



West Valley Amateur Radio Club

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	February 7th	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Av, Phoenix	09:00 AM
Monday	February 2nd	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ	7:00 PM
Monday	February 9th	Board Meeting	Boswell Medical Center, Ironwood Rm. 2 Sun City, Az	7:00 PM
Thursdays		Weekly Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens 12535 W Bell Rd.	7:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.300MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz+	9:00 AM
Mon.-Thurs.		Call-in Net	1147.300MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz+	8:00 PM

Pres. Says:

Hope all enjoyed Christmas and the New Year. May it be better than last year?

Remember the **West Valley ARC annual auction February 02, 2015 at St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ** If you know of any programs or speakers that you think would be of interest to the club, please let me know.

Thank you to all new board members.

Jim Haveron KA7UND 73s President

April Meeting:

Monday April 6th, Tom Fike will do a presentation on the digital modes. See you there and bring a friend with you also.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday February 7th, 2015. 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 VE's. Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.

The January 3rd, session at DeVry – 4 candidates were examined

- 3 Earned Technician Class license
- 1 Earned General Class license

Administering VE's

David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:

James Skinnell K7EOG
 Bill Martin AI0D
 Robert Miner KA7NPQ
 Ken Peloquin N7PHO
 Daniel Ford K2LH
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Club officers

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West Valley ARC LICENSE EXAMS

The Club test session will be held on the same evening as the monthly meeting 1st Monday of each month, following the monthly meeting testing from 8:00 pm to 9:15 pm will be the test session.

**St. Clements' Church Social Hall
 15800 N. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City, Az.**

We have several VE'S within the club membership who have committed to work as a VE team.

Note:

Bring photo identification, \$15.00 test fee - exact change please; original and copies of current license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE).

We are looking forward to everyone's cooperation getting the information about our new program, and walk-ins are welcome. Many thanks in advance.

Please call Joe Cutitta W0SLL at 623-337-0040 or 623-215-2226 for more information.

New Club Members

STEVEN CRANE K7AAQ
 GARY DUKARICH KG7QFR
 JASON KARAS KG7QCE
 YADIRA SOLORIO-CRANE KG7QFQ
 MAURICE BERTRAND KG7QBR

**Short Skip Deadline for submission
Of articles is 6th of the month**

**Send by 6th of the month an email to Robert Paul KG7FIL@arri.net Please have all articles, adds, Etc. to me by that date. Thank you for sharing items with our club members.
 Robert Paul**

Club Items for sale:

There are radios and all kinds of supplies available through the club. Go to Ted's email at kb5of@cox.net and request a listing. We get some old equipment that won't sell that I will be adding to the items for free. Ted Walker
KB5OF

January - February Short Skip Contest Corner

The January/February/March period is the most exciting part of the annual typical contest year. This year I find about twelve world class contests that may interest us casual testers:

Jan. 3 – ARRL RTTY Roundup

Jan. 10 – North American QSO Party, cw

Jan. 11 – DARC 10 Meter Contest

Jan. 17 - ARRL January VHF Contest, any

Jan. 23 – CQ 160 Meter Contest, cw

Feb. 6 – 10-10 Intl. Winter Contest, ssb

Feb. 13 – CQ WW RTTY Contest

Feb. 20 – ARRL Intl. DX Contest, cw

Feb. 27 – CQ 160 Meter Contest, cw

Feb. 28 – North American QSO Party, rtty

Mar., 6 – ARRL Intl. DX Contest, ssb

Mar. 27 – CQ WW WPX Contest, ssb

Detail concerning these contests and more can be found at the WA7BNM web site:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>. When you go to the web site, left click on the "+" sign in the left margin to see more information.

If you looked at these contests, you may have noticed that the implied goal is to achieve a high

score and the score is usually computed by multiplying the QSO total value by a total multiplier

value. The value assigned to each QSO is usually 1, but may vary – sometimes 2, as in the ARRL contests for cw QSO's vs 1 for ssb QSO's, or a higher number for the higher frequency band QSO's in the ARRL VHF Contest. The multipliers may be assigned for new sections or countries or call letter prefixes (in the CQ WW WPX Contest). And the multipliers may be applied for each band or for the whole contest. For instance, if you operate in the ARRL January VHF Contest and make 10 contacts (QSO's where you exchange call letters and grid square numbers for each) all on 2 meters FM in 5 grid squares your total score would be 50.

I may not operate in all these contests, but I'd be happy to try to answer your questions: telephone 630-209-4116 and/or JFSiepmann@hotmail.com. Remember you can always casually participate in these contests or most any contest and spent a few minutes or a few hours to become familiar with the events. Actually only a minority (typically 10% to 25%) of the operators are really serious contestants and most will be happy to take a few moments to help out newbies – we all have been newbies. BTW, the Jan. 17 ARRL VHF contest might be of interest to many of our club members – modes are "any", e.g. cw, ssb, fm, digital – any. Take a look at it.

Good contesting to all, John, N9NA

Jan. 2, 2015

Preparedness Net.

The last Friday before the club meeting.

Notes of Topics:

Suggestion to go to set a date to setup and show off I go kits and our skills to the public?

Talk about different repeaters being hooked up our system with del Webb Boswell and Yarnell, and others that are hooked up to the north, down south to Guadalupe peak for instance, and then over the California for systems that are linked altogether.

Comment that Yaesu is offering a repeater in the 2meter 440 band Digital fusion brand for around \$500 that would

be something to look into available **until March** and need to be a computer club for more information

<http://www.aaradio.com/cartfile/yaesu/DR1Xpromo.pdf>.

Suggestion to maybe put together a list of linked repeaters in the area also if they go out of State.

Talked about who can hear each other on the reverse frequency in case of emergency when the repeater on Del Web hospital is down we still tune to that frequency but the reverse side of it 147.900MHz and try to make contact with each other in emergency. [I think we should setup a test, and start at Del Web and see who can talk to each other and relay throughout the valley].

By Robert Paul KG7FIL

Please let the editor know when items sell so your ad is current for you.

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. I am Patient and professional with 30 plus years in the computer field.

Call Larry KE7JXQ at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295 or 602-863-0502



*Silent Key
Don Still NV7G*



Free adds are available for club members ham equipment others will have a fee. Use this Space to sell your items or business skills.

Keymen's Club of Japan Award Goes to John Siepmann N9NA

This award was quite a pleasant surprise. It was a twelve hour cw event in August 16 – 17, 2014 on all HF bands plus 6 meters. I made a total score of 5600 with 131 contacts and 57 multipliers or Japan prefectures – 5 Q's on 80, 111 Q's on 40 meters and 15 Q's on 20 meters during about four hours of operating – a pretty slow contest.

I happened to come in ninth for all stations outside Japan and first in Arizona. Contest awards typically are given for many and various geographic areas. I scored second in the US (K6XX in CA was first) and N6AM in Flagstaff came in right behind me with a score of 5000. A more complete description of the contest is at:

http://www.kcjcw.com/e_index.htm

by: John Siepmann N9NA



2 February 2015

West Valley ARC Auction

Hosted by the West Valley Amateur Radio Club
St Clement of Rome Social Hall, 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Doors open at 1800 hours for registration, browsing and set up
Auction begins at 1900 hours

You don't have to be a club member to be a seller/buyer
For information, contact Ted, KB5OF at 623.910.9275

20 - 21 February 2015

Yuma Hamfest

Hosted by the Yuma Amateur Radio Hamfest Organization
Yuma County Fairgrounds, 2520 E 32nd Street, Yuma, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Visit the Web Site at www.yumahamfest.org for more information

21 March 2015

2015 Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Scottsdale Amateur Radio Club
Mountain Valley Community Church, 17800 N Perimeter Drive, Scottsdale, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours: 6:00 AM till 12:00 Noon.

Overnight RV's welcome. Refreshments, VE Testing, Tailgating.
Watch for more details.

28 March 2015

Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson
Golden Corral Buffet & Grill, 4380 E 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for Map

Hours: 6:00 AM 'til Noon -- Seller Set-Up - 6:00 AM
Free Admission & Parking -- Vendors/Tailgaters \$10 per space
Free Overnight Parking after 6:00 PM Friday
Prizes, Free VE Testing, GOTA Station
Hot Coffee, Tea & Donuts Available

For more information, visit Web Site at www.k7rst.org

24 - 26 July 2015

ARCA/Williams Hamfest

Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
Williams Rodeo Grounds, Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ
Hamfest Hours: Dawn to Dusk Friday and Saturday

Grand Canyon Train Trip on Sunday, 26 July

Gates Open at 12 Noon on Thursday, 23 July for set up

See the "July Hamfest" Page for More Information

2015 Membership

**WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
RENEWAL FORM**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND



NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER?

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ - _____

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.

2015 Memberships Dues

Dues for next year will now be accepted. Please fill out a membership form above, or one from the website, complete it and send with check to the address on the form OR bring it to the next meeting. I will also have forms at the meeting. It is extremely important that your correct email address is on the form. Dues are \$15 per year for a household at the same address. Thanks, ROGER THACKER KD0MD