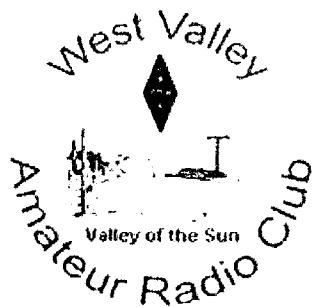


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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	November 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	November 3	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	7:45 AM
Saturday	November 10	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

By this time, the national exercise that Phoenix participated in during October will be in the post mortem analysis stage. I hope our assistance to our hospitals (Boswell and Del Webb) was a positive contribution. A big thanks to Richard Haworth, W7MDQ, Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA, and David Morrill, N7TWT for their help in organizing the teams. A special thanks for all those that took time out of their busy schedules to participate in the exercise.

At a time period when many radio clubs are discontinuing hamfests and dissolving their clubs, it is important to realize how valuable an asset we have in the WVARC. We are the second largest club in Arizona with over 200 members. We are very healthy financially, in a period when many clubs are starving for money. We are an incorporated club with an IRS designation of a 501(c)3 tax exempt service organization.

In order to keep this classification, we have to register with the Arizona Corporation Commission every year with our list of officers.

The slate of four officers and two directors for 2008 must be announced in the November meeting. The officers serve for one year; the directors two years

If we do not elect these club officers, we will lose incorporation status and our IRS tax exempt status. It was very difficult two year process that the club went through to get this classification and we may not be able to qualify for it again due to our more limited participation in public service events now. We really need someone to step forward to volunteer for the President position. Your club's survival depends upon it. Anyone interested can call me at 623-910-4191 or email me at [ac7cs@cox.net](mailto:ac7cs@cox.net) to discuss it or volunteer.

David Cain AC7CS

**NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Doors open 6:30 PM. Meeting starts 7PM

**NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>:**

Jim Henderson, KF7E, will be presenting his DXpedition trip to Iceland. Having talked to some who have seen his presentation at the CADX club, it promises to be a great photo tour of the expedition. The photography is great and covers topics that are of interest to more than just contesters. Come and experience the interesting topic and location that Jim will be presenting to us.

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday November 3rd, Exams start at 8:30 AM and all tests must be concluded by 10:30 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 October 6th, session at DeVry University, 11 candidates were examined

9 earned Technician Class license

2 earned General Class license

1 earned Extra Class license

**Administering VEs**

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

Joe Cuttita W0SLL

Robert Fairfield K7RQN

Robert Gormley KS7U

Robert Miner KA7NPQ

Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO

Yoshi Sano K7YS

Harold Taylor W7HVT

Glenn Wade N7JWF

*David Morrill N7TWT*

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

KA3RAR Howie Weger November

KC7ZZU Charles Poulton January

W1UGX Joel Ekstrom January

KC0XZ June Snyder January

Renew after 90 days before expiration date

**CALL SIGNS CHANGED**

Jerry Basso W7JIF was W9JIF

Bob Gormley KS7U was WA1MHZ

**SPECIAL EVENTS****November Special Events**

Here is some of the Special Event Stations (SES) during November.

**FIRST WEEKEND:** Remembering the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald; West Virginia Broadcasting Hall of Fame; and a few other events.

**SECOND WEEKEND:** several SES in celebration of Veterans Day; Thunderbird ARC will be at the NASCAR race at Phoenix International Raceway; Oklahoma Centennial Statehood Day; Marine Corps birthday and in honor of Greg (Pappy) Boynton; and a few other events.

**THIRD WEEKEND:** SES in Paulden, AZ to celebrate the birthday of the National Rifle Association; Oklahoma Centennial Statehood Day SES resumes.

**FOURTH WEEKEND:** SES in honor of the 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of the S.S. Portland, Ten-Ten International celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the first landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Massachusetts.

For more information about these SES please see the special events column in QST or on the ARRL website at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org). Enjoy the hunting!

*Bruce Kabana WB7SRC*

**HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS**

*Saturday December 1*

Superstition Amateur Radio Club

**ARCA Meeting 11:00 AM**

Miracopa Community College

1833 West Southern

Mesa Arizona

**Talk-In:** 147.12 MHz, PL162.2

**E CAMPBELL AA7TU MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial service was held for Short Skip editor Elzie Campbell Saturday October 6 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West. 10 WVARC members were among the 300 attendees. This Club donated fifty dollars to the Lutheran World Hunger Fund, and fifty dollars to Habitat For Humanity of the West Valley in memory of the years of his service as our Secretary and Editor.

**RON GUTSHALL K0JUZ MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The memorial service for Ron was held October 4 at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City. Rich Piggott WB2LKU, Membership Chairman, sent a message of condolence on behalf of WVARC. His widow responded, "Thank you so much. The service was a very lovely one and even better than I had anticipated. The weather held up and he would have really been pleased. Thank you again. Marsha Gutshall".

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DAVID CAIN**

I want to thank David Morrill, N7TWT, for heading up the nominating committee.

At this time we have candidates for all the elected positions except the President. A big thank you to all who have volunteered

I have been a board member for eight years and President for three years. My wife and I have a number of medical issues that must be addressed this next year that will preclude me taking the position for another year. It will be good for the club to have someone with some fresh ideas and programs, since my idea reservoir is running dry.

Our annual auction is a key source of Club funding and allows us to keep our dues at their current low rate. Please see any of the club officers if you can fill this position.

For those of you who would like to contribute to the club's direction and activities, now is the time to volunteer. Apply to any of the club officers for the above urgent needs.

*David Cain AC7CS*

**BOOK REVIEW**

*Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson

Publisher: Crown: October 24, 2006

Here are two stories entangled in one exciting tale. And the stories are from well documented and researched history. The setting is in Edwardian London at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Author Larsen alternates the stories through the book. The people in the stories are presented as fully fleshed out persons rather than historic stick figures.

One story is Guglielmo Marconi's development of the first transatlantic wireless communication. Marconi was young, obsessed, unschooled in science, and secretive. He believed that electromagnetic waves could flow along the curvature of Earth's surface and cross oceans in contrast to the teaching of contemporary physicists. Physicist Sir Oliver Lodge, a rival of Marconi, insisted that electromagnetic waves were evidence that communication with a "next" world of those who had died was possible.

The other story is a tale about a crime. Dr. Hawley Crippen, a homeopathic physician was a self-effacing, mild mannered husband of shrewish woman who was a vaudeville actress. whom he is charged with murdering. He attempts to escape to Quebec on a luxury ocean liner in disguise, with his unsuspecting lover.

Crippen is pursued by Scotland Yard detective Chief inspector Walter Dew on a faster ship. Crippen did not know the world followed the chase through wireless transmissions sent to newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic.

This sensational murder brought international attention to Marconi's achievements and removed skepticism about the usefulness of wireless communication.

An appendix includes notes and bibliography

*Rich Piggott WB2LKU*

**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Board approved Ron Phillips AE6QU, to research a amateur radio outreach program to school kids. He would appreciate any support or recommendations from our club members.

*Randy Helfrich KD7ZAA*

**HAM HOME REAL ESTATE (Ad)**

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

Closing date for material for next issue of Short Skip is Saturday November 17, 2007  
email: shortskip@yahoo.com

**FOR SALE**

5 position Heathkit remote antenna switch model SA1480 with cable \$75 Lou W7HX 623-583-7974, LouW7HX@AOL.com.

**FOR SALE** by Art w0bsg. Closing Station

Transceiver Icom ic756	\$700.00
Transceiver Kenwood TS-570D	\$550.00
Microphone Icom SM8	\$60.00
Speaker Icom SP3	\$45.00
Power Supply Astron RS-12A	\$35.00
Antenna Cushcraft R5	\$75.00
Keyer Bencher BY2	\$50.00
SWR/Wattmeter Heathkit HM-2140	\$45.00
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Matchbox 275 Watt W/LPF	\$110.00
Dummy Load Bird	\$50.00

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