

**WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**  
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**SHORT SKIP**

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**WVARC CALENDAR**

Saturday	April 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	April 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	April 12	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**

I want to thank all of our volunteers of the WVARC for the great jobs they have done. With the recognition of 16 VEC volunteers, 27 volunteer officers and committee people, and well over 20 volunteers for the auction, I am very proud of the volunteers in our club and thank every one of them.

The WVARC Roster (2008) is being sent with your April Short Skip. Please hold onto it so it can assist you in contacting the correct person regarding any questions you have about our club or information within the HAM community.

We want to applaud Rich Piggott WB2LKU for all of his work as membership chairperson. He takes the information we give him and uses it for the roster and Short Skip addresses. This also helps us to list information in the Short Skip about our new members, who needs to renew their licenses, and those returning to our club memberships. He

quietly has done this for us, but due to a health challenge he is resigning from this position. For the time being, Phil Walker W1PW will be doing the membership tasks until we find a volunteer to take it over in the next few months.

Now is a good time to check out all antenna connections before it gets too hot. Whether the antennas are outside or in the attic, summer temperatures are not far away. With the sun spot cycle improving, the bands will just get better as time goes on.

I am so glad that we got our VE testing going again at DeVry and hope the word gets out so that we can have the larger turn outs that we have had in the past. See you at the next meeting, one of the breakfasts, or even at a VE Exam Session at DeVry.

*David Morrill N7TWT*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Tim Beyer Surprise

**WELCOME RETURNING MEMBERS**

*Former members who were not active in 2007*  
David Smith WC9Y Sun City West

**SILENT KEY**

Dick Koch W7DIC - Oct 5, 2007  
Arthur Beaupre, WA0LXC – Feb 18, 2008

**UPCOMING HAMFESTS**

***Saturday May 3 2008***

Larry Warren Cochise Hamfest  
Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
Location; Green Acres  
2756 South Moson Road  
Sierra Vista, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.76(-) (PL 162.2)  
Contact: Lee Ilse, KD7OED  
3785 Mohawk Drive  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650  
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**LICENSE EXAMS**

*Valley of the Sun Locations*

***Tuesday April 15***

Sponsor: Boy Scout Troop 127  
8:00 PM Walk-ins allowed  
*Location:* St Francis Xavier School  
4715 N Central Ave, Phoenix Arizona  
Contact: John H Kelly: 602-264-6854  
Email: [kellyj127@aol.com](mailto:kellyj127@aol.com)  
VEC: ARRL/VEC

**Testing has begun Again at DeVry**

Sponsored By: DeVry Amateur Radio Club  
and West Valley Amateur Radio Club.

Exams start at 9:00 AM and all tests must be concluded by 11:00 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. Exam fee is \$14.00 for all elements taken once. An additional fee applies for a retest of any element. Retest is at the option of the VE's. Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.

The March 1st, session at DeVry – 3 candidates were examined

- \* 2 earned Technician Class license
- \* 1 Failed Technician Class license

**Administering VEs:**

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

**VE Team:**

Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO  
Robert Fairfield K7RQN  
Robert Miner KA7NPQ  
Joe Cuttita W0SLI  
Bill Martin AI0D  
Glenn Wade N7JWF  
James Skinnell KB7EOG

Sponsor: DEVRY ARC & WEST VALLEY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: David Morrill  
(623) 925-0680

Email: [n7tw@arrl.net](mailto:n7tw@arrl.net)

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: DEVRY UNIVERSITY  
2149 W DUNLAP AVE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85021

05-Apr-2008  
03-May-2008  
07-Jun-2008

**APRIL PROGRAM - Echolink Presentation**

Morgan E Hoaglin, WW7B, will be showing exactly what Echolink is. Comparisons will be made between Echolink and IRLP, and WIRES systems. There will be a discussion as to what equipment is needed to run a node or just use one. How to setup an Echolink with a firewall will be part of the presentation. He will also attempt an actual live demonstration. He will also explain some general operational etiquette and some of the public service uses of Echolink.

**WVARC Call In Net at 8 p.m.**

A reminder to all: the WVARC Call in net, has expanded its activities to include an evening net, starting at 8:00 PM.

A little different than the morning net, the evening net is in a round table format. Typically, the net control offers a topic to discuss. All licensed hams are welcome to participate in this net. The Sunday evening features a "Swap Net", which anything electronic can be sold or traded.

Hope to hear you check in.

Chris WB2IVU

**Scottsdale Hamfest**

For those who did not go to the March 8<sup>th</sup> hamfest missed a pretty good one. There was a lot of stuff to look at and VE Testing of 15 applicants. Several members of the WVARC VE team helped out the Red Cross Club, W7IO, with the exams. The weather was a little nippy but turned out to be a beautiful day. From what I could see everyone had a nice day.

David Morrill N7TWT

**THIRD ANNUAL 7<sup>th</sup> AREA QSO PARTY**

This is to notify you and your fellow club members that the Third Annual Seventh Area QSO Party (7QP) will take place from 1300Z May 3 thru 0700Z May 4 (essentially 6am thru Midnight local MST on Saturday May 3).

7th call area stations work everyone, others work 7th area stations only. Work stations once per band/mode. 7th area mobiles (and those participating in other concurrent QSO parties or contests) may be worked again as they enter new counties.

Full Rules and much other info is available at the 7QP website:

<http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=DRYLAND7S&Page=1>

This has become the most active of any new QSO Party implemented in many yrs. In fact, the first year, 2006, it had more activity than any first year of any QSO Party, ever! Pretty impressive.

Thanks to the activity of you folks, Arizona had all of its 15 counties represented in the 2007 7QP. Only two other states (OR, UT) can claim 100% county participation.

Please let your fellow club members know of this great operating activity, and make plans now! Either myself (bobk8ia@aol.com) or Jim KF7E (jhenders@swlink.net) can field any questions you may have.

73, Bob K8IA  
CADXA Contest Coordinator  
Arizona Captain - 7QP

73, Jim KF7E  
Arizona Lt. - 7QP

Closing date for material for next issue of  
Short Skip is Saturday April 12, 2007

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### **YEARS AS A HAM - RESPONSE**

In the March 2008 Short Skip Bill Simons W9BB wanted to know if there are any members who have held a ham license longer than his 66 years.

Bill, I was licensed in February 1939. However, I was much older than you at 18. At that time North Dakota, where I lived, was in the 9th call area so I was issued W9IXC.

That looks like 69 years.

I am not certain about the date but it seems to me that the "Incentive Licensing" program started in August 1965. On the first morning 4 of us who worked together took the extra class exam and fortunately passed.

I have never been a "real ham" but it has been fun just puttering. I got this 2x1 call for contesting in 1981 and then I quit contesting. Sort of fits my puttering attitude.

Bill's question is a good one. Who are the Old Timers?

Ken Uthus KT7E

### **LOOKING FOR TEACHERS FOR HAM CLASSES**

The WVARC is looking for people to teach the Technician, General, and Extra classes. If you would like to teach one of these classes, please contact David Morrill, N7TWT.

### **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; KE7JXQ at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295 or 602-863-0502

### **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.