



# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	December 3	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	December 8	Monthly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City	7:45 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

To all of you, a merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. We are about to close out another year. It has been another great year for the WVARC. Our treasury is in great shape. We have had volunteers for all of the critical positions in the club. Membership renewals are progressing well. If you haven't renewed yet, now is a good time. If you don't have the renewal form, we will have some at the club meetings or you can download it from the website.

The annual club election of officers will be held at the beginning of the December meeting. Thanks to David Morrill, N7TWT, volunteering to be a candidate for President. We now have a full slate of officer candidates. There will be a chance to nominate candidates from the

floor, but please coordinate with the candidate before you nominate them. More information on the candidates will be in a later article of this Short Skip.

After the election of officers, we will adjourn for the annual Christmas or Holiday party. Details on what to bring are in another article in this Short Skip.

As my term of club President comes to a close, I want to sincerely thank everyone for their great support for the club. Our members have made this a very enjoyable job. While I must take a break from club duties, we have a highly qualified group of people to continue the leadership of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club. Again, I thank you all for making this a memorable and satisfying experience.

David Cain, AC7CS

**DECEMBER PROGRAM**

Doors open 6:30pm. Meeting starts 7pm

**Monday December 3**

*Christmas/Holiday and Year End Party*

*Nomination and election of officers and directors for 2008.*

We will have the usual goodies for the celebration. Please bring 10 to 15 cookies or other deserts for sharing with the members. The club will provide the coffee and punch. The club will provide all the cups, plates, and napkins. Come and enjoy some good food and conversation with our members.

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

**NOTICE: NO FCC LICENSE EXAM TESTING**

There will NO longer be testing at DeVry after 30 years of doing so. They have decided to not open up the campus on weekends anymore.

I hope to locate another location in the mean time.

At the November 3rd, session at DeVry 7 candidates were examined. Four earned Technician Class license and three earned General Class license.

Administering VEs

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO

Robert Fairfield K7RQN

Robert Gormley KS7U

Robert Miner KA7NPQ

Joe Cuttita W0SLL

Harold Taylor W7HVT

Paul Jorgenson KE7HR

James Scherfling WB8CMG

William Martin AI0D

*David Morrill N7TWT*

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

KC0XZ	June Snyder	January
W8FWF	George Poland	March
KF4NI	Ruby Byrd	April
AH6R	Carl Huie	April
WB7PKW	Lloyd Purcell	April

Renew after 90 days before expiration date

**DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS**

With the Christmas season upon us many of us won't get a chance to work many of this months Special Event Stations (SES), but for those of you that can, here is a list of the stations that should be looking for your call.

**Dec 1:** Smokey Mountain ARC W4OLB 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Dec 1-2:** Chesapeake ARC W4CAR Revolutionary war battle of Great Bridge, VA

**Dec 1-9:** Historical Electronic Museum ARC w2w usage of electronics during Pearl Harbor

**Dec 7:** USS Kidd ARC W5KID Pearl Harbor Day

**Dec 7-9:** AB5BG Pearl Harbor Day

**Dec 8:** USS Midway ARC NI6IW Pearl Harbor Day

**Dec 8-9:** Coos County ARC N7C Coast Holiday Light Event

**Dec 8-10:** Christmas City & Delaware-Lehigh ARC WX3MAS Annual Christmas Greetings

**Dec 13-24:** WO6T Santa's Workshop

**Dec 15-2:** Northern Panhandle ARC W8ZQ Festival of Lights

**Dec 24-31:** Siesta Wireless Society N1C New England Christmas

**Dec 30-Jan 3:** Siesta Wireless Society N1Y New England New Year's Eve

**Dec 31-Jan 2:** Siesta Wireless Society N1N New England New Year's Eve Straight Key Night

Well I hope that this list will give you a reason to get on the air this month, and enjoy the Christmas spirit.

I would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring kindness to all!

*Bruce Kabana, WB7SRC*

**ANNUAL AUCTION FEB 4 2008**

It is not too early to start thinking about the annual auction. We need a volunteer to act as assistant to Ken Solheim, WN7DRX, as auction coordinator. See Ken or any of the club officers if you can help. The auction start time will be the same as last year. Seller registration will start at 5:30 pm. Buyer registration at 6:30 pm. The auction will start promptly at 7:00 pm. Now is the time to start organizing the "stuff" you want to sell and making the list of those items that we think we can't do without. The auction is one of the highlights of the year, so don't miss out on the fun.

*David Cain AC7CS*

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2008**

The following candidates have volunteered to run for office:

President	David Morrill N7TWT
Vice President	Lou Caldwell W7HX
Secretary	Cindy Morrill KD7JWW
Treasurer	Phil Walker W1PW
Director 2008-2009	Ron Phillips AE6QU
Director 2008-2009	Stan Swartz K7PLO

With David Morrill volunteering for the President position, he would vacate his 2007-2008 Director position in mid-term. Our Constitution states in Article III, Section 1(D) that the Board may appoint a member to fill the remaining term of any vacant position. This would be the normal process if a position was vacated during the year. It was the Board's recommendation that since a 2007-2008 Director position may be vacated during this election process, that the membership be given the opportunity to decide if a special election should be held for the one year remaining in this Director position.

It is proposed that this be a two step process during the December club meeting. The first step will be for the club to vote on whether to elect someone for the one year remaining of the Director position or to let the Board appoint a person after January 1st, 2008 to fill the position. If the membership votes to select a Director for the one year remaining, then nominations will be accepted from the floor and an election accomplished from the available candidates.

This will be an action item after the regular election of officers. If you have any questions or comments, there will be an opportunity for discussion in the motion/second/discussion phase of the process. If you want to nominate someone, please do them the courtesy of coordinating with them first.

*David Cain AC7CS*

<p>Closing date for material for next issue of Short Skip is Saturday December 15th, 2007 email. <a href="mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com">shortskip@yahoo.com</a></p>
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**UPCOMING HAMFESTS**

Saturday December 1  
Sponsor: Superstition ARC  
<http://wb7tjd.org>  
Maricopa Community College  
1833 West Southern Blvd  
Mesa, AZ  
Talk-In: 147.12 (PL162.2)  
Contact: Ron McKee, AJ7T  
773 West Tumbleweed Road  
Gilbert, AZ 85233  
Phone: 480-539-5596  
Email: [AJ7T@cox.net](mailto:AJ7T@cox.net)

Saturday January 12  
Westfest  
Thunderbird School of Global Management  
59th Ave and West Greenway Road  
Glendale, AZ  
Sponsor: ThunderBird ARC  
<http://www.w7tbc.org>  
Talk-In: 146.70 (PL 162.2)  
Contact: Bob Lowry, K7UNL  
5338 East Juniper Avenue  
Scottsdale, AZ 85254  
Phone: 602-996-4150  
Email: [lowryco@cox.net](mailto:lowryco@cox.net)

Friday-Saturday February 15-16  
Yuma Hamfest & Electronics Expo  
Sponsor:  
Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization  
Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 East 32nd Street  
Yuma, AZ  
<http://www.yumahamexpo.com>  
Talk-In: 146.840- (PL 88.5)  
Contact: George Scott, III, K7YMA  
2408 South Greenwood Avenue  
Yuma, AZ 85364-6813  
Phone: 928-314-0025  
Fax: 928-314-0025 (On request)  
Email: [k7yma@roadrunner.com](mailto:k7yma@roadrunner.com)

**JANUARY 2008 PROGRAM**

Presenter: Ron Douglass N17J from Scorpion Antennas He has designed and manufactured really nice custom built Amateur Radio adjustable antennas and accessories locally.

**PALO VERDE SIREN TEST 2007**

I want to thank everyone that participated in the Siren Test this year. All the sirens went off with out a hitch, everyone got back to the Buckeye Airport and we had a very nice meal together. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves while doing a nice Public Service Event and I am looking forward for the next on in November 2008. With the population growing out there I am sure they will probably add another siren and hope to get a few new hams to participate.

*David Morrill N7TWT*

**HAM AUCTION**

Want to sell some of that surplus ham radio equipment? Maybe buy a little more? On Monday, February 4, 2008 the West Valley Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual ham radio equipment auction. The auction will be held at our usual meeting place, the St. Clement of Rome Social Hall, 15800 North Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, Arizona. Seller registration starts at 5:30 PM, Bidder registration at 6:30 PM and the auction starts promptly at 7:00 PM. Sellers will need to fill out Lot Ticket describing equipment being offered. The Lot tickets will be available at Sellers registration. To help save time, starting in January 2008 the Lot tickets will be available at the WVARC meeting, anytime from an officer or board member and at the Thursday morning breakfast at Lou's Tivoli Gardens. Lot tickets will also be available by mail if requested via the auction email at hamauction2008@gmail.com. WVARC retains 10% of the selling price for all auction items sold which is used for the general benefit of the club. Sellers of items successfully auctioned will be paid their net proceeds by WVARC club check sent via mail within 14-days of conclusion of the auction.

P.S. As in every year, we will need the help of volunteers. To help out, please email Ken Solheim (WN7DRX) at the above address or call 623-544-2828

*Ken Solheim WN7DRX*

**NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Ad)**

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

**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

**Wanted:** Heathkits, (Amateur Radio related), and Manuals, Robert, K7RQN, 623 566-2320.

**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. Please call Scotty Rathjen W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send an email to w7sw@arrl.net

<p>Share the pleasure of Ham Radio. Write an article for Short Skip.</p>
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**SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION 2008**

The Southwestern Division Convention planning is well underway. I expect next month we will announce the prize package and with some luck, we will have the online registration system functional. We have more than 20 confirmed speakers, and expect this will be a very notable event. The Mesa Marriott will be offering a limited number of rooms for \$99/night but I expect these rooms will be picked up quickly so if you are going to be staying at the hotel, make your reservations early. Reservation information will be updated on the web when we have completed our negotiations with the Marriott. [www.azhamcom.org](http://www.azhamcom.org)

*Rick Aldom WTSTS*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS/NEW MEMBERS**

Year 2007 memberships will expire January 31. One third of members have renewed their memberships for Year 2008 so far.

Members whose 2008 dues payment accompanied with an application/renewal form reach the Treasurer by the February Club meeting will be listed on the WVARC website and in the 2008 Roster Booklet mailed to members' with the April 2008 Short Skip. Members whose dues are received after that date will be listed on the WVARC web site only

Application renewal forms will be available at meetings or may be downloaded from the web and printed.