

# WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Mar 5	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Mar 7	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Sat	Mar 12	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

The auction has come and gone, and I slept right through it. Well, true, I was in the hospital for some 'tests'. Phil, our treasurer, will have a great power point presentation at our next meeting, March 7. We all look forward to these, as it paints a vivid picture of the issues. Our club is famous for its auction and we appreciate the hard work from the many members who make it happen.

We continue to explore options to assist teachers and students with opportunities in wireless technologies. We now provide multimeters to young people passing their license examinations. We are looking at the Wouxun single band handheld UHF transceivers, priced at under \$100. They can be programmed to a total of 16 channels for use by students in a club, and through specific repeaters. For example, the Pueblo HS ARC has a 440 repeater on Mt Lemmon, and radios programmed to that repeater would provide a kid friendly environment. I would like to see six of these kids in

the club who have passed their tests receive these radios, and report back to us how they are using them, and provide to us a video to present to PTAs and other groups in the West Valley. No other method is more powerful than kids helping kids. I will be asking for your vote to make this happen.

We have several feelers out for possible options for a club radio shack. Some feel that 111th Ave on the Youngtown side might work. With our 501c3 tax exempt status, there may exist possible donors. If you don't have your antenna up, you may not get the signal. I need ideas from you. Would you use a club station if we had one? Would you mentor area kids to show them the excitement of ham radio? Would you be interested in operating a club station during Field Day and Special Events?

*Ron Phillips, President*  
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**HAMFESTS**

**Saturday March 12**

Scottsdale Spring Hamfest

Sponsors:

Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club  
Amateur Radio Council of Arizona

Location: Mountain Valley Church  
17800 N Perimeter Dr Scottsdale, Arizona  
Talk-In: 147.18 PL 162.2  
Edwin Nickerson, WU7S  
Phone: 480-949-5162  
Email: enickerson427@aol.com

**Saturday March 26**

Desert Fest Spring 2011

Sponsor: Radio Society of Tucson

Location: Kino Sports Park  
2805 East Ajo Way Tucson, Arizona  
Talk-In: 146.800 (DUP-) PL 156.7  
Public Contact: Matthew Grossman, AC7IL  
5225 North Sabino Canyon Road Tucson, Arizona  
Phone: 520-529-8194  
Email: president@rstclub.org

**NEW MEMBERS**

Mark Barber, AC7UD, Surprise  
Mike Beck, W7EDO, Sun City West  
Jim Danielson, N0HIB, Sun City West  
Ken Jenkins, WB6MMV, Sun City West  
Kelly Morgan II, KM2PWT, Goodyear  
Skip Musgrave, KA6DCZ, Sun City West  
Armando Puncelles, KF7MBI, Phoenix  
Morris Sahrhage, WB7BV, Sun City

**RETURNING MEMBERS**

Charles R Wallace, W1OSV, Glendale

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

May WB7SBD Edwin Bixby  
June W0OWY Bill Nash

**CLUB AUDIT**

In January of 2011, the club's books were audited by Ted Walker, KJ7V, and Paula Helfrich, XYL of member Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA. As would be expected, they were found to be in good order.

Thank you all for your efforts.  
Respectfully,  
Charles R. Deschaies, KE7IBG  
Past President

**PROGRAM FOR MARCH 7 MEETING**

Date: Tue, 15 Feb 2011 , 7 p.m.

We are pleased to have Richard Aldom for our presenter for our March 7th meeting. Rick, W7STS, is frequently seen at the conventions and swapmeets, and with the Arizona Repeater Association. With his experience as ARRL Arizona Section Emergency Coordinator, he has much information to share and stories to tell about emergency communications and event planning. I am looking forward to seeing another of his presentations!

Submitted by Ron Phillips  
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**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday March 5th. 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 a copy of your license to be turned in at the time of the exam. ARRL VEC Exam Fee is \$15 for all elements taken once. An additional fee applies for a retest. 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 February 5th session at DeVry – 9 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's  
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:  
Joe Cutitta W0SLL  
Robert Fairfield K7RQN  
Robert Gormley K7SU  
Robert Miner KA7NPQ  
Ken Peloquin N7PHO  
James Scherfling K8NAU  
Bill Martin A10D  
James Skinnell K7EOG

## THE AUCTION STORY

This year, as always, the annual auction began with a trip to the club locker in Sun City where we store all of the supplies. This year Ted Walker (auction assistant) KJ7V, and I went over and collected all of the dusty boxes of brown paper for table covers, printed forms, some of which had to be re-printed, and a lot of tape, calculators, badges etc. Then a trip to the church to give them a table and chair layout for the room. Next it was phone calls to last years volunteers to see if they could work again.

about 75% of them could so I twisted arms for more workers. The day of the auction at 3:15 PM I met with Rich, W7MDQ who had the key to the room. To our dismay, they had changed the doors to the room and the locks were different and wouldn't open. The church people said no one can open the door but Father John and he isn't here.

After 'awhile' Father John did show up and gave us a new key. Once the doors were opened the second ugly surprise happened, no one had set up the tables and chairs for the auction like I had discussed with them 2 weeks before. Meanwhile early volunteers were showing up so we got to work arranging the tables and chairs ourselves.

After awhile a church worker showed up and finished the job while explaining "I forgot!". Finally around 5 PM the tables were set up and covered with paper, volunteers were getting their assigned areas ready and early birds started showing up with items to sell. A good crowd showed up by 7PM when the auction started and shortly after 10PM it was over except for the Cashier crew headed by Phil W1PW. The money was all collected, receipts made out, and proud new owners of things like a 1927 Atwater Kent radio and a Collins 30L1 amplifier were heading home.

Two days later as I am writing this, Phil and his crew has finalized the numbers and **the total Auction Sales by the club was \$3529**. Phil is going to make a Power Point presentation **of the auction details**, and will present it at the next club meeting which will be Monday eve. March 7th. The work was done by 16 volunteers who spent approximately 147 hours to make this auction happen.

Thanks to everyone who participated.....Ron Rasmussen, K6OP

**P.S.** Checks to all of the successful sellers were mailed Friday, February 11, 2011. A total of \$2755 was paid. Phil Walker, W1PW



**FOR SALE OR TRADE**

Kenwood Transceiver TS450S, TS695s, for sale \$350 or trade for a newer model. Also for sale is about 50 ft. of rotator cable 8-strand

Wanted: Tower and will pay to have it installed.

Call Gene Cardelli, WB7FJM, at 623-972-4500

**FOR SALE: BASE STATION**

Dual Band Trans Yaesu, FT5200 \$150

SWR/Power Meter Kenwood SW100 \$35

Dual Band Ant Diamond X 50A.....\$50

Power Supply Duracom SS11 11AMP...\$40

50ft RG8U Cable.....\$20

40ft Telescoping Mast.....\$40

Generator-Generac – 6000 Watt.....\$600

Call Stan K7PLO, 623-933-4073

**WANTED: ANTENNA and TRANSCEIVER**

I am looking for an antenna with no mast, to put on top of a ten foot pipe. A 10', 15' or 20' is okay.

I'm also looking for a used Kenwood transceiver around \$300.

Gene Cardelli, WB7FJH, 623-972-4500

**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

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602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

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