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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	April 2	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 7	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	7:45 AM
Saturday	April 14	Monthly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City	8:00 AM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	9:00 AM

PREZ SEZ

Again, I want to thank all of our volunteers for the great jobs they are accomplishing. With the recognition of 17 VEC volunteers in December, 27 volunteer officers and committee people in March, and well over 20 volunteers for the auction, we indeed have a great club. While it would be inappropriate to add all those numbers together, because many do multiple jobs, it does indicate how many tasks are required to have a well functioning club.

The next edition of the WVARC Roster (2007) has been sent to the printers. It should arrive in your mail in the next week or so. One of the new committee changes that will be in the roster is in effect now, and that is the new VEC Coordinator is David Morrill, N7TWT.

We want to thank Bob Miner, KA7NPQ, for his many hours of work. For those of you who may not know it, our VE team provides exams for several other organizations and special occasions, well beyond our own club activities. Just another example of our great volunteers.

Well, it is getting warmer. For those of you who have not done your annual (or periodic) antenna maintenance, time is probably getting short. Whether the antennas are outside or in the attic, summer temperatures are not far away. Hope you have a good time on the bands. See you at the next meeting or one of the breakfasts.

David Cain AC7CS

EXPIRING LICENSES

N7JFA	Stan Mintz	July
K1KE	Everett Anderson	July
KB7AUH	David Morris	July
AK7N	Carol Melton	July

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James J Hanft K6VJT	Surprise
David Morris KB7AUH	Phoenix

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday April 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. 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.**

26 candidates were examined March 3:

2	earned	Amateur Extra Class	License
19	earned	General Class	License
4	earned	Technician Class	License
1	failed	Element 3 (General)	Exam

Special Exam Session in Tempe March 1, 2007 at the Church of Latter Day Saints – 65 candidates were examined

9	earned	General Class	License
54	earned	Technician	License
1	failed	Element 4 (Extra)	Exam
4	failed	Element 3 (General)	Exam
1	Failed	Element 2 (Technician)	Exam

NEW VE LIAISON/MANAGER

Robert Miner KA7NPQ, who has been VE Liaison/manager for several years, had announced that he would relinquish this position following the DeVry session scheduled on June 2, 2007. Fortunately David Morrill N7TWT “stepped up to the plate”, at the March Club meeting, so the change is now scheduled to take place on April 1st. Thanks for your years of service, Bob, and thanks to you, David for being willing to take on a very critical position in local Ham Radio!

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Saturday April 14

Swapfest
 Sponsor:
 Arizona Amateur Radio Club
 Begins at sunrise
 Location:
 DeVry University Campus
 2149 W Dunlap Avenue Phoenix
 South Parking Lot

Saturday May 5

Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest
 Sponsor:
 Cochise Amateur Radio Association (CARA)
<http://www.k7rdg.org>
 Location:
 Green Acres, Sierra Vista Arizona
 Talk-In: 146.76 Tone 162.2
 Contact: Pat Thies, KD7HAB
 Phone: 520-378-6829
 Email: patkd7hab@aol.com

Friday July 6 - Sunday July 9

2007 ARCA/Williams Hamfest
 ARRL Arizona State Convention
 Sponsors
 Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA)
 ARRL Southwestern Division Arizona Section
<http://www.arca-az.org/>
 Location: Williams Arizona

ARRL LEVEL 1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CLASSES.

Steve Garber, KE7JDR, has completed the ARRL ARECC emergency communications Level 1 class which is offered on the internet. He has offered to have classes on this course to assist those interested in advancing their knowledge in this area. He is considering a classroom setting every other week that will allow time for the students to complete their homework. This could greatly assist those who are interested in emergency communication, but are less comfortable in taking classes online. All those interested, please contact Steve at 623-842-3124. He would like to get a class started soon.

TEDDY BEAR REPORT

David and Cindy Morrill report that 1,389 Plush Animals have recently been purchased, making a total of over 1,440 animals in 43 bags to share with

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22 different agencies. These agencies (police, fire departments etc) then make these stuffed animals available to children who are experiencing trauma in their lives. (This is the outgrowth of the Club's Christmas project).

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

To date, 196 dues-paying memberships have been received. As of mid March last year 189 had been received, so we are slightly ahead on memberships for 2007.

ACTION TAKEN RE SILENT KEYS

At a recent Board Meeting, the following resolution was approved: *"That dues paid for the coming year be returned to the families of members who become Silent Keys after payment of their dues, but prior to January 31 of the year for which they paid"*.

ARIZONA HB 2595

This Bill incorporates FCC preemption known as PRB1 that requires local communities to make "reasonable accommodation for Amateur Radio antennas and structures. It further applies that "reasonable accommodation to HOA's". The Bill passed the Rules Committee by a unanimous 9-0 bipartisan vote on March 12. It now remains to be seen what may happen when the Bill reaches the Senate. Little by little the importance of Ham Radio in emergencies is being recognized!

AUCTION SUMMARY

We had 117 registered Bidders; 27 registered Sellers; 23 people who donated their effort to the auction who contributed an estimated total of 243 'people-hours'! The Auctioneers presented a total of 357 'Lots', of which 278 were bought. The auction opened at 7:00 PM as planned, but did not end until 11:30 PM, though we scheduled the end to be at 10:00 PM. This was primarily an effect of having more than 100 items greater than were offered

in 2006. It was also noted that the 'average time' the auctioneers used to present each of the 357 items was 115 seconds. Also noted is the fact that none of the auctioneers got any 'break' during the 4-1/2 hours' session!

Auction Results: Total auction sales \$8,065. Sellers equipment was \$5,343 with the remaining \$2,720 being Donated Equipment previously collected and organized by Stan Swartz, our

coordinator for this equipment. We also collected \$49 for 'minimum bid fees'. Overall total auction 'Inflow was \$8,114. After writing checks to the sellers, etc. the net gain to the club was \$3,170. Our promise had been to pay Sellers within 2 weeks, but our checks to sellers were mailed just one week after the auction.

SERVICE OFFER *(Advertisement)*

I can work for you doing antenna and tower work or as a Handyman doing odd jobs, and I am willing to take used equipment, if you prefer, as payment. I also buy used electronic and radio equipment. Please call Scotty Rathjen W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send an email 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.

Lets give a big thank you to all those who helped make the 2007 WVARC Ham Equipment Auction a tremendous success, by giving many hours of their time:

David Cain AC7CS, Richard Haworth W7MDQ, Vern DeWitt AD7AM, Kristy DeWitt KD7CSM, Phil Walker W1PW, Stan Swartz K7PLO, Ron Phillips AE6QU, Lou Caldwell W7HX, Paul Playford W8AEF, Ron Rasmussen K6OP, David Morrill N7TWT, Cindy Morrill KD7JVW, Mike Smith K7MMB, Bill Young AA7BY, Mike Adams AD7HQ, Al Lee W6KQI, Faye Delaney KC7TOJ, Scotty Rathjen W7SW, Rich Piggott WB2LKU, Jerry Basso W9JIF, Dave Collins AD7JT, Roger Matschke WA9MSR, Art Beaupre WA0LXC, Charles Deshaies KE7IBG, Paul Rumford K6IMZ, Larry Purchase KE7JXQ, Glenn Wade N7JWF, Julie Wade KC7FQI.

And, to next years Auction Coordinator I suggest you keep these names real handy! Fortunately for the Club there are always those who don't know how to say NO. (hi hi) Ken Solheim WN7DRX

ARRL LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

The following legislative positions were developed to guide the efforts of ARRL volunteers and staff during the 110th Congress of the United States (2007-2008).

The ability of the Amateur Radio Service to maintain and expand its benefits to the public rests on two key elements of public policy: adequate access to the radio spectrum and the ability to install and operate effective Amateur Radio stations.

Frequencies allocated to the Amateur Radio Service are the technological equivalent of a "national park," where all may enjoy a natural resource for the purpose of experimentation, education and voluntary emergency communications, provided they demonstrate, through testing, that they are responsible users. Like allocations to other radiocommunication services, the allocations to the Amateur Radio Service offer protection against interference from other services as well as from unlicensed emitters.

The ARRL supports measures that preserve and protect access to existing Amateur Radio Service and Amateur Satellite Service frequencies as a natural resource for the enjoyment of all properly licensed individuals, and protect against interference from unlicensed emitters.

An Amateur Radio station is only as effective as its antenna. Increasingly pervasive private land use regulations (covenants, conditions and restrictions) limit radio amateurs' housing choices to such an extent that in many parts of the country it is not possible to install an effective Amateur Radio antenna in a residential area. The ARRL supports the right of federally licensed radio amateurs to be able to install *reasonable antennas* on their own homes.

To implement these two key elements of public policy in the 110th Congress and to serve the public interest, the ARRL has adopted the following legislative objectives.

Objective #1: The ARRL seeks legislation to extend the requirement for "reasonable accommodation" of Amateur Radio station antennas (a requirement that now applies to state and local regulations) to all forms of land use regulation.

This could be achieved by amending Section 207 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to add the phrase, "...or that preclude or otherwise do not reasonably accommodate communications by stations federally licensed in the Amateur Radio Service."

BACKGROUND: In 1985 the FCC established a limited preemption policy that fairly balanced the *federal interest* in protecting and enhancing Amateur Radio emergency and public service communications and the *state/local interest* in exercising jurisdiction over land use policy. This limited preemption policy is set out in §97.15(b) of the Commission's Rules:

Except as otherwise provided herein, a station antenna structure may be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur service communications. [State and local regulation of a station antenna structure must not preclude amateur service communications. Rather, it must reasonably accommodate such communications and must constitute the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the state or local authority's legitimate purpose. See PRB-1, 101 FCC 2d 952 (1985) for details.]

This policy has worked well for more than 20 years and has withstood judicial review. It has encouraged reasonable accommodation of Amateur Radio antenna systems in residential areas by municipal land use authorities and in numerous cases has avoided unnecessary litigation. However, the FCC has declined to extend the policy to private land use regulations in the absence of a Congressional mandate.

The federal interest in protecting and enhancing Amateur Radio emergency and public service communications and in promoting the Amateur Radio Service generally as a benefit to the public is the same in areas that are subject to covenants, conditions and restrictions as in areas subject only to state and municipal land use regulation.

Accordingly, the ARRL seeks from Congress an instruction to the FCC to apply its longstanding preemption policy to all types of land use regulations, consistently and without discrimination.

<p>Deadline for material for next issue of Short Skip is Saturday April 14, 2007</p>
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