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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Aug 4 Sept 1	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	Aug 6 Sept 3	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	7:00 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: None was received when this went to printing.

Annual Banquet: Will be in November and more info to follow.

Ted Walker is in charge of the event and has planned the dining and also the entertainment for us. It will be an evening of dining and fun.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University will be on Saturday, **August 4, 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 license 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 the testing fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners can not make change.

Thank you Volunteer Examiners for helping others enjoy our hobby.

**Closing date for articles for
October Short Skip
Monday, Sept. 17**

Email: KD7JVW@cox.net

**Please have all articles, adds, etc. to me by
that date. Thank you.**

New Opportunity

Are you looking for new opportunities and an exciting challenge? Have you considered becoming a Net Controller? This is an excellent opportunity to be of service to the community and your fellow hams. We currently have a morning net on the 2-meter repeater that runs daily at 0900 hrs. There is also an evening net that runs Monday through Thursday at 2000 hrs. We are currently in need of Net Controllers for both the morning and evening nets. There are a variety days and times available and no previous experience is required. We train. If you are involved in emergency communications in any capacity this is an excellent opportunity to practice skills, which you would use in emergency communications. Or if you are new to the hobby it is both fun and an opportunity to get your feet wet. If you are interested in becoming a Net Control you can simply check into any one of the nets and let the Net Control know that you are interested.

Or you can contact WA6PNJ – Ed, AE7AD- Glen or myself KE7IBG – Charles. Our contact information is in the directory. Submitted By Charles Deshaies

+++ Emergency Communications: +++

In the event of severe weather or any other event, monitor the 2-meter repeater (147.300, Offset (+), PL 162.2). Also should the repeater become inoperative operations will move to 146.540 Simplex.

Submitted by Charles Deshaies

Silent Key .

Good Afternoon,

I just learned of the passing of **Martha Colburn K4VM** from the AT&T Retiree's web page. We worked together at South Central Bell/BellSouth when she lived near Clarksville, Tennessee several years ago. We even shared

the same job responsibilities along with a common interest in Amateur Radio.

My desire is to keep her call sign active as a memorial to her. I have been unable to contact her family to ask if any relatives had the same desire. Of course, I would not want to obtain her call sign if any family member wished to do so, or if your Club wanted to use it.

I would appreciate your assistance in determining the family's wishes to my request. Also, please pass along my condolences.

I can be contacted by cellphone at 615-330-5427 or email wb4tnh@arrl.net

Thank you and 73s,

Richard Hall

WB4TNH/AAR4RN

For Your Information: FYI

Tivoli Gardens has moved to 12535 W. Bell Rd. in Surprise. Join the group for Thursday morning breakfasts. It is stats at 7 a.m. Join the group; bring a spouse, or someone interested in being a HAM.

Assistance Opportunity:

Do you know of a Marine/Ham in the Sun City area that could help out?

Thanks

Tom Fagan K7DF

Section Manager Arizona

ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio™

To Tom,

Late yesterday I received a call from the Communications Director at MCAS Yuma regarding an email the commander received from a lady in Sun City. The main part of her email follows.

My husband is an ex-Marine / Navy corpsman and Vietnam vet who is part of the Jarhead ham radio net out of Cherry Point. One of the members (Richard Dowty, who was once stationed in Yuma) suggested I contact the commander there in

Yuma because you have a MARS radio station on base. My husband had a brainstem hemorrhage and is in a hospital in Sun City, northwest of Phoenix. I would like a fellow Marine / ham radio operator who lives in this area to visit my husband. Can you help me? Thank you.

Karen Leska

My husband is Paul Leska (W0PL)
My email: karenmm@attglobal.net
My phone: 952.292.8051

I was contacted as MCAS Yuma no longer has a MARS station and YACS/YDXA/YARC would provided support to the base if needed. My problem is not knowing anyone in the Phoenix/Sun City area that may be able to assist Mrs Leska. I have emailed the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter in Sun City asking if they know of any Marine vet that might also be a ham who could visit Paul.

I'm hoping that with your connections you might be able to direct me to a club or ham in the Sun City area that might be able to assist Mrs Leska.

We need to help cheer up this veteran and fellow ham...

Any help will be greatly appreciated.

George
K7YMA

Note to HAM Equipment Owners:

Club members can sell items free of charge by listing them in our newsletters. Send those to your editor by the submission date listed in the box above.

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4 Items For Sale:

1. Icom 730 transceiver. works well
 2. Astron P/S Rs 35a works well.
 3. MFJ versa tuner M 949c
 4. 10m ringo ant less than 4 mo. in the air
- Asking \$400.00 won't separate. I can be reached at 602-810-8595

Thanks, Daniel Meisel Kb8jfp

Heathkit Declares Bankruptcy, Closes for Good (Again)

07/24/2012 Read on Facebook Company Page

The July 19 edition of The Herald-Palladium -- a newspaper serving the communities of Benton Harbor and St Joseph, Michigan -- is reporting that Heathkit Education Company has declared bankruptcy and has officially closed its doors after defaulting on its lease. According to the paper, Heathkit employed more than 1800 people in its heyday after World War II; when it finally closed, its workforce totaled fewer than six people. This is the second time since 1992 that Heathkit Educational Services has shuttered its doors. In August 2011, Heathkit announced it was returning to the kit building business, and in September, that it would once again be manufacturing Amateur Radio kits.

Heathkit owner Don Desrochers told the newspaper that he has filed for bankruptcy and a bank now owns what's left of Heathkit; the bank is disposing of some items via online auctions. "The situation was purely one of the economy," he explained in the article. "Heathkit was primarily dependent upon federal and state funding for schools. Spending in education continued to drop down, and it was economically unfeasible to continue operating. When we got back into the kit business, we were losing the education business faster than we were growing the kit business. It was not sustainable."

According to the newspaper, Heathkit abandoned its lease around March, and in May, Phil Maki said he received notice that Desrochers had declared bankruptcy and that Heathkit would be closed. Maki is treasurer of Southshore Companies, the company that owns the building that Heathkit had leased a portion of. "It's a sad thing for the community," Maki said. "A lot of us grew up

using Heathkit products, and it's sad they ended the way they did."

In May 2012, the ARRL reported there were rumors of the company's demise, but nothing was certain. Tom Ferriter, of Technical Education Products in Hampden, Massachusetts, told the ARRL at that time that "Heathkit is telling us [outside sales representatives] that they have temporarily closed, but that they are hopeful that they will be able to reorganize. While they're not telling us too much, they did say that they were having poor sales for a myriad of reasons and are hopeful that they will be able to refinance the company and negotiate with the bank to refinance some of the debt."

Desrochers -- who served as Heathkit's President and Chief Executive Officer from 1995-2000 before purchasing the company in 2005 -- told The Herald-Palladium that closing Heathkit was hard for him: "It was a tough decision, but you can't operate and lose money. Hopefully the employees will find other employment. They were great, loyal employees for a long time."

Thanks to The Herald-Palladium for the information and to Lee Lull, WR8R, for bringing this to our attention

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