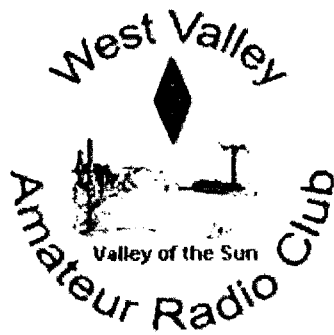


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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	December 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			(15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)	
Saturday	December 2	VE Testing	DeVry University	7:45 AM
			(2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix)	
Saturday	December 9	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
			(14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City)	
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	(98 th Avenue & Bell Road)	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

Palo Verde Siren Test - a Success

On Wednesday, November 15, the annual Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Siren Test was held. David Morrill, N7TWT, coordinated our participation. We had a good number of club members participate. No roster of our participation was available, so we do not have a list of our attendees. We were about six people short of having enough amateurs to staff all of the sites. A couple of sites had to be staffed with Palo Verde employees. The test was a success. One siren that was known to have problems was the only one to fail to start. Hopefully, we can have enough participants next year to cover all of the sites. The luncheon was catered by Dillon's restaurant with outstanding BBQ again this year.

Election of 2007 WVARC Officers

Our annual election of WVARC officers will occur at the beginning of next month's club meeting on December 4th. Ron Rasmussen, K6OP, was our nominating committee chairman and coordinated the following list of candidates. A big thank you to Ron for all his work in developing this list.

President	David Cain	AC7CS
V President	Steve Mc Culley	W7TZ
Secretary	Marty Colburn	K4VM
Treasurer	Phil Walker	W1PW
2007/8 Board	David Morrill	N7TWT
2007/8 Board	Pat Lynch	K7NFB

Nominations will be received from the floor. Please check with nominees before submitting their name.

HAM OF THE YEAR – STAN SWARTZ K7PLO

Having been involved in a variety of activities in the West Valley Amateur Radio Club — including being its President in 2004 — Stan Swartz K7PLO is well known to most of us. For the benefit of any who may not have attended Ladies' Night Out on November 10, here are some additional tid-bits.

Our Ham of the Year was born in Ohio on Valentine's Day in the early part of the last century, the oldest of nine brothers and sisters. He became interested in radios at the age of 14, and experimented with old radios given to him by neighbors. Later in life his wife Betty (KC7TOI) had to share their home with a radio repair shop which Stan operated in his spare time. This was long before the days of TV – a time when probably more Americans were listening each night to "Amos 'n Andy" than to any other available program.

Stan entered the U.S. Army in 1939, and is a Pearl Harbor survivor. Reputable people have reported that Stan met Betty when she was an Army Nurse, on a troop train, and refused to get off the train until she would give him her name and phone number. (He has always been able to spot quality when he sees it!)

After his discharge from the Army in 1945, Stan took a position with Graybar Electric Co. in Flint, Michigan. Five years later he moved the family to Phoenix because of the need for a drier climate.

In 1955 the family moved to Tucson, where Stan became the manager of a new Graybar Electric store. At that point a neighbor, who was a Ham, made arrangements to teach Stan the fine points of Ham Radio, but then died of a heart attack that same night. Thus our "Ham of the Year" never had what has become known as an "Elmer" – an older Ham to coach a would-be Ham into this venerable club. Stan had to do it on his own.

In 1989 the Swartz family moved again—this time to Sun City, where in 2004 Stan became President of the West Valley Amateur Club.

Currently Stan provides a great service to the Club as he stores in his garage, Ham radio equipment donated to the Club, and lists in Short Skip and on our web page, all kinds of excellent bargains. In addition Stan serves as one of the Directors of the Club.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Dec 2, 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. ARRL VEC Exam Fee is \$14 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 Nov 4, session at DeVry – 13 candidates were examined

- 11 earned Technician license
- 1 earned General License
- 1 earned General Credit
- 2 General Element 3 Failed
- 1 earned Extra Element 4 Credit

Administering VEs**Robert Miner KA7NPQ Liaison**

VE Team:

Edward H. Beyer – WU7A
 Joseph Cutitta – W0SLL
 Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Robert W. Gormley – WA1MHZ
 Robert Knight – N7LPD
 Richard Koch – W7DIC
 David Morrill – N7TWT
 Shelly Newman – AB7LQ
 Kenneth Peloquin – N7PHO
 Harold V. Taylor – W7VHT
 Yoshi Sano – K7YS

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The City of Peoria has formed an Emergency Communications Group. Duties will include staffing EOC's amateur radio station; assisting EOC tactical dispatchers; participating in the EOC GIS committee; and conducting monthly tests of radio and telephone equipment.

Hams interested in participating may contact Edward Ryan N7VEX at 623-486-3901 M-F 1730 - 2100; or by e-mail n7vex@qwest.net.

WHEN MARITIME RADIO WAS AN IFFY THING

In the beginning, wireless radio stations were installed aboard luxury ocean liners as a service for fee (and another revenue stream) to passengers who might want to conduct their businesses or monitor their securities while underway. But events were to occur that transformed shipboard radio from a luxury option to a safety necessity.

In a dense fog at 5:30 AM on January 23, 1909, the White Star Lines liner "Republic" with 1700 passengers under way to southern Italy, was struck by the Italian liner "Florida", 50 miles south of Nantucket. The Florida, sailing from Italy with 900 Italian immigrants, opened a gash below Republic's waterline near its boilers. The Republic's crew delayed the ship sinking by shutting down the boilers; but this left the vessel without electric power for lights and radio.

The Marconi Company wireless operator on the Republic was 25 year old Englishman John Robinson (Jack) Binns. Jack hooked up emergency batteries and sent the Marconi Company distress call "CQD". For two days in freezing conditions, he sent out 200 messages to help guide rescue ships to Republic's position. Only 5 people were lost on both ships. The Florida was not equipped with a transmitter.

Jack was honored with parades and awarded medals from several nations for bravery Marconi gave him a gold watch. He testified before Congress on the advocated for radios on passenger ships, but he was not heeded. He returned to England and resumed his duties at Marconi Company there. After a few years, Marconi offered Jack a very prestigious assignment. But Jack, recently married, rejected Marconi's offer and took a journalist job in the US. During World War I he was a radio instructor in Canadian Flying Corps.

In 1924, Jack went to work for the Hazeltine Corporation, an electronics firm, founded that year on Long Island, New York by Alan Hazeltine, the inventor and patent grantee of the automatic volume circuit (AVC) used in AM receivers. Jack became the company's chairman of the board in 1957. He died two years later.

The prestigious job assignment Jack had turned down, was chief radio officer on the Titanic. Business needs would keep Marconi in England, but his wife and children had reservations on the inaugural voyage of the liner. Marconi's daughter became ill on the day before and the family, in disappointment, cancelled their reservations.

EXPIRING LICENSES

N8GZ Ted Drake February
WA2EKF Robert Persichitti February

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sharon Cain WB8YAC Surprise
Dave Collins AD7JT Sun City West

CHANGE IN CALL SIGN

Phil Weaver, KB7DLZ is now W7DLZ.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Saturday, December 2
Superstition Amateur Radio Club
Mesa Community College
Location: Dobson Road and US Route 60
Talk-In: 147.120 (PL 162.2) & 449.200 (PL 100)
Contact: Ron McKee, KD7FGY
773 West Tumbleweed Road
Gilbert, AZ 85233
Phone: 480-510-3025, Email: kd7fgy@cox.net
<http://wb7tjd.org/hamfest/>

Saturday, January 13
Westfest by Thunderbird ARC
Glendale Community College
Location: 5900 West Olive Avenue
Glendale, AZ
Talk-In: 146.70 - (PL 162.2)
Contact: Steve Grouse, W1ADW
7523 West Ironwood Drive
Peoria, AZ 85345
Phone: 623-521-1036, Email: w1adw@cox.net
<http://www.w7tbc.org>

Monday, February 5
Annual Ham Radio Equipment Auction
West Valley Amateur Radio Club
St. Clements of Rome Social Hall
15800 North Del Webb Blvd.
Sun City, Arizona
Sellers register at: 5:30 PM'
Buyers admitted at 6:30, auction starts: at 7
Talk-In: 147.300 MHz, +600 offset (PL 162.2)
Fee for selling applies.

Contact Ken Solheim, WN7DRX
15874 West Grand Isle Way
Surprise, AZ 85374
Phone: 623-544-2827
Fax: 623-544-2827
Email: hamauction2007@cox.net

DAN PIERSON W6NTX (SK) HONORED

The West Valley Amateur Radio Club has memorialized Dan, one of our outstanding members with a plaque and contribution to the Challenger Space Center in Peoria. His name appears in the same general area where several other outstanding members of our Club who are now Silent Keys are recognized.

SERVICE OFFER (Advertisement)

I buy used electronic and radio equipment. Also I can work for you as a Handyman doing antenna work or odd jobs, and am willing to take used equipment if you prefer, as payment. Please call Scotty Rathjen W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send an e-mail to: w7sw@arri.net.

HAM HOME REAL ESTATE (Advertisement)

Are you or someone you know looking for a Ham Home? I can help you find a home with a tower or one where a tower can be added. Call or email me to get started. Richard Haworth W7MDQ Coldwell Banker Success Realty 602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Advertisement)

Computer consultant: in-home tutoring, problem solving, hardware and software installations, virus detection and removal. Patient professional with 30+ years in the computer field. Call Larry at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295.

2007 DUES

A renewal /application form for Year 2007 was mailed in last month's Short Skip. Year 2006 memberships will expire in January. Members whose dues reach the Treasurer by February 5 will be listed in the printed edition of 2007 Roster of Associated Members and on the web page. Those who renew or join after then will be listed on the web page. Application forms may be downloaded from the web.

WANTED: 2 meter 440 mobile dual bander like IC 208H or similar. Tnx. AA7RM Bill at 623 876 8805

OLD BUG some time ago, someone was looking for an old "bug" to restore. Fred Jones N7QV has an old no-name bug that this person can have. Call him at 623-214-7054.

VE TEAM MEMBERS,

I am looking for help! We will have 20 - 30 Candidates looking to take the Element 2 - Technician Exam on January 23, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Church of Latter Day Saints., 22034 N. 83 Ave. (83rd ave. / Deer Valley Rd.).

The Exam session will be located in the Gym. VE Team Members should arrive at 6:45 PM to setup.

Please Contact me if you can help! Thanks!
KA7NPQ - Robert Miner - VE Manager

For more info about the location contact David Despain - K7DLD 623-376-2457 or k7dld@cox.net. (he is our contact person for the Church).

FOR SALE

Heathkit Laboratory Generator, Model IG -1	\$10
Heathkit RF Signal Generator, Model IG -102	\$10
Heathkit VTVM, Model IM-18 w/manual	\$10
RF probe for VTVM w/manual	\$5
High voltage, 30 kv, probe for VTVM	\$5
Heathkit 5 inch Oscilloscope, Model IO - 30	\$15
Heathkit Cantenna Dummy Load, 1kw,	\$15
Heathkit Hybrid Phone Patch, Model 15	\$10
Heathkit Multimeter manual for Model MM - 1	\$5
Alpha Delta DX-CC Shorten Dipole Antenna,	\$75
Cushcraft ARX-2B Ringo Ranger II Antenna,	\$10
2M 1/2" copper hard tube J Pole Antenna	\$5
Radio Shack 102 inch Stainless steel whip	\$10
Unadilla W2AU 1:1 2kw PEP Max	\$15
Radio Shack Micronta 43 range Multitester,	\$20
Micronta 22 range FET Analog Multitester,	\$30
Kenwood SP - 520 Speaker, Grey, 8 ohm	\$30
Kenwood DM - 81 Dip Meter Like new	\$50
Superior Electric Variac 115v in, 0-120v out	\$15
JW Miller Low Pass Filter C - 514 T, 2 Kw	\$30
MFJ -1702B Coax Antenna Switch	\$10
Physics Research Lab Precision Milliammeter,	
0 - 6, 30, 120 Milliamp	\$5
Physics Research Lab Precision DC Voltmeter,	
1-120, 300, 600 V	\$5
Kenwood SP520 spkr 8 ohm like new	\$30
Kenwood DM-81 Dip Meter like new	\$50

I am preparing to move and am closing out.
Call E. Cadiz N7CXZ at 623 937-0272, or e-mail ecadiz@att.net

Deadline for material for next issue of
Short Skip is Saturday December 16, 2006