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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

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

Hello once again.

I want to thank our Directors. We have a great group of people helping guide our club. **But we need your help.**

What kinds of things do you want to see or learn about in our programs? What interests YOU?

You see, the club is about YOU, not me, or the Directors, but YOU. We want to provide subjects of interest to you and subjects that will draw people in to hear more about Ham Radio and how they can use it to benefit our communities.

So contact me or one of the Directors and let us know what **you** want to hear about.

Service is important. So ideas about how we can serve are as important as ideas about what we want to learn.

I appreciate the service that all of you provide. If we knew what everyone was doing in the realm of Ham Radio it would probably surprise us what is being accomplished.

Thank YOU for your willingness to serve and for your ideas.

Keep up the good work. I'll see you at the next meeting.

Bill, KD7JMN

* **05/05/2012** | [CARA Hamfest](#)

Location: Sierra Vista , AZ
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Cochise Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.k7rdg.org>
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* **06/02/2012** | [White Mountain Hamfest](#)

Location: Show Low, AZ
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Kachina Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.kachina-arc.org>
[Learn More](#)

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday, May 5, 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 April 7th, session at DeVry – 14 candidates were examined

- 7 Earned Technician Class license
- 6 Earned General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class License

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**Closing date for articles for
June Short Skip
Thurs., May 17th
Email: KD7JVW@cox.net**

HAM Word Fun...

Anagram for: "THE MORSE CODE"

Rearrange the letters to come up with a new phrase. IF stumped go to the back page to get the answer. Shared by Phil Walker- more were in the puzzle but I am trying to not be political. ☺ Cindy

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

The March 30th, session at **Freescale Semiconductor** in Tempe for a group of 12 candidates were examined. All candidates were new except for one. One took and passed all of his tests, 5 just did their Technician, and 5 took their Tech and General tests.

- 5 Earned Technician Class license
- 5 Earned General Class license
- 1 Earned Extra Class License
- 1 Failed Extra Class License

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Thank you Volunteer Examiners for helping others join our hobby.





NWS Phoenix Skywarn Spotter Program

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.

Class info/sign-up is at:

<http://groups.google.com/group/phoenix-skywarn-training-announcements>.

Sat., May 5,	Queen Creek, 10 AM
Wed., May 9,	Gila Bend, 6:30 PM
Tue., May 15,	Surprise, 7 PM
Wed., May 16,	Wickenburg, 6:30 PM
Tue., Jun 6,	Gilbert, 7 PM
Wed., Jun 6,	Glendale, 7 PM

Submitted by Cindy Morrill

10 Commandments of Amateur Radio

1. Beware of the lightning that lurketh in an undischarged capacitor, lest it cause thee to be bounced upon thy bottom in a most undignified manner.
2. Causeth thou the switch that supplies large quantities of juice to be opened, yea, turned firmly off, and thusly tagged, so thy days may be long in this world.
3. Proveth to thyself that all circuits that radiateth, and upon which thou worketh are grounded, lest they lift thee to high-frequency potential and cause thee to radiateth also.
4. Take care thou usest the proper method when thou doth take the measure of high voltage circuits, so that thou doth not incinerate both thee and thy meter, for verily I say unto you: though thou are worthless, having no account number and canst be easily replaced, the meter doth have an account number, which will bringeth much woe upon the inventory.
5. Tarry not among those who engage in intentional shocks, for they are surely unbelievers, and are not long for this world.
6. Take care thou tampereth not with interlocks and safety devices, for this incurreth the wrath of thy seniors, and bringeth the sound and fury of the safety officer down upon thine head and shoulders.
7. Worketh thee not on energized equipment, for if thou dost, thy buddies wilt surely be buying beer without thee, and thy space at the bar will be filled by another.
8. Verily, Verily I say unto thee: never service high voltage equipment alone, for electric cooking is a slothful process, and thou mayist sizzle in thine own fat for hours on end before thy Maker see fit to end thy misery and drag thee into his fold.

9. Trifle thee not with radioactive devices and tubes lest thou commence to glow in the dark like unto a lightning bug.

10. Commiteth thee to memory the works of the prophets, which are written in their instruction manuals, for they whilst giveth the straight dope, and consoleth thee, and thou whilst maketh no boo-boos.

And the 11th commandment:

11. Be thou not afraid to asked stupid questions, for verily they are cheaper than stupid mistakes.

Prior printing by Thomas Smith

Shared with us by Bob Kettler and John Siepmann

Safety First . . .

A crank-up tower is a potential guillotine...

These guys were very lucky!

I commented to Bob, W5UQ, that I almost lost 4 fingers on Mike, W5MYA's (sk) crank up many years ago. This was in the early 70's. Bob asked me to tell him what happened and I thought I would share it with the group so no one else would be so stupid as I was.

Mike and I were getting ready to do a multi op in a contest so I was at his place getting setup for the contest. For some reason we had to lower the antenna. We were both on the roof, the tower was next to the house, and after finishing whatever it was we were doing, Mike noticed a small piece of rope dangling from the tower just above his reach. Not thinking Mike just stepped up on the tower a few inches to reach the rope. When he did the tower (which has just slightly nested in the trees) slipped down on his foot and grabbed him. I did the honorable (but stupid) thing and tried to help my friend. I reached in the tower and pulled that section up far enough to release his foot.

He got out and about that time the trees let loose of the tower even more and now the four fingers on my right hand were caught. Mike was panicking now and finally got down off the roof and got a tire tool out of his car trunk and came back and he was able to bend the tower braces enough to get my hand loose. He rushed me to the local emergency room, but fortunately nothing was broken, just cut up a bit. I survived to be able to use my lousy fist to send CW again.

Moral of this story... NEVER NEVER CLIMB A CRANK UP TOWER NO MATTER WHAT unless it is fully nested AND blocked with something!

Told by Tom K5IID

Shared with us by John Siepman N9NA

Thank you John for this information.

Note to HAM Equipment Owners:

Club members can sell items free of charge by listing them in our newsletters. If you have a large group of items, please break the list into groups and submitted the groups over several months. Send those to your editor by the submission date listed in the box above. This is a good way to move things and let you have space for new ones. Please send them to me at:

kd7jvw@cox.net

If you sell your listed items, please e-mail me also, so we can keep our posts up to date.



Other readers: Please contact the editor about your posting needs, price and space available. Please e-mail me at the above address. Thank you, Cindy KD7JVV

Volunteer Opportunities: Please share with us some of the upcoming events that you will be working with. It is fun to see where others enjoy using their HAM skills. In the past I have worked on street corners for benefit runs and walks, and helped with Girl Scout Career Day. Each opportunity allows you to benefit a cause, share how the HAM equipment works or just spreading the word about our hobby. **Below are volunteer opportunities coming up, that we will share more information about next month.**

Sun 10/07/12 - Walk for Hope @ Phoenix Zoo

Sat 10/13/12 - Cactus CHA-CHA @ White Tanks Regional Park

Sun 10/14/12 - Tour De Scottsdale @ Fountain Hills

HOME REAL ESTATE ADD

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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