

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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**SHORT SKIP**

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WVARC CALENDAR

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

PREZ SEZ

Well the year is almost over. Maybe now is a good time to consider where the WVARC is today and where it will be tomorrow. The West Valley has seen tremendous growth and change since the WVARC came into existence. When Sun City came into being there was not much else in the "west". I remember when WalMart opened in Surprise and much of the surrounding area was agricultural. Surprise is now one of the largest communities in the state. Even communities such as El Mirage and Wickenburg have experienced growth. With this growth has come change. The demographics of the once quiet small "West Valley" have changed significantly.

Amateur Radio is a great hobby with great diversity. The reasons that people become involved in the hobby are as diverse as the individuals themselves from teens to physicians. Amateur Radio has a great legacy to pass on to subsequent generations. Yes the current "younger generation" is saturated

with technology, from cell phones to computers. Not to mention the phenomena of network convergence. Yet there remains a fascination, a thrill, a sense of accomplishment that comes from building something with your own hands, making your first DX contact via PSK31, working one of the "birds" or serving the community through one of the many groups such as ARES and SKYWARN.

As we look toward the next year, it might be a good time to consider how we as individuals and an organization respond to the changes in the "West Valley". If the desire is to preserve the heritage and culture of Amateur Radio what is our responsibility? As individuals we can impact a few, as a group, an organization we have the potential to reach many. What is the WVARC's responsibility to the "West Valley"? But more importantly how will we respond to the change around us?

Thanks and 73, KE7IBG - Charles

UPCOMING HAMFESTS

Friday November 5 – Saturday November 6
FALL FEST 2010

Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Show
Sponsor: Mohave Amateur Radio Club
Location: Centennial Park
3333 Harrison Street Kingman, Arizona
Camping allowed for self contained RVs and vehicles. No tent camping permitted.
Talk-In: 147.38 PL 151.4
Barbeque Friday 7PM; tickets \$10.00 each
Swap meet Saturday Dawn to 5PM
Door Prizes ticket: \$1.00, 5 for \$4.00
Drawing for 1 of 3 Yaesu transceivers:
Ticket \$5.00, 5 for \$20.00
Website: <http://www.kingmanhamfest.com>
Contact: Bill Smith KD7MIA
Phone: 928-565-1136
Email: bill1021@npgcable.com

Saturday December 4: Opens 6 AM
ARCA meeting, License exams
Sponsor: Superstition Amateur Radio Club
Admission \$2 includes one drawing ticket.
Drawing held at noon for six prizes:
Location Mesa Community College Mesa Arizona
U.S. 60 Exit 177 north to Dobson Road
Talk-in: 147.12 (PL 162.2 Hz) / 449.60 (PL 100 Hz)
Web site: wb7tjd.org/hamfest.

VALLEY LICENSE EXAM OPPURTUNITIES

Saturday November 6
Sponsor: West Valley Amateur Radio Club
See article elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday November 16
Sponsor: Boy Scout Troop 127
Time: 8:00 PM Walk-ins allowed
Location: St Francis Xavier School
4715 N Central Ave Phoenix
Contact: John Kelly
(602) 264-6854 kellyj127@aol.com

Saturday November 23
Sponsor: Arizona ARC
Time: 7:00 PM: Pre-registration required
Contact Gary Hamman by (Friday) night before
(602) 996-8148; ghamman@aol.com
Location: American Red Cross
6135 N Black Canyon Hwy Phoenix

NEW MEMBERS

James Barnette, KB7ABJ, Sun City
Roger Thacker, KD0MD, Sun City
Ron Wade, KD7CKT, Phoenix

EXPIRING LICENSES

October: KA0NKU Jeanette M. Pasek
October: WD0AKZ George T. Pasek, Jr.
November W7MCP Fred L. Jones
November: N7QV Fred S Jones
December: K7GSW Gordon S Willis
December: WA9HBT John Kornbeck
January: W8QVG Ron Wamsley

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Nov 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. 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 October 2nd session at DeVry University
7 candidates were examined

- 2 Earned Technician Class License
- 2 Earned General Class License
- 1 Failed General Class License
- 2 Earned Extra Class License

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Jim Skinnell K7EOG
Bill Martin AI0D
Jim Scherfling K8NAU
Joe Cutitta W0SLI
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Kettler, Jr. WA6MIO
Robert Gormley KS7U

**Closing date for material for
December Short Skip
Friday November 12, 2010
Email: shortskip@yahoo.com**

AM & PM WVARC NET INVITATION

I am writing this to invite all licensed hams and remind members of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club of the 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM nets on 147.300. *(You do not have to be a member of WVARC.)*

The morning net takes place 365 days a year on 147.300 Mhz, positive offset, with a PL of 162.2. This AM net is open to all licensed hams and has a regular participation of less than ten club members, mobiles, short timers and others. We have seven net controllers standing by to handle traffic ranging from priority & emergency, health and welfare, daily news, weather and trivia questions. The usual format takes less than a half hour to complete. Tune in at 9:00 AM MST and visit with the crew.

The evening net takes place at 8:00 PM MST, Monday through Thursdays, also on the 147.300 machine atop Boswell Hospital in Sun City West. Again, this machine is open and has a positive 600 KhZ offset with a PL of 162.2. Usually the same controllers handle traffic on both the AM and PM nets

The net controllers are: **KD7CSM** Kristy De Witt, **KC7TOJ** Faye Delaney, **KE7IBG** Charles Deshaies and his XYL **KE7IBH** Antoinette Deshaies, **KE7HFE** Mike Thomas, **WA6PNJ** Ed Eiting, **AE7AD** Glenn Wade, **KA6DCZ** Skip Musgrave. Interested in learning how to run a net? Check in and just ask.

*Submitted by Glenn Wade, AE7AD
Ron Wade, KD7CKT*

PALO VERDE SIREN TEST

November 17, 2010

If you are interested in participating, please contact David Morrill, N7TWT, 623-925-0680 or email at n7tw@arrl.net.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Don't forget, Wednesday, November 10, 2010.

Location: **Lou's Tivoli Gardens •**

14635 N. Del Webb Blvd • Sun City, AZ 85351

Social Hour: 5:30 PM–6:30 PM (Cash Bar available)

Dinner: 6:30 PM. *(Advance Reservations Required)*

YEAR 2011 MEMBERSHIP

Year 2010 memberships expire January 31 2011.

Year 2011 memberships will be valid through January 31 2012. Your 2011 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2011 dues are \$15 for an individual or Hams at the same address or \$7.50 after July 1. Please list only one individual on the front of the form. List other licensed family members and their call signs on the back of the form; that makes it easier to transcribe entries correctly.

Members whose dues reach the Treasurer by February 1, 2011 will be listed in the Roster of Associated Members 2011 booklet. Members who renew or join later will be listed in the online Roster. Application forms are available at monthly meetings or can be downloaded from the WVARC web site and printed out.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? **Y N** (circle one please)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Your phone number and E-Mail address will be published in the Roster only if you fill in these items below:

PHONE (_____) _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____

I agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the West Valley Amateur Radio Club and pay such dues as assessed upon members. Dues are currently \$15 per year per family of members residing at the same address, payable by the January meeting. Dues of \$7.50 are available for Late Joiners after July 1. Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.

Send to WVARC, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573, or pay at any regular meeting.

DATE _____ SIGNED _____

FOR SALE: Complete Ham Radio Station

ICOM 751A Transceiver
IC PS 15 Power Supply
IC SP3 External Speaker
MFJ-941D Versa Tuner II
IC-SM6 Desk Mic
Bencher Iambic Paddle
SF Radio Desk
William Nye Co. straight key
Outback Outreach Vertical Antenna
Alpha-Delta aluminum tripod mount
Van Gorden 20m dipole kit (unused)

\$800, or BEST OFFER, takes all incl. coax and many misc. items. All in good condition with boxes, manuals, dust covers. Moving soon and can't operate in new location. Come by, look it over and try it out!

Antenna covers 160 through 10 meters and I've worked 160 DX countries with it. My HOA doesn't even know I have an antenna !

Lynn O'Dell, WI0W
18899 N. 69th Ave., Glendale AZ 85308
623-561-2008, email: LynnMax@cox.net

FOR SALE: ANTENNAS

Antennas for sale. All with manuals from K4VM
* Outbacker perth 75-10M Mobile or balcony \$200
* Cushcraft A147-4 4 el 2meter beam \$35
Marty Colburn, k4vm@arrl.net, 623-556-0112

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

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

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