

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP



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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	October 4	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	August 4 Sept 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	August 9 Sept 13	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
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PREZ SEZ

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

I got a call from Clifford Hauser KD6XH because they needed some one to be in charge of the VE testing up at the Williams Hamfest. So Cindy KD7JVW and I picked up two other VE's and made the trip up there to run the testing for those who showed up. The weather was nice and we tested 5 people.

.A special THANKS to the VE's. Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO, Joe Cuttita W0SLL, Jim Skinnell KB7EOG, John Kopala N7JK, Robert Miner KA7NPQ and his son, Michael Miner KA7RGW, who is a VE in training.

I hope everyone is staying reasonably cool this summer I know that I have been staying in out of the heat as much as possible and saving lots of gas money by staying home.

I have been trying to set up some programs for the club meetings and could use some ideas. So if you can think of something that will be of interest to others I would appreciate hearing about it.

A Membership Chairman is still needed to take some of the load off of Phil Walker W1PW. By volunteering you make new friendships, get to work with special people and get to enjoy many special talents and special interests.

David Morrill N7TWT

WELCOME RETURNING MEMBER

John Frost W8PHG Sun City West

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Douglas Farnsworth N4MPD Sun City

EXPIRING LICENSES

KA7UND James Haveron August
WC9Y David Smith August
Renew after 90 days before expiration date

FCC LICENSE EXAM

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 4th 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. 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 June 7th, session at DeVry – 21 candidates were examined

- 12 earned Technician Class license
- 5 earned General Class license
- 4 earned Extra Class license
- 1 failed General Class license

Administering VEs
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Joe Brian AB7VY
Joe Cuttita W0SLI
Robert Fairfield K7RQN
Robert Gormley KS7U
Paul Jorgenson KE7HR
Bill Martin AI0D
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO
James Scherfling WB8CMG
Rick Tannerhill W7RT

HAM FESTS AND CONVENTIONS

Friday September 12 – Sunday September 14
AzHamComm - Southwestern Division Convention
<http://www.az-arrrl.org/swdc2008>
Mesa Convention Center
263 North Center Street Mesa Arizona
Contact:
Rick Aldom, W7STS
PO Box 27226
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-0137
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AZ SCIENCE CENTER RADIO SHACK

Almost Final Update on the W7ASC Ham Shack move! This is the "official" schedule. The Science center has posted their Calendar Highlights for July thru September. W7ASC is moving up to the third floor in the new "My Digital World" area. "My Digital World" will open for ASC member preview Saturday August 30 and Sunday August 31st (10:00AM to 5:00PM). The W7ASC New Shack Grand Opening will be Monday September 1st. We plan to have capability for almost all of the new digital modes, including digital voice, SSTV, etc. Don't forget that Morse Code is one of the FIRST and oldest digital modes!

We expect to close the W7ASC Shack from Saturday August 9th thru to Friday August 29th for installation, equipment checkout, antenna checkout, and training. Volunteers will be needed to help get the new shack up and running. W7ASC "Summer Hours" will be in effect thru to Friday 8/8.

The General License Class at the Science Center starts July 26th, the weekend after the Williams Hamfest. So far we have 14 students signed up. Give me a call or e-mail if you are interested.

We are still looking for more W7ASC volunteers. We will need Volunteers for 2 shifts per day (9:00-1:00 and 1:00-5:00) after Labor Day. Spread the word at your Ham Club. Call 480-961-1109 and volunteer now. A Volunteer sign-up page is available at www.w7asc.org. We hope to have an updated presentation available in mid-September for the valley Ham clubs and posted on the W7ASC.ORG web page.

*Bob Burlison KG7QJ, (480)-961-1109
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PALO VERDE SIREN TEST

The Palo Verde Siren Test will be held October 29, 2008. If you are interested in doing the Palo Verde Siren Test please email me, **David N7TWT**, and I will put you on the list.

The night before, on Oct 28th, at 7pm there will be a short NET on the 146.94 to answer any questions that you might have.

We will use the 146.94 White Tanks repeater for talk in and for the exercise. We will meet out at the Buckeye Municipal Airport as early as 8am at the APS Hangar. The Airport is just 1/4 miles South of I-10 on Palo Verde Rd on the West side of the road. If you are coming from the Sun City Area then you can take Bell Rd. West behind the White Tank Mountain and the road is called Sun Valley Parkway. It changes to Palo Verde Rd below I-10. There will be refreshments provided by APS. You will need to sign in and you will have time to get to know other hams.

Around 10:30am the Teams will meet up with the APS team leader and you will be escorted out to your siren. There are 47 siren arrangements according to where the population is located. They are 10 one mile rings around the power plant. If there was a leak, the sirens could be turned on according to the wind direction.

As you get to your assigned siren check in with Net Control to let him know that you are in place. The sirens will be set off 2 times. Once at Noon and again at 12:30pm. If the siren did not turn on then you need to let Net Control know.

There is some simple paperwork to fill out and your APS Team Leader will drive by your location and lead you back to the Buckeye Municipal Airport. APS does not want anyone to come back on their own because of the possibility of getting lost and they want to make sure everyone is off of the desert safely.

Once you are back at the Airport you need to check in and turn in your paperwork. After your paperwork is turned in there will be a nice catered lunch and a small gift of appreciation given to you by APS. You should be finished by 1pm.

I have been a HAM for 17 years and this is my 15th siren test. As you can imagine I really enjoy doing this and it is a lot of fun meeting other HAMs and doing public service.

Google map link to Buckeye Municipal Airport:
<http://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF8&ll=33.41912,-112.687798&spn=0.072929,0.184364&z=13&om=1>

David N7TWT

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Please send information to the ShortSkip Editor for the October Issue.

Thank you.

Shortskip@yahoo.com

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

STAN, K7PLO, has decided to close down his station and has the following list of equipment for sale. This equipment is in like new condition and is listed in current ham catalogs.

Call Stan at 623-933-4073 for information.

ITEM	BOOK	SELL
Transceiver ICOM IC 718 w/ut 106 DSP	\$690	\$450
Transceiver A D I AT201 HT w/Spkr Mic	?	\$75
Auto Tuner ICOM AT-180	\$370	\$250
Power Supply Astron RS-35M	\$170	\$100
Keyer Vibroplex #100 Presentation	\$270	\$150
Antenna Hy Gain AV-18HT 160-10 Mtrs	\$949	\$350
Antenna Dipole Beam 20Mtrs H B		\$40
Antenna Spider 5 Band Mobile 80-10 Mtrs	\$205	\$100
Amp. Ameritron Als-600 PS Solid State	\$1130	\$750
Analyzer Mfj-259 1.8-170 Mhz	\$260	\$150
H T Battery Charger Maha MH-C777	\$75	\$45
Coax Switch Alpha Delta-4 Arc-Plug	\$90	\$50

WANTED 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.

Share the fun and your love of Ham Radio: Write an article for Short Skip

**Closing date for material for
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Saturday September 13, 2008
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**