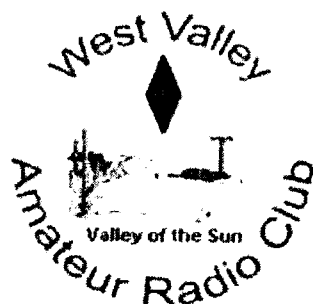


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WVARC CALENDAR

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|-----------|---------------|-------------------|--|---------|
| Monday | Aug 6, Sept 3 | Monthly Meeting | St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday | October 6 | VE Exam Session | DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix | 7:45 AM |
| Saturday | Aug 4, Sept 1 | 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

This is one of the two "combined" issues each summer, so please read the meeting information for both months on Page 2.

I hope everyone is staying reasonably cool this summer. It's amusing that the record temperatures other parts of the West are enduring sound normal for us in Arizona. Obviously, this is the season to postpone our antenna work and maybe check out some of the northern Arizona repeaters and hamfests that are at higher altitudes.

With great sadness, I note the passing of two of our members this past month. I also lost a member of my extended family during this same time frame. This really emphasizes the fact that we should not postpone enjoying our time with families and friends and letting them know how much we appreciate them. Details of the Club's members' passing are included in this issue of the Short Skip.

A special thanks to Cindy Morrill, KD7JVW, for volunteering to be Club Secretary for the rest of the year. Phil Walker W1PW has been doing double duty as Treasurer and Secretary for several months.

Elzie Campbell AA7TU has become a Silent Key. An Editor for the Short Skip is needed. Our very capable Membership Chairman, Rich Piggott, WB2LKU, has agreed to edit this issue and maybe one more while we find a replacement. However, his membership duties keep him too busy to take on another job. We need a volunteer "very soon".

I want to thank Richard Haworth, W7MDQ, for chairing our membership meetings this summer. He and Augie Allen, KB0RUL, volunteered to assist with the meetings while I am away for the summer. It is great to have a good cadre of volunteers.

David Cain AC7CS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Helmke KC7WGH Sun City
 Kevin Jacobson AD7OI Phoenix
 Marvin Nesius K9MEN Sun City

EXPIRING LICENSES

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|--------------|--------|-----------|
| Kent Byrd | W4NKB | September |
| Rich Haworth | W7MDQ | September |
| Harold Polk | N3HP | October |
| Howie Weger | KA3RAR | November |

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

Doors open 6:30 PM. Meeting starts 7PM

Monday August 6

Presentation:

A Grid Tie Home Solar Energy System

Presenter:

Clark Jones KI7TU

The Sun shines brightly in Maricopa County more than 315 days a year. Clark collects the abundant solar energy and converts it to electrical energy for use in his Gilbert Arizona home and for sale to his electric power company. His presentation includes a slide show of the system.

July 1, Governor Janet Napolitano signed a bill that forbids HOAs to block the installation of solar panels

Monday September 3

Presentation:

DX-pedition to VU7

Presenter:

Paul Playford W8AEF

Last January, Paul with the DX-pedition traveled to Lakshadweep Union Territories, a group of islands in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Mumbai India. The lush green islands and hospitable islanders make the Union Territories a popular tourist place. Bring your whole family to enjoy a great travelogue with narration and photographs by Paul.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 6th, 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.**

At the June 2nd, session at DeVry, 14 candidates were examined:

1 earned Technician, 9 earned General, 1 earned failed General, 3 earned Advanced Extra class licenses

Administering VEs

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

Robert Fairfield K7RQN, Robert Gormley WA1MHZ, Richard Koch, W7DIC, Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO, James Scherfling WB8CMG, Glenn Wade N7JWF, Ted Samplin KA7RGF, Yoshi Sano K7YS, Jim Skinnell KB7EOG.

At a June 30th session at David N7TWT's home: 4 candidates were examined: 1 earned Technician, 12 earned General, 1 earned Amateur Extra class licenses.

Administering VEs

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison, Joe Cutitta W0SLI, Robert Miner KA7NPQ, Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO, Aaron Tobias KE7HHO.

David Morrill N7TWT

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & EVENTS**Saturday Sept 7 – Sunday Sept 9**

2007 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention

Sponsor: HAM CON

Location: Marriott Hotel

3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, California

For full details visit:

<http://www.hamcon.org/>

Saturday September 29

ADA WALK FOR A CURE (WEST VALLEY)

Volunteer Amateur Radio operators needed for a charity walk for the American Diabetes Association, held at Midwestern University on 59th Avenue just South of Loop 101. This is an evening event gathering at about 5 PM and ending by about 8 PM. Contact Dennis Campbell KA7VAB

480-419-043

Maricopa County Emergency Communication Group

(MCECG)

See <http://www.nz7c.net/events.php>.

Saturday October 20

Tucson Hamfest

Sponsor: Old Pueblo Radio Club

ARCA Meeting 11:00 AM

Location: Electric Park, Kino Sports Park

Tucson Arizona

No contact information available.

Articles for Short Skip needed urgently.

BOSWELL HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DRILL

On May 31 2007, ten members of the WVARC participated in an emergency drill with Boswell Hospital. Boswell and Del Webb hospitals give us roof space and power for our 2 meter and 440 repeaters. In exchange, we back them up with emergency communications when called on and we participate in periodic drills with them to keep our skills sharpened.

This particular drill was done in conjunction with the Peoria and Glendale Fire Departments as part of the preparations for the upcoming Super Bowl game and DVR Open Golf Tournament in February 2008. With these two large events happening on the same weekend, there is concern that one of them might be a tempting terrorist target. So, preparations are being made on many levels against that eventuality.

The following club members are warmly thanked for their participation in the drill: Augie Allen KB0RUL, Faye Delaney KC7TOJ, Charles Deshaies KE7IBG, Roger Matschke WA9MSR, Steve McCully W7TZ, Harold Polk N3HP, Donald Purland W7GIT, Mark Saunders KJ7BS, and Ken Solheim WN7DRX. We were well represented and our part of the drill went off with a hitch. We had some first timers there who had an opportunity to get some on-the-site training.

We covered seven different areas in the hospital, relaying traffic about the "patients" and other matters as needed by the hospital staff.

Well done to all.

Richard Haworth W7MDQ

JERRY FERGUSON WF7F

Member Jerry Ferguson of Sun City Arizona died from heart failure June 14. He was 66 years old.

Jerry acted as net controller on the 9 AM Call In Net since 2004 when he joined WVARC. He was a regular attendant at the Thursday Breakfasts where he was very companionable and an interesting conversationalist.

He retired from the Hawthorne, California Police Department as a Detective Sergeant Arson investigator. He had served in the United States Navy earlier.

In addition to WVARC, Jerry was also an active member of the Choir Boys - Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. And he enjoyed the sport of Pistol Shooting.

Survivors include his widow Lydia, children Brian and Kathy, brothers Gary NF7F (WVARC member) and Dale, and granddaughter Brianna.

A memorial service was conducted at Chapel of the Chimes Mortuary in Glendale Arizona

ELLSWORTH CAMPBELL AA7TU

Short Skip Editor Ellsworth (Elzie) Campbell died June 27 in Mansfield, Ohio. He became the editor in 2003 replacing Sid Body KC7DHR, who had died suddenly. Elzie was also Club Secretary in 2004 and 2005.

He held an Amateur Extra license and regularly served as a Volunteer Examiner. Other Ham activities included Navy MARS operator, and "rag chewing" on the HF bands.

He was an ordained Lutheran minister. His professional careers included service as a Navy Chaplain, and Family Counseling (he was a Ph. D clinician). He founded and was pastor of churches in Yuma Arizona and in Imperial County California. He piloted his private plane between the two congregations.

He was honored as WVARC Ham Of The Year in November 2005 in recognition of his service to the Club, Ham radio, and the community.

Elzie died 2 days after a stroke while spending the summer in his birth state. He was 80. He is survived by wife Bernice, 2 sons, a sister, and 3 grand children. A memorial service is planned to be held in Sun City West when his widow returns in the Fall.

Closing date for material for next issue of
Short Skip is Saturday September 15, 2007

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HAM HOME REAL ESTATE (Ad)

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

LICENSE RENEWAL

Often Hams seeking to renew their licenses ask us where to get renewal forms. Usually they are Hams who last dealt with the FCC 10 years ago and are bemused by the changed procedures. Here is a synopsis what has been changed, and how to renew a license.

In December 2001, the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau implemented the **COMmission REgistration System (CORES)** and the **Universal Licensing System (ULS)**. The systems enable you to renew or modify a license online without a paper form.

Online Filing

The FCC says: *The Universal Licensing System is the easy, online answer to wireless licensing needs. It simplifies the application and licensing processes through the Internet and results in reduced filing time and financial savings for both customers and the federal government.*

Online filing usually is simple and fast, but a computer and Internet service are required. You can complete the filing in less than 30 minutes. The changes will appear within 24 hours.

To access the ULS web page go to:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

The page will very gently guide you through the ULS Online System. If you do not have a personal identifier ten digit FCC Registration Number (FRN), then you must register with CORES first. All licenses issued after 2001 exhibit a FRN. Check the call books to ensure you do not have a FRN before applying for a number. Click on the "REGISTER" button to open the secure FCC Registration page and set your personal access password and get your number.

All instructions are clearly expressed, free of jargon, and easy to execute successfully the first time.

To renew your license, click on the "LOGIN" button on the URL given above, to open the secure ULS License Manager page. Note the universal system is for the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Services: Aircraft, Amateur, Commercial, GMRS, and Ship.

Electronic Filing Services

A VEC is an organization that coordinates exam sessions and forwards required application data to the FCC electronically. VECs are permitted to charge a fee for filing Amateur Radio Service

renewals (but not vanity call sign applications) for a fee. The VEC will also get a FRN if needed. The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) is an association of VECs. Their form NCVEC Quick Form 605 must be filled out and mailed to the forwarding VEC. FCC will not accept this form.

Two VECs offer this service nationally:

ARRL-VEC offers it free to ARRL members and for \$14 to others. Members receive NCVEC 605 3 months before license expiration date. Contact: ARRL, 225 Main St Newington, CT 06111, Phone: 860-594-0300.

W5YI-VEC charges \$8. W5YI mails a form to Hams 3 months before the expiration date of their licenses. Contact: W5YI-VEC, P O Box 565101, Dallas TX 75356. Phone 817-860-3800.

RENEWAL BY DIRECT MAIL TO FCC

FCC calls it **renewing manually**.

Except for Vanity Calls, FCC does not charge a fee.

Have the required FCC forms mailed to you by calling 1-800-418-FORM (3676).

All applicants must have a FRN to do business with FCC. Check to see if you have a number. If you don't, request CORES Registration Form. 160. Mail the filled out form to the Washington DC address in the instructions.

When you have your FRN you may file for renewal. Request **FCC 605 Main Form** Quick-Form Application for Authorization. If you want your call sign changed systematically also order **Schedule D** - Schedule for Additional Data in the Amateur Radio Service.

There is no fee if you are not applying for a vanity call sign. Mail completed form to Gettysburg Pennsylvania as shown in the instructions.

You might need some telephone help filling forms. Phone 1-888-CALL-FCC, (1-888-2255-322).

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SERVICE OFFER (Ad)

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@arrl.net