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FEBRUARY WVARC CALENDAR,

Saturday May 4 VE Exams De Vry Tech 7.45 to 10 AM
 Monday May 6 Monthly meeting, St Clement Social Hall, SC, 7 PM
 Saturday May 11 Club Breakfast Tivoli Gardens SC, 8AM

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

PROGRAMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 6 All about PSK31
 June 3 All about QRP

WVARC REPEATERS

The Club owns and operates two REPEATERS

2m Repeater KC7KLC 147.300 Mhz (+) L-Tone 162.2 Hz
 Located on Del Webb Hospital, Sun City West

70 cm W7JHD 449.80 Mhz (-) Located on Boswell Hospital, Sun City
 Each repeater has an autopatch.

AUTOPATCH ACCESS Please give call-sign, say 'Accessing' and dial * (star). Release PTT. At dial tone, again push the PTT, dial number and release PTT. Your number will ring through. When finished, say your call sign and 'Clearing Patch' and dial # (pound).

The courtesy beep or click will be heard, indicating the patch is off, Submitted by Tom Watts NY7S

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next session at DeVry, Phoenix on May 4th. 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

PLEASE NOTE The revised Element 4 (Extra Class written exam) question pool will be used after June 30, 2002 at exam sessions.

REPORT OF APRIL 6, 2002 EXAMINATION AT De VRY

Fifteen candidates were examined.

Results	Extra Class	5 Passed
	General Class	1 Passed
	Technician Class	6 Passed

Element passing rates: Code Element 1 100%, Tech Element 2 71% Extra Elwement 4 83%.

Liason: Rich Piggott WB2LKU

Joseph Brian	AB7VY	Joseph Cuttita	W1SLL
Jeff Johnson	N7TWT	David Morrill	N7TWT
Yoshi Sano	K7YS	Glenn Wade	N7JWF
Dwight Yard	KB7KON		

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 are listed in the printed version of the roster. A list of new and late renewal members is published monthly in the Short Skip, so that you may update your printed version.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE NET CONTROL?

We're always looking for help! We run two nets.

The daily call-in net on 147.300 Mhz, designed to check on shut-ins (all are welcome). 9:00 AM every day. We need at least two more.

The weekly net on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM on 147.300 Mhz, with lots of news of interest.

WE WILL BE LISTENING FOR YOU!

EDITORS NOTE. This part of the page has been kept blank. You may wish to cut out the Autopatch paragraph on page 1 and insert it in your copy of the printed roster.

ARISS LOGS SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL CONTACTS

Astronaut Dan Burch, KD5PNU, aboard the International Space Station this week took time out from a busier-than-usual schedule to answer questions via ham radio from an enthusiastic throng of elementary schoolers. On April 16th he spoke with 10 youngsters from a school on Long Island, New York, answering questions about life out on the ISS. On April 11th, another astronaut, Carl Walz, spoke with some students at a school in Puerto Rico. The sessions last some ten to fifteen minutes, depending on orbital times the ISS is overhead. 'We don't get a whole lot of free time' said Burch, right now the shuttle's docked, and we have practically no free time'. All such contacts are on Amateur Radio on the International Space Station. Youngsters must hold a current radio license, and the ability to speak with an orbiting astronaut is a prized moment.

The ISS can frequently be seen in passes over the Phoenix area. Times of visibility passes are published in the ISS schedule on WWW.skypub.com. All visible passes are seen just prior to sun-up or after sun-down.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS AND LATE RENEWALS

Marilyn Atherton	KD7FVB	14444 W Moccasin Trail	Surprise	Az	85345-9624
Gary Avery	K5LKM	9257 W Cholla Street	Peoria	Az	85345-5563
Art Beaupre	WA0LXC	10015 W Shasta Drive	Sun City	Az	85351-1956
Alvin Brite	N7GVF	7920 W Charter Oak Road	Peoria	Az	85381-5247
Howard Bullock	W4LBM	20031N Crown	Sun City	Az	85375-3703
Tom Butler	AC7AM	19611 N Papago Drive	Surprise	Az	85374-4968
Lee Drake	N8TNZ	13745 W Summerstar	Sun City West	Az	85375-5241
Ted Drake	N8GZ	13745 W Summerstar	Sun City West	Az	8/5375-5241
Buck Henderson	KA7IOG	4640 W Redfield Road	Glendale	Az	85306-5008
Robert Wilkins	W7ZDK	4141 N 49 Drive	Phoenix	Az	85031-23
Rocky Lewis	W4DGL	10006 W Oak Ridge Drive	Sun City	Az	85351-1223

LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

Diana Hayes	N7YKT	May	2002
Charles Buell	N7WXO	June	2002
Wm Pete Pederson	W7KTK	July	2002
DICK riew	W9LOC	July	2002

LICENSES ISSUED OR UPGRADED

Rick Le Fevers	KC8LXU	General to Amateur Extra
Robert Miner	KA7NPQ	Advanced to Amateur Extra

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.

FOR SALE

ALINCO DJ=180 2 Meter Handi=Talki with manual

Desk Type Battery Charger

Cable with Filter (for cigarette lighter)

Speaker Mike

Battery case for 6 AA batteries

Call Dick KG7MR or Faye KC7TOJ 623-815-7347

TEN TEC OMNI VI with power supply \$1200.00

Drake L7 linear and power supply. Uses pair 3-500 Z's \$800.00

Drake TR=7 Transceiver with power supply \$500.00

Contact Jerry W6IWR 623-584-5716

(Jerry is moving to a care facility)

EQUIPMENT DONATED TO THE CLUB

FLOYD EMANUEL K7BBN, our long time Club member has serious visual impairment. Because of this, he donated to our Club, through me, many items of his radio and electronic equipment with the understanding it would be sold benefiting our treasury. With the help of fellow Club members, several hundreds of dollars have been placed with the treasurer so far. Many, many items remain to be sold, including a Yaesu Dual Band Hand Held Transceiver complete with two twelve volt batteries, two antennas, two chargers, deluxe carrying case and manual. This unit has PL tones and is in good condition. Price \$215.00. Many other items will be listed in future editions of Short Skip and at future Club meetings. Call Tom Watts NY7S (number is in roster).

Please remember our Club Treasury is the sole beneficiary, and needs your help.

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/cce>

This course will greatly improve your emergency communication skills, and will enable the Club to form a reserve of members who can be called on in any emergency.