

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Jan 2	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Jan 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Jan 9	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

Well the holiday season is over and we are beginning a new year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ron Phillips, Lou Caldwell, Cindy Morrill, Phil Walker and the Board of Directors for all of their hard work this past year. Their labors are greatly appreciated.

My face is probably not terribly familiar to most of you. Unfortunately my work schedule keeps me from attending many of the club meetings. In fact many of you probably know my wife better than you do me; well at least her voice. Antoinette, KE7IBH is the Thursday morning Net Control for the 2-meter net. (Once in a while I get to fill in for her.). Our daughter Abigail occasionally provides an adult stumping trivia. When time allows I enjoy working

the special event stations and occasionally a DX expedition, building antennas; and as many of you know I have been involved in Emergency Communications as well.

I am looking forward to an exciting new year and count it an honor to have been elected President of such a great group of folks. I would ask for your patience while I try to balance my new responsibilities, work and family commitments. Oh and speaking of excitement, do not forget the annual auction which is coming up next month.

UPCOMING HAM EVENTS

Saturday January 9

Westfest

Sponsor:

ThunderBird Amateur Radio Club (TBARC)

Location:

The Activity Center

ThunderBird School of Global Management

15249 North 59th Avenue

59th Ave & Greenway

Glendale, Arizona

<http://www.w7tbc.org>

Talk-In: 146.70 MHz (PL 162.2)

Contact:

Jack Lunsford, KD7RCJ

Phone: 602-242-2411

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Monday February 1

WVARC 2010 Ham Equipment Auction

Sponsor:

West Valley Amateur Radio Club

<http://westvalleyarc.org/>

Friday-Saturday February 19-20

Yuma Hamfest & Emergency Preparedness Show

Sponsor:

Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization

Yuma County Fairgrounds

2520 East 32nd Street

Yuma Arizona

Talk-In: 146.840(-) PL 88.5

<http://www.yumahamfest.org>

Contact: Richard Palaszynski, KC2LGR

Phone: 928-305-0715

Email: rp8690@yahoo.com

Saturday March 13

Scottsdale Spring Hamfest

Sponsors:

ARCA and Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club

Location:

Fort McDowell Casino

Highway 87 & Fort McDowell Road

Scottsdale, Arizona

Talk-In: 147.36 (PL 162.2)

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Saturday March 27

RST Desert-Fest '10

Sponsor:

Radio Society of Tucson

Location:

Kino Sports Complex

Forgeus Avenue & Ajo Way

Tucson, Arizona

Talk-In: 146.800- (PL 156.7)

<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>

Contact: Randy Malick, KF0X

Email: info@tucsonhamfest.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WA7NRX	Fred Lindsey	Peoria
AE7CQ	Joseph Sculley	Sun City West

SILENT KEYS

Don Steele, N7RH, Sun City

Don Steele passed away 29Nov2009. Don's interest in Ham Radio started in the 1940s with tinkering and lately was into the microwave equipment. Little is know of his expertise and abilities.

Julie Wade, KC7FQI, Phoenix

Our special friend and volunteer for the WVARC has become a silent key. It is with sadness but also honor that this is shared with our club. Julie Wade, KC7FQI passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2009. Julie had been in rehab for a broken hip and had some other challenges from all of her treatments. Her special husband Glenn Wade, AE7AD and her sister Loreli Marsh were with her at the hospital.

Her call sign said it all, For Quality Information. I met her in 1997 and she became my first friend here in AZ. She had been our greeter along with her hubby for our club meetings and helped with our club nets. She also did a Coffee Clutch newsletter, organized picnics, special dinners, and breakfasts. She kept many of us informed on many issues and people. She helped me set-up and conduct the first two ladies retreats at Tuthill Hamfest. Julie was indeed quality but most of all a warm and welcoming person to our meetings or her home. This spring Julie and Glenn opened there house for a young friend of mine to take her Tech license as a surprise for her father for Father's Day.

We say a special good-bye but also a special thank you for friendships and efforts for the HAM community.
Cindy Morrill, KD7JVW

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Jan 2, 2010. 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 can not make change.

The Dec 5th session at DeVry – 3 candidates were examined

- 2 Earned Tech Class license
- 0 Earned General Class license
- 2 Failed General Class License
- 0 Earned Extra Class license

Administering VEs

Robert N. Miner – KA7NPQ Liaison

Robert Fairfield - K7RQN

Robert Gormley - KS7U

Kenneth Peloquin - N7PHO

Harold Taylor - W7HVT

James Scherfling - WB8CMG

YEAR 2009 HAM OF THE YEAR

Randy Helfrich KD7ZAA joined our Club in 2003, he has always been the "go to" guy when we needed help with the Club's mandated tasks and programs.

He has been a regular volunteer in the annual WVARC Equipment Auction. He worked with the hospitality team to host the annual Christmas party. He managed Del Webb Hospital Emergency Response activities. He took part in every annual Palo Verde Siren Test since 2003. And upon the sudden death of the Short Skip Editor Elzie Campbell AA7TU in 2008 he immediately stepped into the position.

Note from the Editor:

As Short Skip editor, I would like to thank you for selecting me as Ham of the Year. It was a complete surprise to me and one that I hope to strive to live up to.

Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA

ELECTION OF 2010 OFFICERS

The officers elected to serve in 2010 are as follows:

President	Charles Deschais, KE7IBG
Vice President	Richard Faust, K9IVB
Secretary	Cindy Morrill, KD7JVW
Treasurer	Phil Walker, W1PW
Director	Pat Lynch, K7NFB
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Director	Stan Swartz, K7PLO
Director	John Kinney, KL1MV

THANK YOU FOR THE PAST YEAR'S OFFICERS AND FOR THOSE TO SERVE IN 2010.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A special thank you to three special helpers with the Christmas Party set-up and service. Faye DeLaney, Rosemary Kydd, and Nina Kinney. They pitched in when time was short and did a great job of setting up and serving us our delights and drinks. Clean-up was also quick and easy because of them. Thank you ladies for all your special efforts and holiday spirits.

Cindy Morrill, KD7JVW

THANK THE TROUPS

If you go to the website LetsSayThanks.com, you can select a thank you card. Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq.

FEBRUARY EQUIPMENT AUCTION

This is a reminder that you need to start gathering your equipment you wish to sell at the Annual Ham Auction will be held February 1. Details will be in the next issue.

**Closing date for material for
February Short Skip
Tuesday January 12, 2010
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

REMINDER: DUES ARE DUE

Renewal forms are available at the meeting or you can download a copy from our website at: www.westvalleyarc.org.

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

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

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.