. The new antenna is the first one designed for and dedicated specifically to support ARISS operations.

The new antenna paves the way for two separate ham stations aboard Space Station Alpha. 2 Meter and 70-cm transceivers in two locations will eventually lead to normal everyday ham communications. (ARRL Newsletter 1/15/02)

CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

NEW MEMBER

Bruce Paulson N7TV 18060 No 24th Drive Phoenix, Az 85023-1219

Consult Web version of Roster for phone numbers and e-mail addresses

LICENSE UPGRADES EARNED

William R Faulkner KD7OHZ Technician

LICENSES EXPIRING

Ed Gross	KF8CG	Jan 2002
Norma Buell	FB7NYD	Jan 2002
Harold Van Dyke	KD2PH	Feb 2002
Hillard Kolzak	WB9AOC	Feb 2002
Andre Marcoux	KB5NWZ	Feb 2002

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

ADDRESS CHANGE

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SILENT KEYS R.I.P.

RUSS WHEMPNER K6CLK December 26, 2001 12307 W Firebird Drive, Sun City West.

RONNIE JANNEKE KC7DHN November 12, 2001 14802 W Buttonwood Dr, Sun City West
 Ronnie was born in Howard Lake, Minnesota, was 76 years of age. He did business as an automobile dealer before retiring to Sun City West.
 He is survived by his wife Dorothy KC7DHO of Sun City West, and Son Andrew KA0AJM of Vadnais Heights, Minnesota.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all members of the Club my thanks for allowing me to serve as your President, I will do my best to be worthy of your confidence. I am very grateful to have Augie Allen, Vice President; Phil Walker, Secretary; Ted Walker, Treasurer, as my team in running the Club in 2002, I look forward eagerly to working with them.

My first Board meeting will be held at 7 PM on January 21st at my house. If you have not yet paid your 2002 dues it will help greatly if you would do so as soon as possible. Paying them by February 4th will get you listed in the WVARC 2002 printed roster.

My e-mail address has changed to bill_linda_roberts@msn.com
 83's, good luck, and God Bless. Sincerely, BILL ROBERTS KD7JMN

COURAGE HANDI HAM CALIFORNIA RADIO CAMP MEETS FIRST WEEK OF MARCH

The next Radio Camp Session takes place the first week of March at Camp Joan Mier, Malibu, California. Courses in Technician, General, Extra, Operating Skills, JAWS Computing. There is no tuition charge for west coast or DX members. There is a \$45.00 charge for registration and insurance.

For information or application package, contact Nancy Meydell 866-426-3442 or handiham@courage.org, Submitted by Lee Crissman AB7HW and SCOTTY the Wonder Guide Dog.

Editors Note: Lee (and Scotty) are participating instructors at Camp Handy Ham twice a year

WANTED

ZENITH SOLID STATE TRANSOCEANIC Model Royal 7000 portable radio. I am looking for one in very good shape with all features in working order, fully functional.
Lee Crissman AB7HW 480-483-6584 or pager 602+-664-4639 Ab7hw@home.com

FOR SALE

ANTENNA SALE

Outbacker Perth Mobile Antenna 75-10 Meter with manual and original box	\$150.00
HyGain DX77 Vertical Window Antenna 40-10 Meter with instruction manual.	\$150.00
Cushcraft A147-4 4 element 2 meter beam with manual	\$30.00
Marty K4VM k4vm@arrl.net	

AT TOWERS Computer Tapes, 5 1/2 inch Bays, 8 external, 2 internal, 300w power supply. \$50.00
Dan W6NTX 623-546-2131

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/arrlsw/>

The first letter recognized the eighteen years of service by immediate past Director Fred Heyn WA6WZO and his wife Sandi WA6wZN. Fred has served on practically every ARRL Committee, developed strong ties to each Section, Arizona, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Santa Barbara. Fred and Sandi were guests at the WVARC Christmas Party in December. They have our very best wishes in their new endeavours.

The primary mission of the new Director and Vice Director is to protect and promote Amateur Radio on behalf of all Radio Amateurs, and to maintain Amateur Radio as a cohesive force in the diverse world of telecommunications, keeping in mind that there are those who covet our frequency bands.

Quote: "To meet these challenges we must stick together. We will maintain strong ties with our ARRL Sections, clubs, council and other organizations. We will appoint Assistant Directors to act as liason with clubs and organizations, to help keep the two-way communications flowing. Given recent events, we will encourage the growth and training of emergency communicators in the Division. We will be pro-active in retaining and recruiting new ARRL members.

You will hear from us frequently via the e-COMMUNICATOR or other appropriate media to keep you informed of issues, problems, solutions and accomplishments. You can expect us to be responsive to your requests and ideas. Responsive, however, doesn't always mean you will get the answer you want, but you will get a reasoned reply".

EDITORS NOTE

In the next issue of SHORT SKIP I will begin what I hope will be a regular report on the deliberations of the WVARC Board of Directors meetings. I will also welcome reports from any working committees who would like their efforts be known to all club members. E-mail to shortskip@yahoo.com.

Next issue: I expect to hi-lite Station K7ASC.