

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	JAN 2	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday 2 nd . Sat	JAN 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

MEET THE NEW 2012 OFFICERS

Our newly elected officers for the club included the following people:

Bill Roberts, KD7JMN will be President for us. He was president once before and has worked with several different radio clubs so he brings some different ideas to share.

Ted Walker, KJ7V, will be Vice President. He currently takes care of all of the equipment that the club has for sale.

Treasurer will be **John Siepmann, N9NA** who comes with all kinds of professional criteria to share in the bookkeeping and legal departments.

Secretary is **Dave Porta, WA0ZVM**. When I first met him he had a spiral notebook with notes about things to check on or question. He is also involved with setting up emergency teams in his area.

Board Members include:

Rosemary Kydd, N7PLN serves as a greeter also.

Ken Peloquin, N7PHO enjoys greeting and also being a VE.

Joe Cutitta, W0SLL does VE work and is a newly married.

Bob Kettler, WA6MIO is also busy with VE work and also with the emergency teams in his area.

Dave Allard, KF7MCO agreed to be a reserve board member, and comes with a new radio and enjoys cookies.

We welcome our new officers and thank them for taking these positions for our club.

Submitted by Cindy Morrill, KD7JWW

HAMFESTS

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

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, 2520 E 32nd. Street, Yuma, AZ.

For more information, go to their website:

www.yumahamfest.org.

PREZ SEZ from the PAST PREZ

This is my last PREZ SEZ, but I will be on the board as past president for a year to help where I can. We have a great new team for 2012, and already they are making plans to expand our clubs involvement in emergency communications.

The 'Coffee and Cookies' meeting was a great success. Cindy and her Helpers out-did themselves this year with gifts and goodies; I even ignored my diet and gained a pound!

The new executive team are elected and nestled in their positions and ready to go. We, the old crew are ready to rest.

See you all next year,

Ron Phillips AE6QU 602-369-4242

RETURNING MEMBERS

Tim Beyer, KE7TGN, Surprise

Pat Regan, KD7JFD, Sun City

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. There was no testing in December.

**Closing date for articles for
February Short Skip
Thursday January 12, 2012
Email: rjhelfrich@aol.com**

The club has been busy. The students are not part of a new venture sponsored by the University of Arizona Technology Park. The U of A Tech Park is starting an annual solar go-cart race. This year is the first race to be held in April 2012. The ARC students have had to learn about photovoltaic energy as part of the competition. In doing so, the students have begun experimenting with new circuits and their relationship to radio-wave propagation. The solar go-cart race will be broadcast live via Amateur Television, thanks to the efforts of Ron Phillips, AE6QU.

The students have already built one solar race to-cart. They are working on two more, testing different solar panels for maximum energy efficiency and use.

Twenty students have been preparing for their Tech license exams. They will take the test in February. The radios that the VARC has provided for their use are being put to great use. The students will provide communications, especially as they pertain to safety during the actual solar go-cart race.

The students have also used the radios for satellite QSOs, and if ever there was a thing that hooks kids to amateur radio, the amateur satellites are it!

The students are beginning exploration of high altitude balloon flights. They are working with APRS-type transmitters to attach to a planned balloon flight in Tucson early next school year.

We again thank you for your commitment to amateur radio and to young people in ham radio. Without your support, we would not be able to stimulate the young minds. Please see our blogs at <http://pueblo-hs-solar-go-kart.blogspot.com/>.

Article by Miguel Enroquez, KD7RPP
Submitted by Ron Phillips, AE6QU

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.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? **Y N** (circle one please)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____

Your phone number and E-Mail address will be published in the Roster only if you fill in these items below:

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. Write name and call of additional (licensed) family members on the back of this application.

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

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