

# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Mar 6	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Mar 1	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sat	Mar 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

(CNN) -- In the brutal aftermath of Haiti's earthquake, Jean-Robert Gaillard turned to his low-tech radio for solace and for a lifeline. When the earthquake hit, the 57-year-old from Petionville, Haiti, found most of his normal lines of communication -- his cell phone, the Internet, even his ability to walk down the street and talk to someone -- severed by the disaster.

But Gaillard used a neighbor's generator to power up his radio and connect to a handful of amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States -- many of whom were eagerly listening to radio static for calls like his Sutter, John D. "CNN Tech." *CNN News*. 20, Jan, 2010. *CNN News*, Web. 11 Feb 2010.  
(<http://www.cnn.com/2010/TECH/01/20/haiti.amateur.radio/index.html>).

Most of us are aware of the catastrophe, which struck Haiti recently. Those with an interest in Emergency Communications probably even monitored some of the various nets, which became operational early on. Having

a background in Public Safety it was not difficult to visualize the conditions in which or fellow Hams in the affected areas were thrust into. This got me thinking; if a catastrophic event of similar proportions occurred here how would I respond? What assistance would I be able to offer after my family has been taken care of? What would be my resources? Could I get a station on the air; if so for how long?

As a club part of our mission is to support communications at Boswell and Del Webb hospitals. Since 9/11 and Katrina there have been many changes in the role and expectations of Amateur Radio in disaster communications. Not to mention modes other than phone, which can be an asset. And the potential need for communications outside the area via HF. How ready are we as Amateur Radio operators to fulfill those challenges in 2010? I heard a rumor that field day is June 26 and 27.

**UPCOMING HAM EVENTS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 13**

Scottsdale Spring Hamfest  
ARCA and Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Fort McDowell Casino  
Highway 87 and Fort McDowell Road  
<http://scottsdaleamateurclub.ning.com>  
Talk-In: 147.36 (PL 162.2)  
Contact: Ed Nickerson, WU7S  
Phone: 480-949-5162  
Email: [enickerson427@aol.com](mailto:enickerson427@aol.com)

**SATURDAY MARCH 27**

RST Desert-Fest '10  
Radio Society of Tucson  
Tucson, AZ  
Kino Sports Complex  
Forgeus Avenue & Ajo Way  
<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>  
Talk-In: 146.800- (PL 156.7)  
Contact: Randy Malick, KF0X  
Phone: 520-203-3006  
Email: [randy@kf0x.com](mailto:randy@kf0x.com)

**SATURDAY APRIL 10**

Arizona Amateur Radio Club  
Phoenix, AZ  
DeVry University (Parking Lot only)  
2149 West Dunlap Avenue  
<http://www.w7io.org>  
Talk-In: 147.060 (no PL)  
Contact: Gary Hamman, K7GH  
Phone: 602-996-8148  
Email: [k7gh@arrl.net](mailto:k7gh@arrl.net)

**SATURDAY MAY 1**

Larry Warren Memorial Hamfest  
Cochise Amateur Radio Association  
Sierra Vista, AZ  
Green Acres  
2756 Moson Road  
<http://www.k7rdg.org>  
Talk-In: 146.76(-) PL 162.2  
Contact: Dale Chidester, NJ7C  
Phone: 520-227-1823  
Email: [dalechid@cox.net](mailto:dalechid@cox.net)

**SATURDAY MAY 29**

Annual Prescott Hamfest  
Yavapai Amateur Radio Club  
Prescott, AZ  
Granite Mountain Middle School  
1800 Williamson Valley Road  
<http://www.W7YRC.org>  
Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 100)  
Contact: Terry Pemberton, KB7TRE  
Phone: 928-445-8126  
Email: [kb7tre@cableone.net](mailto:kb7tre@cableone.net)

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

WB7FJM - Gene Cardelli, Sun City AZ  
WD0AKZ and KA0NKU - George and Jeanette  
Pasek, Falcon Heights, MN  
KF7HMK - Max Alberts, Waddell, AZ  
(Newly licensed 2/9/2010 – Congrats!)  
KA7G, Gerald M. "Jerry" McManus, Sun City West,  
AZ  
WB7BV – Morris Sahrhage, Sun City, AZ  
KE7LZG – Eino Heikkila, Sun City, AZ  
KC8FYM – Michael J. Blachut, Sun City, AZ  
KB3ELC – John M. Pierrard, Sun City, AZ

**RETURNING MEMBERS**

KB7LOQ - Art Heikkila, Phoenix, AZ  
K1MEA – James Wzorek, Sun City West, AZ

**EXPIRING LICENSE**

N7DIC Richard Murphey May

**MARCH PROGRAM**

The program for March will be Carl Hayden HS ARC robotics and new ham reports. This is always of great interest and one of our favorite donees.

*Ron Phillips, AE6QU*

**RESULTS of the HAM RADIO AUCTION**

The auction was held on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> as was a smooth running affair, thanks to all the volunteers who did a great job. Nothing can happen in the club without volunteer help, so we really appreciate all of you who worked.

Some of the statistics of the auction are as follows:

- 88 bidders (10 more than last year)
- 14 sellers (2 less than last year)
- 130 of 137 lots were sold
- Total dollars transacted \$3439 (\$1162 more than last year)
- Gross dollar gain \$1493 (\$799 more than last year)
- After costs \$1401 profit (\$761 more than last year)
- All checks were mailed 3 days after the auction
- 19 workers donated approximately 130 hours

The above statistics are courtesy of Phil Walker, W1PW.

That's the story....watch for goodies to save for the next auction.

*Ron Rasmussen, K6OP*

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University is Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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, South East corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CDCEs 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. Payment of the fee by check payable to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash. Volunteer Examiners can not make change.

The February 6th, session at DeVry – 21 candidates were examined

- 11 Earned Technician Class license
- 7 Earned General Class license
- 2 Failed General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class License

Administering VE's  
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

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Jim Scherfling WB8CMG  
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Robert Fairfield K7RQN  
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**ARES® OFFICIAL STANDARIZED LOOK**

A long-standing public relations concern has been the lack of a unified, "branded" appearance of ARES® volunteers in public service or emergency activities. While the American Red Cross and many other organizations have adopted recognizable, national standards of appearance, Amateur Radio chronically suffered from a wide variety of apparel --some of which was very poor indeed. Without an easily recognizable, standard "look," the services of amateurs are easily overlooked by the public, media and civic leaders. There was a need for a standardized and consistent appearance by ARES volunteers which is easily identified, quickly spotted in a crowd, recognizable on TV and in photos, and adopted on a national scale.

A continuing plethora of Amateur Radio garb seen by the public wordlessly made us appear to be amateurs in the worst sense of the word, undisciplined, fractioned and uncoordinated.

A proposal for the ARRL to adopt a set of standards for ARES wear, which are to be worn when deployed in public service events or emergencies, was unanimously passed by the Programs and Services Committee of the ARRL in January 2010. It includes standards for a mesh vest (hot climate use), standard vests and jackets. The standards can be met by many emergency clothing manufacturers and suppliers.

Adoption of these standards as THE ARES uniform clothing is a major positive step in ARRL/ARES public relations. Here's the specifics:

ARES members, while activated, deployed, in community service activities or otherwise **on duty** shall wear over their normal apparel, at minimum, a florescent green ANSI Class 2 reflective, 100% polyester vest.

The vest shall be decorated in the following manner:

**On the Back:**

In minimum 2" lettering, Arial Black font, black in color, imprinted above the horizontal reflective tape:

AMATEUR RADIO RADIO  
EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATIONS

Those in a leadership position may add their title (SEC, DIRECTOR, EC, PIO, etc) below the words "Emergency Communications" in not less than 3" tall font, black. (Under the lower reflective stripe). Local jurisdictions may elect to add their organization name above the words "Amateur Radio" with no larger than 1" Arial Black lettering, color black.

**On the Front:**

On the Left Chest, the ARES logo, minimum 3.5 inch diameter, black in color, negative background.

The Right Chest shall remain blank so as to allow wearer to affix their ARES or ARRL name badge.

Vests may have zip or Velcro type front closures. Members may choose vests with or without pockets, at their own discretion. Other apparel, such as short and long sleeve tee shirts, jackets and coats are approved for member use as long as the garments meet the same color, ANSI Class 2, lettering and decoration standard. A waiver of this standard may be given by an SEC for specific purposes with good cause.

We know that many people already have some form of special clothing they purchased. As these are worn out they should be replaced with clothing meeting the new standards.

For more information see the website at:  
<http://www.arrl.org/pio/contact/2010/02/#ares>

**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: TO PURCHASE AN ANTENNA**

KA7G is looking to purchase a used antenna tower. MA-40 tubular crank-up is preferred, but will consider any other tower. Needed to support an antenna for a Sun City West/Sun City-area IRLP NODE. Please contact Jerry McManus, KA7G, at 623 523-2075 or mtsailor@cox.net.

**FOR SALE: ANTENNAS**

Antennas for sale. All with manuals from K4VM

- 1) Cushcraft Ringo Ranger 2m \$35
  - 2) Outbacker perth 75-10M Mobile or balcony \$200
  - 3) Cushcraft A147-4 4 el 2meter beam \$35
- Marty Colburn, k4vm@arrl.net 623-556-0112

**HELP NEEDED:**

Help is needed to assist on an antenna, 75' Tower, 7 element beam. Problem 10 unit element has moved and rotated to approximately 5 o'clock. I need help getting this fixed.

Contact Jim Haveron, KA7UND at 623-341-3233.

**NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Ad)**

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**Closing date for material for  
April Short Skip  
Tuesday March 9, 2010  
Email: [shortskip@yahoo.com](mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com)**