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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Apr	5	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	Apr	7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Antique Radio Equipment Collection by Dick Stout KE7RD					
Saturday	Apr	12	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Saturday	May	3	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	May	5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	May	10	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Wednesdays			2 meter Newsline Net	147.30 MHz	6:45 PM
Thursdays			Brunch, Coco's	98 th Avenue & Bell Road	8:15 AM
Daily			Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

APRIL 7 PROGRAM – Antique Radio Equipment

Dick Stout KE7RD, a club member, will make his collection of antique radio equipment available at his QTH after business meeting. Maps will be radios to your first ham set, Grandpa's Atwater Kent, and Dads old Zenith!! Don't miss it.

FUTURE PROGRAMS!

May 5th Program — Digital Pictures - **Ophthalmic** Presenter will be Ron Ostrom, retired Honeywell corporate speaker and now with Comp USA. Ron has had 39 years of computer experience starting with large mainframe tube computers in 1959 to today's PCs. CompUSA is the sponsor of the program.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All 2002 club memberships have expired. Late renewals and joiners will appear only in the electronic edition of the Roster on the Internet. Send corrections or changes to your address, email address, phone number or call sign to the Club's post office box, or fill out the interactive form on the Club's web site, or hand them to the Treasurer at a meeting.

LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

KF7XY	Tim Hayes	March
AC7GA	Bill Peoples	March
KB7MMT	Ted Torrence	April
K17OI	Robert Norton	April
W0KXM	Roger Moerke	April
K8LHK	James Burdeaux	April
KF2QA	Don Peterson	April

FCC MODIFICATIONS/RENEWALS

FCC license renewals or modifications (non Vanity) can be filed directly with the FCC on line or by mail. This is a FREE FCC service. ARRL VEC will process for FREE applications from ARRL Members seeking an FCC license renewal (within the FCC's 90-day window before expiration, or up to 2 years after expiration) or address, systematic call sign or name changes. ARRL Members can send any Form 605 to: ARRL VEC, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. Do not send any Vanity call sign requests. ARRL VEC will process for a \$12 fee applications from non-ARRL Members. Non-ARRL Members can send any Form 605 to ARRL VEC, with a \$12 fee – check or money order – payable to ARRL.

NEW SHORT SKIP EDITOR

"Elzie" Campbell, AA7TU, has taken over the reigns from Ralph Barr, W0DNO, who has given the Club a superb job as *Interim Editor*, following the death of our previous editor, Sid Body, KC7DHR.

Others on the team who will attempt to keep the editor out of trouble include Chuck Hilliker, W7KIV, Sylvia Hilliker, Dan Pierson, W6NTX, Dave Cain, AC7CS and Rich Piggott WB2LKU.

The March 1 Session at DeVry

Twelve candidates were examined

- 6 earned Technician licenses
- 3 earned General licenses
- 1 earned element 3 credit
- 2 did not pass

Administering VEs

Robert Miner KA7NPQ, Liaison
 Ed Beyer WU7A
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 Robert Knight N7LPD
 Richard Piggott WB2LKU
 Dwight Yard KB7KON
 Yoshi Sano K7YS

VE TEAM MANAGER APPOINTED

Richard Piggott WB2LKU announced at the March 1 Exam Session that he is giving up his duties as ARRL Liaison, having served in that capacity since 1996, and is turning over his duties to Robert Miner, KA7NPQ. Thanks, Rich, for those many years of dedicated effort!

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry Saturday April 5. Exams start at 7:45 AM and all tests must be concluded by 9:45 AM. Check-in at the Library on the second floor, southeast corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CSCEs and photocopies of each if applicable. Exam fee is \$12 for all elements taken once. An additional fee applies for a retest of any element. Retest is at the option of the VEs. Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Donald Bastien	KD7UGO	7344 W Eugie Ave	Peoria
Jim Bradley	N7JB	P O Box 901	Kalama, WA
Kristy De Witt	KD7CSM	3857 W Fallen Leaf Ln	Glendale
Vern De Witt	KA9TAA	3857 W Fallen Leaf Ln	Glendale
Mike Demichele	KA2BAJ	13642 N 38 th St	Phoenix
Bob (Doc) Greene	AB7BD	13231 W Keystone Dr	Sun City West
Chuck Hayes	AI9M	4738 N 103 rd Ln	Phoenix
Laura Page	KC7KQN	10058 W Alabama Ave	Sun City
Loren Page	W7BWI	10058 W Alabama Ave	Sun City
Virginia Page	W7VMP	10058 W Alabama Ave	Sun City

Please consult the electronic edition of the Roster for phone numbers and email addresses.

CONTROL OPERATORS STILL NEEDED FOR THE WV MORNING CALL-IN NET

Additional Net Control Operators are needed for the net. If they are not found, this net may go the way of the Wednesday Night News Line. If you can help, please contact Lee Chrisman, AB7HW, at 480-483-6584.

BUSINESS MEETINGS TO BE IMPROVED

Marty Colburn, K4VM, has pointed out something we would have known had we bothered to read Robert's Rules of Order (the "bible" for parliamentary procedure for many years). The issue in question comes under the heading of "Robert's Rules on Unanimous Consent". This says that Minutes of a meeting do not have to be approved by a motion and second. The chairman only needs to say after the Minutes are read, "Are there any corrections or additions to the Minutes? If not they will stand approved as read (or printed)." The same is true for the Treasurer's report unless it has been audited. Making this adjustment will streamline our meetings a bit, and make it appear to anyone who knows Robert's Rules of Order that we know the proper way to do things!

CALL FOR ARTICLES

Over your years in Ham Radio have you become especially well informed and proficient in some aspect of our hobby? Why not share with rest of us. Articles for Short Skip are always welcome. Keep in mind, though, as you write, the admonition of Shakespeare's character, Polonius; "Brevity is the soul of wit."

EL MIRAGE FIESTE de la GENTE

Jason Ewalt W7JME has contacted Short Skip to tell us about a gala celebration being planned by the City of El Mirage. The organizers of this 3-day festival (April 25-27) would like to know whether anyone from WVARC would be interested in setting up a field day type radio station, to provide the public with information as to what Ham Radio is all about. The necessary table(s) would be free to WVARC. If several of our members would be willing to operate such a station for this event, call Margie Ortiz, 623-937-0500

CONTEST SCHEDULE

The 2003 CQ World-Wide WPX Contest schedules are SSB: March 29-30, CW: May 24-25. Times: 0000 GMT Saturday Ends: 2359 GMT Sunday. Bands: The 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used. No WARC bands allowed. Observance of established band plans is strongly encouraged. For complete rules and info see: <http://home.woh.rr.com/wpx/>

FOR SALE

For Sale: Butternut Vertical antenna Model HF6V . For all bands 80 through 30 (including 12 and 17 meters). In excellent condition. \$75.
Phone Dick (KB6TI) at 584-4116.

1. ICOM 775 A 200 WATT TRANSCEIVER WITH THE FOLLOWING ITEMS INSTALLED. DSP UI 100, FL222 AND FL534 FILTERS, CR282 CRYSTAL OVEN, SP21 SPEAKER, HM 36 HAND MIKE AND SM 6 DESK MIKE. VIDEO AND WRITTEN MANUALS. A VERY CLEAN UNIT. **\$1900.00**

2. ALINCO DJ580 HAND HELD, WITH 2-EBP-28 BATTS, EDC-36 AUTO POWER CORD, EDC-34 A C ADAPTER AND A C DESK RAPID CHARGER, EMS-8 LAPEL / HAND MIKE W / KEY PAD. MANUALS . **\$220.00.**
CALL K7PLO STAN AT 623-933-4073

SIMPLE, CHEAP ALL BAND ANTENNA

When I first moved into Sun City West five years ago, I wanted to get on the air quickly and efficiently without the cost of a tower and beams which I previously had on a large lot in Yuma, AZ. Someone suggested what has been called a "Skeleton Cone", which became an almost perfect solution. This antenna could also be called a "double inverted Vee", supported by a 35' push up mast, with two legs on each side of the feed point – all 4 legs being 51' long. This antenna, fed by ladder line, with the help of a tuner, can be made resonant on every one of the ham bands from 80 thru 10 meters. It can even operate on 160 by tying the two sections together at the feed point and operating against ground. (I have about 85 radials under the rock in my back yard.) Naturally, a 6-element beam would beat it, but it certainly outperforms the 8-band Cushcraft vertical installed nearby.-- AA7TU

WANTED

The **COURAGE HANDI-HAM SYSTEM** maintains an equipment loan program, and needs your donation of used Ham gear.

Volunteers at the Handi-Ham repair shop refurbish radios and other equipment and loan it out to members who are unable to afford the equipment. The Handi-Ham supply is now very low, and all donations will be greatly appreciated. Your donation is fully tax-deductible.

Call toll free 1-866-426-3442 or handiham@courage.org or www.handiham.org



SERVICES

Towers and antennas removed by Bob Pistone, K1KIV, 623-546-3646.

Do you need to have a tower taken down or an antenna removed? If so, contact Bob, who works as an independent contractor and handy man. He is experienced in this type of work and will give you a quote to do the work at a reasonable price.

Information provided by Ron Rasmussen, K6OP, 623-546-5710

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday April 12