



West Valley Amateur Radio Club

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SHORT SKIP

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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	Feb. 6 th	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Av, Phoenix	09:00 AM
Monday	Dec. 7 th	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City, AZ	7:00 PM
Monday	Dec. 14 th	Board Meeting	Boswell Medical Center, Juniper Room Sun City, Az.	7:00 PM
Monday	Dec. 21 st	Emergency Preparedness Group	Boswell Medical Center, Juniper Room 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	147.300MHz, Tone 162.2 Hz+	8:00 PM
Echo-Link			NY7S Repeater Node 598882	

West Valley Amateur Radio Club

Annual Auction

February 1, 2016 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
 Doors open at 5:00 PM for vendor set up and registration
 St. Clements of Rome
 15800 N Del Webb Blvd, Sun City AZ 85351

More information inside.

Winter Field Day

At the end of January, we are having a winter field day event, if you are serious about emergency communications as we are; we welcome you to join us for our yearly event. We are sure that you will find this event a pleasant change and challenge to that of a normal summer time field day.

Email: Ray RAY42DAY@AOL.COM

Email: Mike AFMIKEC@COX.NET

The new club year starts April 1st.

Annual dues for members shall be \$15.00, payable in advance by the April meeting.

A new member who joins between Oct 1 and February 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues.

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday February 6th 2016. 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 original and copies of current Ham license and Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) 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.

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 changes 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.

December 7th session St. Clements' Church – 5 candidates were examined.

Hanging out on the HF bands

"**Serendipity**" means a "fortunate happenstance" or "pleasant surprise". The HF Bands can provide such moments. I experienced one of them on the HF bands just last month.

I was working Japanese stations on 15 Meters as part of the JA Contest running on a November weekend when notice a huge pile up around 21.300 on my transceiver's spectrum display. I tuned down to see what was up. Well, it had nothing to do with the JA contest - it was a pile up for a rare DX Expedition to Willis Island (VK9WA) off the coast of Australia. They were number 32 in the world on the most desired DX Expedition list. I had no hope of busting through that pile-up on 15 but in looking at my DX spotting web site (www.dxwatch.com) noticed the VK9 being spotted on 10 meters. I got on the 10 Meter frequency, gave him a call and he came back to me the first time.

Evidently they had just gotten set up on 10 Meters and had not attracted a pile-up yet. So with my 500 watts and attic beam I was able to work him. Serendipity indeed! Loads of fun! And bragging rights to boot.

So, if you haven't done so lately, give HF a try. Maybe serendipity will visit you too.

Richard W7MDQ

New Members

Rafael Brito
Reinhard Geissler
Steven Rasbach
Paula Schmitt
Thomas Swanson
Jerry Titus

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NET

12-4 2015

With Ed, WA6PNJ as net control the topic of the evening was topics for future nets.

Bob KG7FIL- Was concerned about 's and suggested Mylar rap for equipment & bubble wrap protection

AE7CQ, Joe Suggested filling 2 liter bottles with drinking water. He recommended having solar

panels, canned goods, batteries, toilet paper. He also thought that using Sanitation pads and washing them out for reuse was a good idea.

N7YTI, Jim has no backup batteries and that some of the new houses seem to be blocking his signal to the repeater also beer lasts longer than water.

KF7WWP, Roger has 5 days of water, MRE's, communications, compressed air and gen on bikes. Self-protection.

AF7UT Harry Requirement of water 1 gal / person / day. Replace water supplies, check list of need items. Food stores.

KG7EZP, DAVE emergency pot luck-water feed to the house.

VE3EBW, Hines fire evacuation plan basic power requirements, generators, compressed air, hybrid vehicle.

KD0MD, Roger. Power requirements if we lose all commercial power. Recommendations on what we want/willing to do. Limit comments on what we have for self-defense. Other club information we want to remain.

KF7MZP Chuck meds, sanitation, refrigeration for meds.

Wb7x Marty Yaesu ht batteries.

Ray, W0IVB volunteered as unofficial scribe; hope I got it right?

Mike, K7MJC is working on a new script for the mid-month PE Net. He'll incorporate these thoughts into a list of topics that will be dynamic and change to accommodate new ideas. If you have ideas for topic, please e-mail:

Ray: RAY42DAY@AOL.COM

Mike: AFMIKEC@COX.NET

73 de Ray, W0IVB

West Valley Amateur Radio Club Annual 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 setup.

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.



Maxon SP130 SP149 accessories and information

<http://www.atbatt.com/two-way-radio/b/maxon/m/sp140.asp> (best price on battery that I found.)

<https://www.planetheadset.com/Batteries-Maxon.php>
http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_nkw=maxon+sp-140

In regards to the HT's Dave made available, the Maxon 2M and 70cm models, the above links will help you buy a few accessories including batteries. You will find others using an internet search. I've looked for the AA battery pack type but so far have found none. I did find a car adapter with cigar lighter plug on eBay. Operating and service manuals can be down loaded from www.mods.dk which you may find helpful. One feature I have found useful is the scan mode. The radio can be programmed to scan select channels. Read the manual for more info. I can program either HT for scanning. Also if you have a list of preferred channels, contact Ted at kb5of@arri.net or call at 623-910-9275 to make an appointment. These radios are solid, dead-on in frequency, a little on the hefty side but a good radio that might even come in handy changing a tire if you need to scotch a wheel to keep the car from rolling away. If you want programming capability, contact Ted for information on using your computer, finding a program and buying a cable to get the job done. Antenna adapters are available to convert the stud mount to BNC so the station antenna or mobile antenna can be used. CAUTION: Be aware the antenna attachment on the radio is NOT SMA even though it will fit as the threads are the same! It is MX stud. SMA attached antennas short out the output and most likely will.

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____ CALL (if any) _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y N

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____
zip plus 4

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. **Annual dues for members shall be \$15.00, payable in advance by the April meeting, a new member who joins between Oct 1 and February 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues.**

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 _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Renewal New member

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, **TOM CONNOR W7TLC**

West Valley ARC Auction

Feb. 1, 2016

**St. Clement Catholic
Church Social Hall
15800 Del Webb Blvd.,
Sun City, AZ**



**We Now
Accept
Credit Cards**

**View from 6pm until
7pm. Bring lots of
money for many great
deals.**

9 January 2016

Thunderbird Hamfest 2016

Hosted by the Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club
Northwest Community Church, 16615 N 43rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours: 8: AM until 12:00 Noon

Vendor Set Up at 7:00 AM - Friday night after 5:00 PM permitted also.

General Admission: \$3.00. Vendor Spaces: \$10.00 per parking slot.

Door prizes - VE testing 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Talk-In 146.700 -600, 162.2 Pl or 446.150 -5, 100 Pl

Snack & Beverages will be available.

17-23 January 2016

Quartzfest 2016

Sponsored by the QuartzFest Planning Committee
Roadrunner Short-Term BLM Land, US Hwy 95 & 53rd St North,
Quartzsite, AZ

Talk-In: 146.55 Simplex

Contact Dave Anderson, K1AN at 602.616.8338 or email k1an@arrl.net for
more information.

19 - 20 February 2016

2016 Southwestern Division Convention/Yuma Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours are Noon - 5:00 PM Friday and 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Saturday.

Gates open Thursday, 18 February, at 2:00 PM for camping.

Admission \$5.00 per person.

Talk-In frequency - 146.840 (-) Pl 88.5 Hz.

Check web site at www.yumahamfest.org for full details.

Email contact: info@yumahamfest.org.

19 March 2016

2016 Spring Hamfest

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

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours are 6:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

VE testing will be held and refreshments will be available.

26 March 2016

Tucson Spring Hamfest

Hosted by the Radio Society of Tucson
Target Store (north parking lot), 9615 E Old Spanish Trail, Tucson, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map.

Hours are 6:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Seller set up starts at 5:00 AM

Free Admission and Parking. Spaces are \$10 per space.

Free VE Testing, GOTA (Get On the Air) station, Card checking, prizes.

Coffee, Tea and Donuts will be available.

Talk-In on 146.800 Pl 156.7 or 145.250 Pl 156.7.

For map and more information, visit web site at www.k7rst.org.

9 April 2016 (date Tentative)

April Hamfest at DeVry

Hosted by the Arizona Amateur Radio Club and the Amateur Radio
Council of Arizona

DeVry University, 2949 W Dunlap Avenue, Phoenix,

AZ Click [HERE](#) for map

Watch for date and details.

22 - 24 July 2016

ARCA/Williams Hamfest

Hosted by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona
Williams Rodeo Grounds, 800 Rodeo Road, Williams, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Hamfest hours are Dawn to Dusk Friday and Saturday.

Trip to the Grand Canyon aboard the Grand Canyon Railroad on Sunday, 24
July.

Hospitality Suite on Friday - Barbecue Dinner at Railside RV Ranch on
Saturday.

Breakfast and Lunch served by the Kiwanis Club of Williams on Friday and
Saturday.

Prizes, VE Testing, Seminars and more.

For complete up-to-date information, click on the "ARCA/Williams
Hamfest" link at the left of the screen.

21 - 22 October 2016

2016 Arizona State Convention / CopaFest 2016

Hosted by the Maricopa Amateur Radio Association
Ultra Star Center at Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, 16000 Maricopa Road,
Maricopa, AZ

Click [HERE](#) for map

Talk-In: 449.125- (Pl 136.5) & 145.210- (Pl 162.2)

Contact Bob Howard at 520.222.7311 or email to w8rh@live.com for more
information.