

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	June 6	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	June 1 July 6	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	June 13 July 11	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
Mon-Thur		Call-in Net	147.300 MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz	8:00 PM

PREZ SEZ

One 'benefit' to being President is that you are reminded each month that another month has passed; a meeting, a program, then another PREZ SEZ, and we are ready for another month. I found Dave Zinder's presentation interesting and thought provoking (more on that later). The Center for Amateur Radio Learning is an integrated part of the overall experience provided at the Arizona Science Center. We as HAMS view it as an entity of its own, and viewed differently than the general public. We are proud of Bob Burleson's (KG7QJ) group for giving a small taste of HAM RADIO to the public, and the **kids!** I'm sure they will make good use of the MFJ code key sender we presented to them.

I had the opportunity to attend this month's meeting of the Radio Society of Tucson with Miguel KD7RPP from

Pueblo HS ARC, and I was impressed with their group. I find that I always learn when visiting others meetings, and hope that improves my performance. They will again be having Field Day on Radio Ridge atop Mt. Lemmon North of Tucson. I will be ready to join them and enjoy the cool days and cold nights. The Pueblo kids will be doing an ATV demonstration at Field Day (good for 50 points) and hopefully use the GOTA station for some Low Band experience. It would be worth the trip for others who may wish to brave the long trip. Info is on their WEB page, www.rstclub.org.

CLUB HOUSE REALITY?

Harold Van Dyke KD2PH always beams with pride when he talks of his old club house back East. The Sierra Vista Club shows off their club house and antenna farm once a year at (continued on page 2)

PREZ SEZ continued

Their Ham Fest. Even Radio Society of Tucson is thinking of a chunk of BLM land to throw up a trailer and some antennas. But why would Ron Phillips ask the Board for permission to investigate this possibility for the WVARC!? Well, another advantage of being president is that I receive great and challenging ideas from you, the members. Dick Stout KE7RD, who many of us know from his presentations of Antique Radios, and his museum, wishes to find a permanent home for his Museum. He has personally restored each item like new over the years. That led to the discussion of a location where the club could invite kids and other prospective HAMS to actually touch and operate a station and a SWL receive station. Well, the least I could do is to get Board permission to form a committee, and gather input from members like you who have experience with finding, financing, funding, and operating a club house with station (and museum). Tell me what you know about such projects. We all know that they are hard, otherwise every radio club would have a great club house. Email your ideas to AE6QU@ARRL.net. Also, keep those great program ideas coming.

*Ron Phillips, President, AE6QU
AE6QU@ARRL.net*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Elfritz KF7BUX Surprise
Sudsy Elfritz KF7BUY Surprise
Johnny Hatchel KB7RCT Phoenix
Dick Hale W7PP Stow, Ohio
Lois Hale W8STO Stow, Ohio
Harold Walgren K9EDE Litchfield Park

EXPIRING LICENSES

KD7FVB Marilyn Atherton June
K7PLO Stan Swartz August

Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU SK

I was saddened by the news of the death of Ken Ehrhardt KK7NU in April. Ken and his wife Sandra KK7UY were Extra Class Volunteer Examiners and very active with the WVARC VE Team. They served sessions dependably in the early years of Century XXI that were very busy years of examination activity. Sessions then were held every month - no summer breaks - and as many as thirty and more were examined at a session. And there were three written exams for four classes of licenses and 20, 13, and 5 words per minute code exams to administer. Ken's health began to fail in 2005 and the couple became less active.

*Rich Piggott WB2LKU
VE Liaison/Manager 1996-2003*

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & SWAPMEETS**Saturday June 6**

White Mountain Hamfest
Show Low Intermediate School
500 West Old Linden Road
Show Low, Arizona
Talk-In: 146.61 (PL162.2) & 146.52 simplex
<http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>
Sponsor:
Kachina Amateur Radio Club
Contact: Richard Gurk, KE7EDP
Email: ke7edp@cableone.net

Friday-Saturday July 17-18

Arizona State Convention
Williams Rodeo Grounds
800 East Rodeo Road
Williams, Arizona
Talk-In: 146.78 (PL 91.5)
Sponsor:
Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
<http://www.arca-az.org/arca/main/convention.asp>
Contact: Lee Ilse, KD7OED
Email: kd7oed@arrl.net

Wednesday August 5 -Sunday August 16

Southwestern Division Convention
Earl Warren Showgrounds
Santa Barbara, California
Talk-In: 146.19/79 (PL 131.8)
Sponsor:
Santa Barbara ARC
<http://www.sbarc.org/>
Contact: Marvin Johnston, KE6HTS
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**Closing date for material for
June-July Shortskip
Saturday July 11 2009
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

REPEATER HISTORY and TRIBUTE to NY7S

In May of 1987 the newly formed West Valley Amateur Radio Club installed a repeater on Boswell Hospital in Sun City, AZ. The frequency 'pair' was 147.30 /147.90 mHz. The original call sign was K7NHR. In March of 1988 WVARC installed another repeater on Del Webb Hospital in Sun City West, AZ using the frequency pair of 145.29 / 144.69. The call sign was KE7DH. Dr. Don Starkey lent his call sign K7NHR to the new repeater on Boswell Hospital and George Hands KE7DH lent his call sign to the repeater on Del Webb Hospital.

The members of the Repeater Committee at that time were Sam Lewbel W7JHQ, Stan Edgerton K8RAL, Tom Watts NY7S, Marty Shapiro KA7GKN and George Hands KE7DH. There were other club members who assisted from time to time.

Then in November of 1991 the 449.8 mHz machine was installed at Boswell Hospital. The original call sign was W7JHQ. The 147.30 machine on Boswell Hospital suffered from various forms of interference mostly from its immediate surroundings. The 145.29 machine suffered even greater interference from other radio services in the west valley as well as occasional 'skip' interference from another repeater in southeast AZ. In October of 1993 in order to remedy these interference problems the 147.30 repeater was moved from Boswell Hospital to Del Webb Hospital and the 145.29 mHz frequency was relinquished. The 147.30 machine has 'lived' at Del Webb Hospital since that time. During that the time the call sign was changed to KC7KLC.

Sam Lewbel passed away in 1992. To honor him because of his contributions to the 449.8 mHz repeater – Tom Watts got the call permanently changed to W7JHQ in 1997. It had changed twice since 1992.

Tom Watts joined the WVARC sometime in the mid 80's. He became active on the Repeater Committee shortly thereafter. He became the chairman of the committee and trustee for both repeaters in the mid 90's and served in these two positions until early 2004. At that time he served mostly in an advisory capacity. He was picked for Ham of the Year in November 1991.

The 'professor' as he was sometimes called – Tom Watts was an organized and extremely meticulous individual. He planned his projects with as much research and detail as possible before starting any project. He had a lot of projects going all the time because he liked to keep his hands and mind always busy accomplishing something. If he wasn't working on a personal project he would be helping another ham

with an antenna , repairing a rig, or programming a radio. He might be driving a neighbor or a friend to the doctor's office or to the store for groceries. He might just be having dinner with friends – being the friendly 'southern gentleman' he had been for all his 90+ years.

With all this said I think it is fitting and proper that we have changed the WVARC Del Webb repeater call sign to NY7S/R in honor of Tom Watts- sk.

Tim Hayes KF7XY

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

The next exam session at DeVry University Saturday is June 6th. 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 \$15 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.

June is the last test session at DeVry until we start back up in October.

The May 2nd, session at DeVry – 13 candidates were examined

- 7 earned Technician Class license
- 4 earned General Class license
- 2 Earned Extra Class license

Administering VEs
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
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James Skinnell K7EOG
Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO
Joe Cuttita W0SLL
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FCC LICENSE ADDRESS

Is your mailing address correct on your FCC license?

The FCC has been canceling amateur radio licenses that have incorrect addresses. You had better get those addresses updated. FCC part 97.23 Mailing address: Each license grant must show the grantee's correct name and mailing address. The mailing address must be in an area where the amateur service is regulated by the FCC and where the grantee can receive mail delivery by the United States Postal Service.

Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct mailing address.

For more information go to the FCC website at:

http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/index.htm?job=cft&id=amateur&page=cft_change_address

ARIZONA STATE ANTENNA LEGISLATION

In Arizona, Section Manager Tom Fagan, K7DF, reports that AB2514, the proposed state PRB-1 equivalent, passed a committee of the whole in the lower house last week and, after a procedural final vote, is on its way to the state senate. Unlike bills signed into law in 26 other states, this one includes limited preemption of private deed restrictions (CC&R's). A similar bill has made it this far in each of the past several years, only to be killed in senate committee. The chairmanship of that committee has changed hands, so it is uncertain how it will fare this year.

Opposition, primarily from a coalition of home owners associations, is heating up and promises to be robust, but Amateurs have a long and - thanks to SEC Rick Aldom, W7STS's, database - well documented record of public service through ARES, RACES and other organizations to bolster their position. Tom has requested that members e-mail him photos of cellular, microwave and fire station towers within their HOA communities. If and when Tom's team calls for further action by Arizona hams, please respond promptly.

ESTATE SALE

If you are looking for radio equipment, contact Stan, K7PLO, to obtain a complete list of the equipment he has. You can also look at our website for the list.

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 Residential Brokerage 602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

WANTED: 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 Ron Phillips, AE6QU

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