

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	JAN 7	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	DEC 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	DEC 10	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

Several reports indicate that the field trip to Dick Stout's home museum of antique radios on Welk was a huge success. Special mention was made of the antique juke box. This serves as a reminder that many of us have specialties related to amateur radio and electronics that would make a good presentation. Let me know of yours or one you are aware of, and we will see that the entire club has the opportunity to see that as a program. (APRS, PSK 31, etc.)

Several members have stepped forward to serve as board members and officers for the club for 2012. We still need a President and Vice President. We will help these new officers get started in their new rolls. We just need you to step forward and ask.

Call Cindy, Stan, or myself to discuss these serious needs. The election is at this next meeting in December!

At this past board meeting, we discussed various means to make each officer's job easier and less complicated. 2012 should be the year to simplify the duties of the

officers and committees, and all ideas are on the table and will be considered. Email to me ideas you have.

Ron Phillips, AE6QU, President

2011 HAM OF THE YEAR - Ken Peloquin

Ken Peloquin, N7PHO, has served in many capacities within the club and community.

He has worked as a VE at DeVry, 8 other locations throughout our state as well as helping with many home tests. He also does VE testing at the Red Cross once a month.

He has been a table greeter for the club meetings for seven years. He has assisted with our club auctions at least 3 times, has helped at least 3 years with the bears program for the Women's shelters, and has worked at many of the Palo Verde Siren tests. He has assisted setting up for the Holiday parties and also two Ladies Night Out banquets.

He has been on the club Board of Directors for 4 years and is starting his fifth year in January.

Thank you for all of your work.

Congratulations, Ken.

HAMFESTS

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Superstition Hamfest

Sponsor: Superstition Amateur Radio Club

Location: Mesa Community College south parking

lots (North of US 60 Exit 177, Dobson Road

Opens at 5:30 AM, closes at 2 PM

Talk-In: 147.12 (PL 162.2)

Note: For walk-ins only, there will be

VE Testing: Enroll 8:30 AM, test 9-11 AM

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Thunderbird Hamfest

Sponsor: Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club

Location: Northwest Community Church

16615 N 43rd Ave., Phoenix

Parking: \$2

Talk-in: 146.700 -600 KHz, (PL 162.2)

Contact: hamfest@w7tbc.org

Note: VE Testing on-site, Classroom E110,

Hours 10 – 11:30 AM, Cost \$15

Quartzfest 2012 January 21-28

Location: Approximately 8 miles south of

Quartzsite, AZ

For full information on this event, go to the website:

www.quartzsitefest.org

Email contact: organizer@quartzfest.org

ARRL PALM SPRINGS HAMFEST

January 28, 2012

Hosted by Desert RATS Club

4193 Mathew Drive, Palm Springs, CA

Hours – 9:30AM to 4:30PM, Entry Fee \$2

Convoy of RVs from Quartzfest on January 27,
headed by Gordon West.

- Over 25 commercial vendors such as HRO, CQ Magazine, Manufacturers like Alinco, Elecraft.
- Swap Meet
- Consignment sale: bring your surplus gear and we'll sell it for you.
- Raffles all day
- Food Concession
- Various how to demos

There is no charge for Vendor or Swap Meet space. Setup 7-9AM.

Special Events Station 7.251 & 14.251 or digital.

Check www.dxsummit.fi/ to spot us.

Ratpeater Talkin 146.940- PL 107.2 in Palm Springs or 146.520 (convoy frequency).

For latest information, check our forum on

<http://desertrats.am/> or email

PalmSprings.hamfest@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Dianna May, WD0FGV, Lincoln, NE

Stephen May, WA0OSM, Lincoln, NE

2012 ARRL Southwestern Div. Convention

February 17-18m 2012

Mark your 2012 calendar. This convention is hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization, and will be held at the Yuma County Fairgrounds. For more information, go to their website: www.yumahamfest.org.

PALO VERDE SIREN TEST

I want to thank all of those who participated in the 2011 Palo Verde Siren Test. It was the first time for the last 6 years that we had enough Ham Radio Operators to cover all 48 of the sirens. All of the sirens turned on and turned off like they were supposed to do, which made for another successful test. I have some ideas to make it better for next year and will be talking to APS in a couple of weeks. Again thank you for your participation.

David Morrill, N7TWT

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday January 7th 2012. 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 and a photocopy of your License if you have one. 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.

The Nov 5th, session at DeVry – 9 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

Joe Cutitta W0SLL

Bill Martin A10D

Ken Peloquin N7PHO

Robert Gormley KS7U

Robert Miner KA7NPQ

Robert Kettler Jr. WA6MIO

James Scherfling K8NAU

Harold Taylor W7HVT

***** CHRISTMAS PARTY *****

Our annual party will be at our December 5th meeting. The club provides the eating utensils and beverages and we ask our members to share a seasonal favorite with their fellow club members. We ask that you bring about a dozen treats to share and something that can sit out of refrigeration during the meeting. Please bring your significant others to enjoy the evening as well.

For questions please call Cindy Morrill at 623-925-0680 or e-mail her at kd7jvw@cox.net. See you there with your Holiday Cheer.

Submitted by Cindy Morrill,

HELP NEEDED: Short Skip Editor

While WIFI is extensive throughout the US, while on a two month trip, I experienced very poor reception. In 2012, I plan to travel extensively and will find doing the newsletter difficult. Therefore, I need someone to be the editor and I'll be more than glad to help them.

Submitted by Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA

YEAR 2012 MEMBERSHIP

Year 2011 memberships expire January 31 2012.

Year 2012 memberships will be valid through January 31 2013. Your 2012 membership is effective the day it reaches the Treasurer. A filled out and signed form must accompany a dues payment. Year 2012 dues are \$15 for individual and any additional Hams at the same address, or \$7.50 **after July 1, 2012**. 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, 2012 will be listed in the Roster of Associated Members 2012 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.

**Closing date for articles for
January Short Skip
Tuesday December 13, 2011
Email: rjhelfrich@aol.com**

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.	MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM
NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y N (circle one please)	
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____	
<i>Your phone number and E-Mail address will be published in the Roster only if you fill in these items below:</i>	
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 licensed members residing at the same address, payable by the January meeting. Dues of \$7.50 are available for Late Joiners after July 1. <u>Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.</u>	
Send to WVARC, PO Box 1573, Sun City, AZ 85372-1573, or pay at any regular meeting.	
DATE _____ SIGNED _____	

FOR SALE: "Make Offer on Items"

- Transceiver - Radio Shack HX 202 FM
- Transceiver – 2 meter ICOM, Model IC251, 144mg, all mobile transceiver
- 2 meter antenna.

Contact: Gene Metzger, WA0GRV

Phone: 623-546-8478

FOR SALE: The WVARC has several items for sale. If you are interested in a list of items, you can visit the club's website at www.westvalleyarc.com, or you can send a simple request to Ted Walker, Kj7v@cox.net, and Ted will put your name on his send list.

Ham Radio Auction Site.

Steve Miller, K2HQ, opened an internet auction at www.HamRadioHQ.com.

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

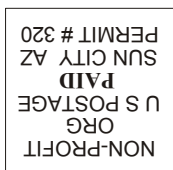
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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.



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