

# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

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

Quite sometime ago I published a survey giving folks the opportunity to give some feedback on the club. The survey is essentially in two parts. The first part was the general direction / focus of the organization. The second part related to activities.

Unfortunately, a very small number of members responded. Due to the low number of responses this data is probably not statistically significant. However, the data does give us some insight as to how folks feel. Well at least some of the vocal ones anyhow. So it looks like we – the club - have some work to do. If you should find a survey kicking around and would like to send it in please do so. I only ask that you put the date on it so that I can flag it as new data. No surveys will be accepted after October 30.

The results of the survey are as follows:

- 1) Happy with the direction that the club is headed.  
Yes-20%, Somewhat-40%, No-40%
  - 2) I find the programs presented at meetings generally interesting and informative.  
Yes-20%, Somewhat-40%, No-40%
  - 3) I feel that the club is actively involved in the community.  
Yes-20%, Somewhat-20%, No-60%
  - 4) The club's website is informative and provides all the information I am interested in.  
Yes-40%, Somewhat-20%, No-40%
- a) Be more involved in community events (1)
  - b) Be more active in ARES, SKYWARN and Emergency Management. (no responses)
  - c) Have more social events. (3)
  - d) Establish a club station. (1)
  - e) Offer an HF net or other means for members to remain connected while traveling. (no responses )

- f) Run special event stations just for the fun of it (no responses)
- g) Be more active in promoting amateur radio in the West Valley. (1)
- h) Add a D-Star, ATV or other "specialty" repeater (no responses)
- i) Do something for Field Day. (3)

*Thanks and 73, KE7IBG - Charles*

### **UPCOMING HAMFESTS**

#### ***Saturday October 16: 6 AM – Noon***

ARCA Meeting 10:30 AM  
Sponsor: Old Pueblo Radio Club  
Location: Kino Community Center 2805 East Ajo Way; Tucson, Arizona  
Talk-In: 147.3 PL 110.9  
Contact: Ronald Kalish N7SPW  
Phone: 520-207-3852  
Website: <http://www.oprc.org>

#### ***Saturday December 4: Opens 6 AM***

ARCA meeting, License exams  
Sponsored by the 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](http://wb7tjd.org/hamfest).

### **SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS**

#### ***Saturday October 7 AM - 7PM MST***

***October 9 1400Z - Oct 10 0200Z***  
Special Event Station K7LHC  
*Lighthouse Replicas Built on Lake Havasu for Navigation*  
14.253, MHz, 7.253 MHz, 3.953 MHz  
London Bridge Amateur Radio Association.  
Certificate & QSL: LBARA,  
PO Box 984, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405.  
Web site: [www.lbara.net](http://www.lbara.net)

#### ***Sat Oct 2 7:00 AM - Sun Oct 10 4:00 PM MST***

***October 2 1400Z - October 10 2300Z***  
Special Event Station W5B  
*Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta*  
14.230 MHz, 7.180, MHz  
Operating times will vary - 7 AM to 4 PM MST, depending on Fiesta schedule and weather.  
High Desert Amateur Radio Club.  
QSL Bill Firth, KE5TOB, 4609 Cactus Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114.  
Web site [www.nm5hd.com](http://www.nm5hd.com).

### **NEW MEMBERS**

David Allard, no license, Sun City  
Walter Bryant, KB6HRT, Sun City  
Robert Kettler, KF7KPA, Surprise  
Ken Neuffer, W9ZA, Sun City

### **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

### **VALLEY LICENSE EXAM OPPURTUNITIES**

#### ***Saturday October 2***

Sponsor: West Valley Amateur Radio Club  
(see next page for details)

#### ***Monday October 18***

Sponsor: East Valley VE Team  
Time: 6:00 PM Walk-ins allowed  
Location: City of Mesa Bldg 640 N Mesa Dr Mesa  
Contact: Steve Gurley  
(480) 704-3666; [kj7wk@cox.net](mailto:kj7wk@cox.net)

#### ***Tuesday October 19***

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](mailto:kellyj127@aol.com)

#### ***Saturday October 23***

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

### **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](mailto:n7tw@arrl.net).

### **"ONLINE" HAM CLUB – Check it Out**

In case you have yet to hear of this group online, it looks like it might be similar to Facebook, but with even more features.  
Website: <http://www.hamradionation.com/login.php>

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday October 2. 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 in the school library. Bring photo ID, your original operator license and photocopy of your license. We have to have a copy of your license to go with your paperwork. 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.

Contact: David Morrill N7TWT

VE Liaison/Manager for West Valley ARC

(623) 925-0680 Home, (623) 680-5011 Cell

Email: n7wt@arrl.net

**\*\*\* OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM \*\*\***

Lee Finkel, KY7M, will talk about his visit to the Galapagos Islands, where most of the time was spent going to all the different islands looking at the unique animal and plant life. Many forms of life only exist on the Galapagos Islands, and Lee and his wife had guides to teach them about each of the different islands.

At the end of the sight-seeing trip, Lee went to join the team of top contest operators at the super contest station HC8N. They won first place in the international CQWW contest. You can read about Lee KY7M by going to [www.QRZ.com](http://www.QRZ.com). He is not only a great contester having gone to Africa 5 times to operate in DX contests but Lee is one hell of a great guy! You will certainly enjoy his excellent presentation!

*Ron Phillips, AE6QU*

*Ladies Night Out 2010*

*Wednesday, November 10, 2010*

Location: **Lou's Tivoli Gardens • 14635 N. Del Webb Blvd • Sun City, AZ 85351**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

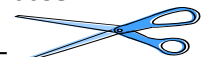
- 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar will be available)
- 6:30 PM: DINNER

**MENU ENTRÉE CHOICES:**

<b>Top Sirloin Steak</b>	<b>Baked Breast of Chicken</b> Lightly breaded, served with a Sherry/Butter sauce.	<b>Baked Fillet of Cod</b> Lightly breaded, served with a Chablis sauce.
Each of the Entrees also includes a Baked Potato, Vegetable, Warm Bread and Salad. Dessert and Beverage are also included.		

(ALL MENU CHOICES COST \$20.00, which includes tax and gratuity)

Questions? E-Mail to Dick Faust ( [k9ivb@cox.net](mailto:k9ivb@cox.net) ) or phone at 623-875-6653



<u>Name(s) Please Print:</u>		<u>Call Sign(s)</u>		<u>Telephone #</u>
<u>Entrée Choice</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>		
<b>TOP SIRLOIN STEAK</b>		@\$20.00	\$	
<b>BAKED CHICKEN</b>		@\$20.00	\$	
<b>BAKED COD</b>		@\$20.00	\$	
<b>Total Enclosed:</b>				
Please RSVP by mailing this completed coupon with your check (payable to WVARC) to: <b>WVARC LNO 2010 • P.O. BOX 1573 • SUN CITY, AZ 85372-1573</b>				
<b>We MUST RECEIVE your coupon and payment no later than Tuesday, November 2, 2010</b>				

**EQUIPMENT DONATIONS TO THE CLUB**

For 8 years, Stan Swartz has handled all the ham radio donations to the club. He has personally cleaned and checked out the operations of the equipment. The items are listed on the website, and when an item sells, Stan boxes and ships the items. The members of the club greatly appreciate all the excellent work that Stan has done.

Ted Walker, KJ7V, will be taking over this job from Stan. Ted now lives in Sun City West. His cell number is 417-260-7401.

Randy Helfrich will continue to help Ted as needed.

**Closing date for material for  
November Short Skip  
Tuesday October 12, 2010  
Email: [shortskip@yahoo.com](mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com)**

**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](mailto:k4vm@arrl.net), 623-556-0112

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602-370-1450 cell, [rahaworth@cox.net](mailto:rahaworth@cox.net)

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