



West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	November 1	VE Exams, DeVry		7:45 AM
Monday	November 3	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	November 8	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8 AM
Monday	December 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
Saturday	December 13	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	8:00 AM
Daily	Call-in Net		147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

I want to thank Kevin, KD7DFV, our program chairman, for the excellent program he procured for our October meeting. We had 84 in attendance.

The November meeting program will be a video and dissertation by Tony, N7BQ, on his large collection of telegraph keys. Hope to see you there.

Stan Swartz K7PLO

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

Tony Rogozinski N7BQ has a large key collection (telegraph keys and bugs) for you phone guys!!

Tony will present part of this collection both in hardware and in slide show format for our November program. It is an outstanding program which you will not want to miss. Also at this meeting we will receive nominations for club officers for 2004. Who do you know who could well fill one of these offices? Check with him/her and ask if you could nominate them.

CALLSIGN CHANGE

NF7F Gary Ferguson was WX7GF

Ed Beyer	WU7A
Joseph Cutitta	W0SLL
Bob Bianca	KN7E
Glenn Wade	N7JWF
Rich Tannehill	W7RT

LICENSES EXPIRING SOON

W6RP	Paul Chaney	Nov 03
WA7UID	Philip Hazlett	Nov 03
N9VVT	Lester Dickinson	Dec 03
N6XCC	Jim Russell	Jan 04
W9MVB	Ben Logan	Jan 04
K9IVB	Richard Faust	Jan 04
KB8NSN	Al Diebell	Jan 04
KF2PW	Al Cohen	Jan 04
N7JB	Jim Bradley Jr	Jan 04
KA9TAA	Vern De Witt	Jan 04
AB7BD	Doc Greene	Jan 04

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Walt Schwiebert – W8EPO – Freedom Plaza,
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AZ 85381. Telephone 623-972-0307

Diana Hayes N7YKT- and **Tim Hayes -**
KF7XY- 8529 W. Las Palmaritas Dr. Peoria

OCTOBER 4 EXAMS AT DeVRY

- 20 candidates were examined
- 6 earned Technician licenses
- 3 earned General licenses
- 2 earned Extra licenses
- 1 earned Element 1 credit
- 3 failed Element 1
- 3 earned Element 2 credit
- 2 failed Element 2
- 3 earned Element 3 credit
- 1 earned Element 4 credit

ADMINISTERING VEs

Robert Miner	KA7NPQ, Liaison
Harold Taylor	W7HVT
Dwight Yard	KB7KON
Richard Piggott	WB2LKU
Bill Kuchinski	KB7MDX

NEXT FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday November 1. 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.**

ANNUAL DUES

The Year 2004 dues will be collected on and after November. Please note the membership renewal/application form included in this issue of Short Skip. The Treasurer requires a completed form with each dues payment.

DONATED EQUIPMENT FOR SALE
From Floyd Emanuel – K7BN

1. 2M mobile/base Kenwood TM201A, w/sp-40 mobile spkr & Kenwood MC48 Mic (key pad & up/dn buttons) \$65
2. Headphones, Kenwood HS-6, light weight \$10
3. Microphone, Kenwood dynamic 600 ohm, up/dn buttons, 6 pin plug . \$15
4. Zoom microphone, Azden ECZ-660, AA batt. inside, 1/8" plug \$25
5. .VHF Amp, Heathkit HA201A, rf in/out, 12v ext jack \$25
6. Antenna – vertical MFJ 1796, new, needs parts \$80
7. Dummy Ant Gentec 510U, 50 ohm @500w. \$20

8. Filter – audio model PNN-1 “peak & notch selector sw” 9 volt \$15
9. Speed-X semi-auto key, E.F. Johnson S//N 114-501, chrome plated. \$50
10. Hand key, original J-38 bakelite base (Antique) \$30
11. Hand key (2 each) brass plated, one is plywood board mounted) \$15
12. Headphones, model 20-210A lite weight, 1/8” mini-plug w/long cord \$8
13. Meter – DC amps 0-15, Shurite Model 850, mounted metal box \$8
14. Meter–DC amps 1-25, Shurite model \$6
15. Headphones, large , \$5

If you are interested in of the above listed items, call President, Stan K7PLO. 623-933-4073750,.

FOR SALE

Anixter Mobile antenna (40-20-15-10) meters and magnetic mount \$100.

WA9RKI – 623-972-0923 or rudstro@aol.com.

MFJ Voice Keyer Model 434 with remote key pad, all cables and manual...\$100. Westmountain Rig Blaster complete with software & manual.....\$50 All in great shape -- selling because my new rig has all this built in. **Ron-K6OP** ronk6op@juno.com or 623-546-5710.

Alinco DX 70T HF& 50MHZ All mode Transceiver - \$450.00, like new condition.

Robert Miner, KA7NPQ, Phoenix. 602-997-2465.

COMING EVENTS

AARC ANTIQUE RADIO SWAP MEET

21st Annual Arizona Antique Radio Club Fall Swap Meet Saturday, November 8, 8am-noon at Antique Electronic Supply, 6221 S. Maple Ave, Tempe. The gates open for buyers and sellers at 8am and there will be a consignment

auction at 10am. The swap meet is open to the public, but you must be an AARC member to sell. For an online membership application, further information on the swap meet, or to donate something for the auction, refer to www.azarc.org

. **Palo Verdi NGS Siren Test** – November 5
Volunteers contact: John WA9HBT 623-566-2018 or Richard K7VCI 623-846-1615.

Annual Ladies Night and Ham of the Year Award -- Friday November 14 at Palmbrook Country Club, 9350 W. Greenway Rd, Sun City. Happy Hour 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Dinner and Program 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER MEETING

The slate of events for our December meeting always includes Election of officers for the next year, and their installation, and a year end party to which our “significant other” is always invited. Put December 6 on your calendar!

HERE AND THERE AMONG US

A note has been received from Sylvia Hilliker, thanking the Club for the gift to Challenger Space Center in memory of Chuck Hilliker – W7KIV.

SELECTED CONTESTS

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB Oct 25-Oct 26
www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cqwwhome.html

10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW Oct 25 – Oct 26
www.ten-ten.org/calendar.html

IPA Contest, CW 1 Nov
www.ipa-rc.de/cont-e.htm

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW Nov 1-Nov 3 --www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html
North American Collegiate ARC

Championship, CW Nov 1 - Nov 3.
www.collegiatechampionship.org

Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone Nov 8 – Nov 9
www.jarl.com/jdxa/7j2yaf_photo/7j2yaf-1.htm

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest,SSB Nov 15 –
 Nov 17
www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html?year=2003

North American Collegiate ARC
 Championship, SSB Nov 15 – Nov 17
www.collegiatechampionship.org

CQ Worldwide DX Contest,CW Nov 29-Nov 30
www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cqwwhome.html

VANITY FEE INCREASE

The FCC has announced that the new Amateur Radio vanity call sign fee of \$16.30 for the 10-year license term will go into effect September 9.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DRILL

WVARC was requested by Sun Health to take part in an emergency preparedness drill for area hospitals. Both Del Web and Boswell hospitals participated along with another dozen area hospitals in a mock disaster drill. These types of drills are part of Federal Homeland Security programs.

WVARC members were located at various locations in both hospitals and were used as back up communication for hospital staff. It was a learning experience for us as well as hospital emergency drill personnel. We learned things about equipment positioning and communication with our repeaters from within the hospital and hospital staff found out how we can help them when regular communications are not reliable.

My thanks to all the volunteers for their time and effort. Participating in these drills help fulfill our arrangements with the two hospitals to host our repeaters. Richard Haworth W7MDQ

Del Web Hospital participants:

Don Bastien: KD7UGO Net Control &
 Team Leader
 Bert Davidson / W2GOB
 Ted Walker / KJ7V
 Alfred Diebel / KB8NSN
 Pete Pedersen / W7KTK
 Jerry Basso / W9JIF
 Ron Rasmussen / K6OP
 Frank Baldrige / K2ATV

Tom Watts / NY7S - Relay man at home
 for both Del Webb and Boswell.

Boswell Hospital participants:

Richard Haworth / W7MDQ
 Augie Allen / KB0RUL
 Calvin Cruse KA7BET
 Gene Melton / AK9N
 Carol Melton / AK7N
 David Cain / AC7CS
 Nora Rossman / KD7WKA
 Fay Delaney / KC7TOJ
 Harold Van Dyke / KD2PH
 John Laue / KD7LMC

Richard Delaney / KG7MR stood by on both 2 meters and 440 as a backup relay for Tom Watts during the entire drill.

WANTED

The COURAGE HANDI-HAM SYSTEM maintains an equipment loan program, and needs your donation of used Ham gear. Volunteers at the Handi-Hzm 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 appreciated. Your donation is fully tax-deductible. Call toll-free: 1-866-426-34442 or e.mail: handiham@courage.org, or point your browser to: <http://www.handiham.org>.

NOTE--Deadline for providing input to the next Short Skip is Saturday November 15