



WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	May 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	7:45 AM
Saturday	May 12	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

Once again, our club volunteers have stepped up to the plate and met some of our critical needs. Phil Walker, W1PW, printed the Short Skip envelopes that carried this issue to you and checked out the process of using the new laser printer. As usual, Gordon Willis, K7GSW, stuffed the envelopes and took them to the Post Office. Mark Saunders, KJ7BS, volunteered to take over the envelope printing job and will start the process with the June/July issue of the Short Skip. Many thanks to Mark for volunteering. Mark Saunders and Travis Gardner, KE7EUL, have also volunteered to start developing a ham license class. They are in the beginning stages of working out the details. (See page 3 this issue).

We have two critical needs for volunteers. We need a Secretary, because Marty Colburn, K4VM, has had a health issue develop that is slowing down her participation in our meetings. We also need a program coordinator that can help us get interesting programs for our meetings.

Speaking of programs, our May program will be a discussion of antenna protection and grounding by our Vice President, Steve McCully, W7TZ.

By the time you read this, all 1440 of the "teddy bear" stuffed animals will have been delivered. A great big thanks to David, N7TWT, and Cindy, KD7JDW, Morrill, Lou Caldwell, W7HX, and Richard Haworth, W7MDQ, for helping in the delivery of the stuffed animals.

We will be voting on a bylaw change in the May meeting. The board is requesting to delete the requirement for bonding of the Treasurer when the aggregate amount of the club funds goes above \$10,000. Details will be provided in the meeting and we will have a time for questions. In accordance with the bylaws, the issue was covered in the April meeting.

Hope to see you all at the May meeting.

David Cain AC7CS

EXPIRING LICENSES

N7JFA	Stan Mintz	May
K1KE	Everett Anderson	May
KB7AUH	David Morris	May

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Don Bean	AD7MR	Glendale
Kent Byrd	W4NKB	Sun City
Ruby Byrd	KF4NI	Sun City
John Frost	W8PHG	Sun City West
Donald Purland	W7GIT	Peoria
Bob Tastet	KD7YBK	Surprise

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday May 5, 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 April 7, session at DeVry – 36 candidates were examined

- 11 earned Technician Class license
- 18 earned General Class license
- 4 failed General Class
- 9 earned Extra Class license

Administering VEs**David Morrill N7TWT Liaison**

VE Team:

Joe Cutitta – W0SLI
 Robert Fairfield – K7RQN
 Robert Gormley – WA1MHZ
 Richard Koch – W7DIC
 Robert Miner – KA7NPQ
 Kenneth Peloquin – N7PHO
 Yoshi Sano – K7YS
 James M. Scherfling – WB8CMG
 Harold V. Taylor – W7HVT
 Glenn Wade – N7JWF

SPEAK UP, OLD-TIMERS!

Your Short Skip editor is looking for some personal accounts of how present day Hams in the Club got into Ham Radio, along with interesting sidelights along the way. W6IWR and W9BB have "stepped up to the plate" so far. Who's next?

IT'S CALLED IMPROVISATION

The DeVry Testing was scheduled for April 7th. On April 5th our new VE Liaison manager, David Morrill N7TWT, got an email saying that DeVry would be closed on that weekend. So the VE's rounded up some tables and chairs from home and some shade for the VE's and did the testing anyway. The 36 applicants used the picnic tables with a shade structure to take their tests, and everyone seemed to enjoy the experience.. What came to mind was "Field Day" but what they actually had was "Field Testing:" David N7TWT and Cindy KD7JVW provided a nice cake and something to drink for the VE's . In addition to the testing, the VE's that day presented to Robert Miner KA7NPQ, a gift certificate to Black Angus to thank him for all the work as our past VE Liaison/Manger

EMERGENCY DRILL – BOSWELL HOSPITAL

This drill, time to be announced, will be held on May 31. For further information or to volunteer, contact Richard Haworth W7MDQ, 602-370-1450.

RECENT VOLUNTEERS

At the April Club meeting President David Cain AC7CS asked for volunteers for a number of positions. Mark Saunders KJ7BS has volunteered for two of them – Short Skip envelope printer and Ham License Instructor. Thanks, Mark! Travis Gardner, KE7EUL, volunteered to assist Mark. We are still in need of someone to fill the role of Club Secretary, due to the illness of Marty Colburn K4VM, as well as a Program Coordinator, and Auction Coordinator (for next February).

MOTION TO CHANGE THE BYLAWS

The present bylaws require "that the Treasurer shall be bonded if the combined treasury assets exceed \$10,000 for 30 consecutive days". As required by the By-laws, two members, Harold Van Dyke, KD2PH and Ron Phillips, AE6QU presented a motion at the April meeting that would completely eliminate the bonding requirement (and cost) for the Treasurer. This will be acted upon at the May 7, 2007 meeting.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BPL?

For a complete explanation of BPL and its uses, check Wikipedia on the internet. Look up http://wikipedia.org/wiki/power_line_communication

UPCOMING HAMFESTS**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**Saturday June 2**

White Mountain Hamfest

Sponsors

Kachina Amateur Radio Club

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA)

Show Low Intermediate School

Doors open from 7:00 am to noon. Admission \$1

Information: info@whitemountainhamfest.com<http://hamfest.kachina-arc.org/>**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

Talk-In: 146.78 PL 91.5

Contact: Doug Collins KE6JUK

760-220-7710 ke6juk@hotmail.com**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.

SENATOR HARPER KILLS HB 2595

HB 2595 which called upon municipalities and communities governed by deed Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R's) to reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio antennas, passed in the Arizona House of Representatives by a vote of 56-2. HB 2595 was effectively killed for this legislative session, however, because Senator Jack Harper (R-4) declined to move the bill forward for consideration. Harper has not responded to an ARRL request to explain why he held the bill, but it is probably safe to assume that he felt (or imagined) pressure from HOA's to ignore it.

To date, 23 states have adopted PRB-1 legislation, which requires "reasonable accommodation." Maybe next year our Ham friends, who live in areas controlled by unreasonable HOA's, will get their shackles removed!

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Check it out at <http://www.arrl.org/visa>.

DELIVERY OF TEDDY BEARS FOR TRAUMATIZED TOTS

Again this past Christmas season the Club gathered funds to provide stuffed animals for West Valley Fire and Police departments to give to young trauma victims whom they unfortunately meet in some of their crisis calls. Those funds made it possible to buy 1440 of these stuffed animals, All of which have now been delivered.



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

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CORRECTION

In the April Short Skip it was stated 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!”* Well, dear readers, the actual facts are as follows:

Auction time: 4.5 hours = 270 minutes = 16,200 seconds /357 items = 45.4 seconds per offered item. (A tremendous job on the part of the auctioneers!) Interestingly, Phil Walker W1PW figured that if each item had taken 115 seconds, the auction would have lasted 11.4 hours (and every attendee would have by that time been fast asleep!)

Any volunteers for the 2008 Annual Auction? – Contact President David Cain AC7CS – 623-910-4191.

FOR SALE – Equipment donated to WVARC

Keyer	Bencher	\$60.00
Transceiver	Alinco DR119	\$80.00
HT Transceiver	Icom IC-2AT	\$50.00
Mic/ Speaker	Yaesu MH12A2B	\$25.00
Headset	Trimm (Antique)	\$10.00
Antenna	G5RV	\$25.00
Headset / Mic	Icom HS-10	\$20.00
Voltmeter	Heathkit 1m-18	\$20.00
Transceiver	Icom dual band 1C3230H with Astron 7A Power supply	\$130.00
Meter	Triplett 310-C	\$20.00
Antenna	Larsen LM-220 Trunk Mt	\$15.00
Antenna	Larsen LM-MM Amount	\$20.00
Antenna	Larsen Magmount	\$15.00
AC Power Strip (3)	(each)	\$5.00
Battery Charger	Yaesu NC-28B	\$15.00
Antennas (5)	Various Makes (each)	\$5.00
Car Adaptor Charger	Yaesu PA-3	\$10.00
A-C Adapter	Icom BC-25U	\$15.00
Desk Lamp w/magnifier		\$15.00

For information call Stan K7PLO at 623-933-4073 or e-mail k7plo@cox.net

FOR SALE:: ICOM 144 MHz Transceiver IC-2SAT, Mint condition. Contact debjuno@yahoo.com

Deadline for material for next issue of Short Skip is Saturday May 12, 2007