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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	June 4	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	June 6 July 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	June 11 July 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

The highlight of our past Monday meeting was our guest speakers, Randy and Lori Hatfield. Their associations and expertise in emergency preparedness and communications rivals any other agency I know. These discussions were not only interesting, but relevant to their technician class students.

I had observed their presentation once before at a technician training class in Mesa, where I did a presentation on Amateur Television. They specialize in the Gordon West method of motivation and training young people in their fast paced way of learning, in preparing and passing their tests.

I was also impressed in the fact that the students were accompanied by ham friends and family. Each of us hams was ask to give a short statement on our first ham experience. I witnessed younger ham siblings cheering on their older brothers and

grandfather to get their ticket. This multigenerational ham family experience was a real eye opener. It makes one wonder why all our children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews do not have their licenses. Each of us has a story to tell them.

On the subject of programs, we need your help. Do you have a presentation you can do at a meeting on ham radio, or know a presenter you can invite to make a presentation. Give me a call or Email.

I will be on Maui for the month of July, and miss the July and August meeting. I look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting.

Ron Phillips, President
AE6QU 602-369-4242 cell

Saturday, May 28

Sponsor: Arizona Amateur Radio Club
Time: 7:00 PM: No walk-ins
Contact: Gary M. Hamman
(602) 996-8148
Email: ghamman@aol.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: American Red Cross
6135 N Black Canyon Hwy, Phoenix
Contact Gary by Friday Night April 22

Saturday June 4

Sponsor: DeVry ARC and West Valley ARC
VEC: ARRL VEC
See details elsewhere in this issue

Monday June 20

Monday July 18

Sponsor: East Valley VE Team
Time: 6:00 PM Walk-ins allowed
Location: City of Mesa Bldg
640 N Mesa Drive, Mesa Arizona
Contact: Steve Gurley
(480) 704-3666; email: kj7wk@cox.net
VEC: ARRL VEC

Note:

ARRL VEC test fee \$15. Bring photo identification, test fee - *exact change-please*, original and copies of current license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) to examination.

HAMFESTS

Saturday June 4

White Mountain Hamfest
Sponsor:
Kachina ARC and ARCA
Location: Northland Pioneer College
1001 West Deuce of Clubs
Show Low, AZ 85901
Talk-In: 145.31 (PL 110.9); 146.52 Simplex
Public Contact: Richard Gurk KE7EDP
1020 North 22nd Avenue Show Low, AZ 85901
Email: ke7edp05@cableone.net
Website: <http://www.whitemountainhamfest.com>

**Closing date for articles for
August-September Short Skip
Wednesday July13, 2011
Email: rjhelfrich@aol.com**

NEW MEMBERS

Michael A. Little, N7OHV, Peoria
Dave Porta, WA0ZVM, Sun City West
Steve Sola, KD7ZNI, Sun City

RETURNING MEMBER

James L. Barnette, KB7ABJ, Sun City
William R. Pauley, KB7RRE, Sun City
Julia E. Pauley, KB7SJJ, Sun City
Bill Roberts, KD7JMN, Surprise
James Wzorek, K1MEA, Sun City West

EXPIRING LICENSES

July	W0OWY	Bill Nash
July	W7HX	Lou Caldwell
September	N7TWT	David R Morrill
September	KD7OIW	Peter Petrotta

MEMBER GENE CARDELLI, WB7FJM, SK

Gene Cardell, 98, of Sun City, passed away April 10, 2011. He was born in Italy. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and worked in the automotive industry, retiring to Arizona in 1978.

HAMS ON MARS

There may not be any ham radio station on the planet Mars, but there may soon be a lot of ham radio callsigns making their way across the surface of the red planet. Amateur Radio Newsline's Michael Grebert, KJ4ZZV, has the details:

NASA is collecting names to be put on a microchip that'll be onboard the Mars Science Laboratory rover heading to Mars in the fall of 2011. Some Radio Amateurs have been adding their call sign to last name field. As well as having your call sign traveling around the Martian surface you also get an electronic commemorative certificate to print out. The rover has an unusual connection with radio. As previously reported here on Amateur Radio Newsline, this second generation rover has special indentations on its wheels that will spell out the initials JPL in Morse as it travels around Mars. And for the few of you who might not be aware. JPL stands for Jet Propulsion Laboratory located in Pasadena, California, which is the NASA branch that builds the rovers.

You can add your name and call on the Mars microchip at tinyurl.com/marsham. From what we are hearing, a whole bunch of hams already have.

Submitted by Bob Burleson, KG7GJ

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday June 4th. 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 cannot make change.

NOTE: This will be the last session for three months until October.

The May 7th, session at DeVry – 10 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Joe Cutitta W0SLI
Bill Martin AI0D
Ken Peloquin N7PHO
Harold Taylor W7HVT
Robert Fairfield K7RQN

Annual Banquet 2011
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Social Hour (Cash Bar will be available)
- 6:00 PM: DINNER
- 7:00 PM: Program and Entertainment

MENU ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Top Sirloin Steak	Baked Breast of Chicken Lightly breaded, served with a Sherry/Butter sauce.	Baked Fillet of Cod 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) or phone at 623-875-6653



<u>Name(s) Please Print:</u>		<u>Call Sign(s)</u>		<u>Telephone #</u>	
Entrée Choice	Quantity	Cost			
TOP SIRLOIN STEAK		@\$20.00	\$		
BAKED CHICKEN		@\$20.00	\$		
BAKED COD		@\$20.00	\$		
Total Enclosed:					
Please RSVP by mailing this completed coupon with your check (payable to WVARC) to:					
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We MUST RECEIVE your coupon and payment no later than Wednesday, November 9, 2011					

WVARC EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Radio Shack family talkies 21-1902 - \$20
 21 magazine files - Free
 TM-741A in the box 2m/70cm/10m - \$300
 TR-751A 2 Mtr All-Mode "Technician Special"
 Astron RS20A - \$ 60
 FT-757GX some freq drift, mike, manual - \$225
 RF spectrum map, vintage - Free
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 RFC 2-23 ht 'brick' - \$80
 Satellite misc cable for install - \$1
 Comet 2m/70cm mobile antenna, mount less cable - \$50
 Midland 2A 13.8Vdc power supply - \$5
 Kenwood HMC-1 needs new ear foam - \$5
 Misc cords - Free
 Misc mike, telephone pickup, cords - Free
 Bell&Howell o'scope Mod 10D-4540 - \$25
 Kenwood TM-231A 2m mobile, nice - \$80
 Transitrap by Alpha Delta - \$15
 Kenwood IF-232C interface - \$20
 Call Ted Walker for any questions: 417-260-7401

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

FOR SALE:

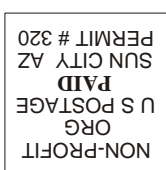
Transceiver - Radio Shack HX 202 FM \$50
Transceiver - 2 meter ICOM, Model IC251, 144mg, all
 mobile transceiver \$125
Kenwood Model TS 520 SE, SSB-USB-CW, all freq, 10-
 160 meters. Has mic and headset. \$300
 Contact: Gene Metzger, WA0GRV
 Phone: 623-546-8478

FOR SALE:

Antenna Portable 2 meter/440 - \$20
Mobile Speaker, ICOM SP-10 - \$35
Antenna Dual Band Larson NMO 2/70 SH - \$25
Antenna Mount, Comet RS720 - \$15
SWR/Power Meter Micronta 144/40 - \$40
Power Supply Duracom SS11, 11 amp - \$25
 Contact: Stan Swartz, K7PLO, k7plo@cox.net
 Phone: 623-933-4073

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