



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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# SHORT SKIP

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## WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	June	7	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	June	2	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			"What's new in Ham gear for 2003" by Morgan – WW7B		
Saturday	June	14	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Saturday	July	5	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	July	7	Monthly Meeting	"Disaster Preparedness"	7 PM
Saturday	July	12	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Wednesdays			2 meter Newsline Net	147.30 MHz	6:45 PM
Thursdays			Brunch, Coco's	98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Bell Road	8:00 AM
Daily			Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

## PREZ SEZ

Our June program will be presented by Morgan WW7B, who will show us what is new in Ham gear for 2003, available at Ham Radio Outlet, where Morgan is employed.

Take note of all the Ham gear, for sale, in this month's issue, from the estate of Chuck Hilliker, W7KIV. Also, the antenna, donated to the Club by Mrs Wendt, in memory of Tom W9MRE.

We still need volunteers for coffee cleanup after the meeting. -- Stan K7PLO

## LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

KI7OI	Robert Norton	June
W0KXM	Roger Moerke	June
K8LHK	James Burdeaux	June
KF2QA	Don Peterson	June
WA9TV	Jack Richards	August
W6NTX	Dan Pierson	August
KA3VIY	Jack Norman	August

## NEW LICENSE ISSUED

Donald Steele AC7YL Amateur Extra, he also holds Canadian call VE3PFC.

**CHUCK HILLIKER W7KIV – SK**

It is with great sadness that we report to the unexpected death of Chuck Hilliker on April 14. Chuck was the Webmaster of the Club's web sites, and was quietly instrumental in many other ways in helping to keep the Club operating efficiently. His interests over the years have included amateur radio comprised television, HF band dx-ing, satellite communications and digital communications. He was a former vice-president of both WVARC and the Astronomy Club, and was an avid amateur deep sky astrophotographer. We extend our sympathy to Chuck's widow, Sylvia WA2MFR. At its April 21 meeting, the WVARC Board voted to send a gift to the Challenger Space Center in Peoria in Chuck's memory.

**A TRIBUTE FROM CHUCKS' SON**

My mother thought it appropriate that I write my thoughts down for Short Skip since I shared in my father's interest in amateur radio. As I disconnected his various HAM radio equipment memories flash before me of him sending CW off to some distant region of the world. I recall early boyhood memories when I was just a bit taller than his desktop containing his stacks of radios. I recall as I grew taller helping him build some of his radios and running cables through walls. My father sparked my interest in radios and other technical and engineering practices, and through his patience I grew to success in the computer industry. He was very proud of me working at Microsoft. I recall vividly my father practicing CW with me so I could attain my Novice HAM license several years ago. As I continue to tear down his precious HAM shack, I keep looking over my shoulder expecting him to become fumed at me for doing so! I chose to keep my father's handheld 2-meter radio as a reminder of a special relationship. 73 Dad!

Howie – KA7WRO

**Dr JOHN VAN SUCH AA7JA – SK**

To those who knew John, Julie and Glenn Wade report that he had been in an extended care nursing facility since having a stroke March 18. On Sunday April 13 he went into a coma and died on April 16. Memorial services were held both in Flagstaff and in Phoenix. We express our sympathy to John's widow, Helen and their family.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

Tom Cain – KB8ZL -- PO Box 358, Nashville, MI 49073.

Les Hillman – KC7PRE – change e.mail address to: kc7pre@sbglobal.net.

Al Diebel --KB8NSN 9942 W Concho Cir Sun City (Consult Web Ed. Of Roster for e.mail's)

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

Two members have volunteered as net controllers for the Morning Call-in Net on 2 meters. Don KD7UGO and Mike KD7MMB join Tom WA6ULD, Lee AB7HW, and Jason W7JME. Still more volunteers are needed to assure day-to-day coverage. If you're available, contact Lee Chrisman AB7HW at 480-483-6584.

**LATE RENEWALS / NEW MEMBERS**

Bruce Kabana WB7SRC, 7221 W Palo Verde Ave, Peoria

Teresa Kabana KD7VGK, 7221 W Palo Verde Ave, Peoria

Richard Kemp W7JIH, 10117 W Oak Ridge Dr, Sun City

William Young W5TGW, 11071 Pleasant Valley Rd, Sun City

Consult Web ed of Roster for phone-email

## MAY 3 FCC LICENSE EXAMS

10 candidates were examined

- 7 earned Technician licenses
- 1 earned General license
- 2 earned Extra licenses

### ADMINISTERING VEs

Robert Miner KA7NPQ, Liaison  
 Ed Beyer WU7A  
 Joseph Cutitta W0SLL  
 Dwight Yard KB7KON  
 Harold Taylor W7HVT  
 David Morrill N7TWT  
 Glenn Wade N7JWF  
 Richard Piggott WB2LKU  
 Yoshi Sano K7YS  
 Bob Bianca KN7E  
 Bill Kuchinski KB7MDX  
 Elzie Campbell AA7TU

### SPECIAL THANKS

... to the following VE's who participated in a special VE session Tuesday evening (April 29, 2003). W0SLL – Joe, N7QB – Stan, N7JWF – Glenn, N7TWT – David!

### MANY THANKS TO RICH PIGGOTT – WB2LKU!

While many of us were wondering what would happen to the WVARC Web site, due to the unexpected death of Chuck Hilliker, Rich Piggott quietly stepped in and shouldered the task. Chuck developed a superb web page, and Rich is the kind of person who will keep up that fine tradition!

### FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry Saturday June 7. 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. The revised Element 2 (Technician Class Written exam) question pool will be used after June 30, 2003 at exam sessions. Special Notices: There will not be any VE testing at DeVry the months of July, August, and September. The next testing session will be October 4.

### 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 e.mail-- handiham@couage.org, or point your browser to [www.handiham.org](http://www.handiham.org).

### ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER NEWS

Look for changes and updates on the ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER Website at: <http://www.W7ASC.ORG>.

If you are restricted by CC&R's and would like to do more hamming...If you would like to see more young Hams getting their licenses...If you would like to work modes that you can't at home...Try volunteering at the AZ Science Center W7ASC Ham Shack today! HELP! WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS NOW! Spread the word at your Ham Club! Call me and volunteer now! --73 de KG7QJ Bob Burleson 480-961-1109, e-mail: [kg7qj@cox.net](mailto:kg7qj@cox.net).

**FOR SALE**

Cushcraft R-7 (40-10M) antenna, \$100.  
Contact Stan K7PLO – 623-933-4073.

From the Estate of Chuck Hilliker:

1. Transceiver, Yaesu FT757GX with W/MDI and Manuals, Antenna Tuner, Yaesu FC757AT, and Power Supply, Yaesu FP757HD, \$550.
2. Dual Band (2M-70Cm) Transceiver, Yaesu FT5200 - \$125.
3. SWR Power Meter, Yaesu YS500 - \$50.
4. Coax Switch B&W 376 - \$10.
5. Low Pass Filter, B&W 425 - \$25.
6. 2M Handheld Transceiver, Kenwood TR2500, with leather case, 12 V DC adapter-charger, SMC25 Spkr-Mic - \$40.
7. Pakrat PK232MBX - \$60.
8. 10-40 M balun - \$5.
9. Code Key – Speedex, \$5.
10. Soldering gun kit, Weller, in case, \$15.
11. 2 dynamic microphones, Sony F26 - \$5.
12. Ham TV Converter-encoder, Vin Plus, \$25.
13. Muffin fan, 4-1/2", 110 volt. \$5.
14. Antenna, mag mount – 2M, \$10.
15. Wire – tinned copper 14 gauge, approx. 300' coil, \$5.

For viewing or purchase, contact Stan Swartz, K7PLO, 623-933-4073.

**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

**BOOK REVIEW**

*Hello World: A Life in Ham Radio* by Danny Gregory, Paul Sahre, Princeton Architectural Press, Inc. April 2003.

Danny Gregory found an album filled with QSL cards in a flea market and bought the fascinating curiosity. Ham operator Jerry Powell had collected the cards over 70 years, operating from his Hackensack, New Jersey home. The album led co-authors Gregory and Sahre to explore the hobby and its personalities and their activities. They found that Hams were not “nerds” but were folks who used emerging technology to expertly communicate to all parts of the world. Governments recognize their skill as a significant national resource. The final interesting “twist” in this story is that both Gregory and Sahre have become Hams!

**SOME JUNE, JULY CONTESTS**

ARRL Field Day Jun 28-Jun 29 [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

ARRL June VHF QSO Party, Jun 14-Jun 16  
[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

Marconi Memorial HF Contest, Jun 28-Jun 29

[www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/therules.htm](http://www.qsl.net/ik6ptj/therules.htm)

RAC Canada Day Contest Jul 1

[www.rac.ca/CANDAY.htm](http://www.rac.ca/CANDAY.htm)

IARU HF World Championship Jul 12-Jul 13

[www.iaru.org/contest.html](http://www.iaru.org/contest.html)

FISTS Summer Sprint Jul 12

[www.fists.org/sprints.html](http://www.fists.org/sprints.html)

QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint Jul 13

[personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/sumhom.htm](http://personal.palouse.net/rfoltz/arci/sumhom.htm)

IOTA Contest Jul 26-Jul 27

[www.blacksheep.org/hfcc/](http://www.blacksheep.org/hfcc/)

**Ft Tuthill Hamfest July 25,26**

Details: <http://www.arca-az.org/arca/>

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