

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Apr 7	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Apr 2	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	Apr 14	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 says:

Ladies and Gentlemen of the West Valley Club:

We have made a good start on this new year. Let's keep up the good work.

We have several people working on the Emergency Communications Committee and things are moving along there, slowly but surely.

We have a lot of people working on future events and I want to say thank you to those for all the work they are doing.

If you have an idea for a presentation, please let myself or one of the other officers know.

Keep up all the good work. If you have suggestions please email me at jwroberts99@q.com.

Bill Roberts, KD7JMN

HAMFESTS

04/14/2012 | [Arizona ARC & ARCA Hamfest](#)**Location:** Phoenix, AZ**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Sponsor:** Arizona Amateur Radio Club & Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA)**Website:** <http://www.w7io.org>**05/05/2012 | [CARA Hamfest](#)****Location:** Sierra Vista , AZ**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Sponsor:** Cochise Amateur Radio Association**Website:** <http://www.k7rdg.org>**06/02/2012 | [White Mountain Hamfest](#)****Location:** Show Low, AZ**Type:** ARRL Hamfest**Sponsor:** Kachina Amateur Radio Club**Website:** <http://www.kachina-arc.org>

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday, April 7, 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 and a Pen and Pencil. 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 March 3rd, session at DeVry – 14 candidates were examined

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

Administering VE's
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
James Skinnell K7EOG
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**Closing date for articles for
May Short Skip
Monday, April 17th
Email: KD7JVW@cox.net**



HAM Fest.

Extra HAM License Exam

On Saturday, April 14th, at 9 a.m. there will be an additional license exam time being done by our WVARC VE team. It will be held in the library at DeVry during the

**Happy "100th"
Birthday Arizona!**

Do you **know** some of these facts about our special state? Go and check them out and see how well you did.

http://n7tw.net/happy_birthday_arizona.html

Submitted by Cindy Morrill



NWS Phoenix Skywarn Spotter Program
Southeast California, Southwest and South Central
Arizona

When significant, or severe weather occurs anywhere within the Phoenix County Warning Area, the Weather Service turns to the Skywarn™ Spotter Network to obtain timely and accurate reports. This network is comprised of individuals or groups, generally associated with the following: 1) Emergency Service Organizations (Fire, Police, etc), 2) Volunteer Organizations (HAM Radio, Citizens' Band Radio, etc), 3) Individual Citizens, and 4) Cooperative Observers.

Want to receive notifications about upcoming spotter classes? Then sign up the training announcements at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/phoenix-skywarn-training-announcements>. After signing up you will receive periodic e-mails announcing upcoming classes.

Wed., April 11 Tempe
Tues., April 17 Scottsdale
Thur., April 19 Avondale
Thur., April 26 Mesa
Sat., May 5 Queen Creek

Submitted by Cindy Morrill
P.S. David has done this and it is fun.

Logbook of The World Introduction

What is Logbook of The World?

Logbook of The World - *LoTW* - is an exciting way for Radio Amateurs to confirm two-way contacts they have made and use the confirmations as credit toward various awards.

Because Logbook of The World uses double blind comparison, users cannot see what other users have uploaded unless there is a matched QSO. All files uploaded to LoTW are electronically signed by verified users. Logbook of The World maintains the

integrity of the QSO verification process that has long been the hallmark of ARRL awards.

How does it work?

Logbook of The World is a very powerful system capable of collecting and matching QSO data from users all over the world. When properly configured, LoTW can accommodate a variety of operating situations, such as DXpeditions, previously held call signs and QSL managers.

By using digitally signed certificates with QSO date ranges and station locations for geographic information, Logbook of The World is able to accommodate clubs, QSL managers, Dxpeditions, mobile and rover operators just as easily as it handles the individual user with one call sign and one location. Submitted by David Morrill

Welcome to the Ham Radio Nation

<http://www.hamradionation.com/home.php>

A place where you can find other users that all share a common interest - **Amateur Radio**. Invite your friends, find new friends or find some of your past contacts. You can upload pictures of your radios and shack if you like or just check out others shacks, share your logs and contacts with others and compare your DX contacts and a lot more. If you have suggestions or ideas do not hesitate to them.

Submitted by David Morrill

To our Readers...

At times it is hard to find enough additional information to fill our Short Skip pages. As you are reading items on the internet, and think to yourself about someone else liking this article or a video selection, please also share those with us. You can send them to me, Cindy at KD7JVV@cox.net. They can be from new ways to build something, organize supplies, where to find a unique item, or some HAM related event. I will indeed give you credit for your efforts and they will be used as space allows. Thank you, *Cindy KD7JVV*

FOR SALE: HAM-IV rotator and control box unit. Excellent condition. New potentiometer installed. Contact Jerry Basso W7JIF at 623-214-8136.

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.org, or you can send a simple request to Ted Walker, KJ7V@cox.net, and Ted will put your name on his send list.

NOTE: At the bottom of the list, look for the "NEW ITEMS" listed under the red caption. These can change during the week and month. Check back often.

Ham Radio Auction Site.

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



Club members get ads free

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.

Our Auction Volunteers... 😊

One additional volunteer needs to be noted for his efforts with the auction, and that is Phil Weaver, W7DLZ. Thank you Phil, for helping our club. Also a special thanks to Betty Sharpe for her talents with her camera.