

WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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SHORT SKIP



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WVARC CALENDAR

Saturday	May 3	VE Exam Session	DeVry University 2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix	9:00 AM
Monday	May 5	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall 15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City	7:00 PM
Saturday	May 10	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

PREZ SEZ

Once again, our club volunteers have done a great job. The 2008 Roster Booklets have been mailed to all of the members. Most of the certificates of appreciation were given out during our last general meeting.

We have great need for a volunteer. We need to get a membership chairperson. Right now Phil Walker W1PW is doing that job plus his other responsibilities. We do not want to burn anyone out on volunteering their time for the club. If anyone is interested in this position please let one of club Officers or Directors know.

We are looking to start some classes for new Technicians and upcoming classes for upgrading. Anybody that wants to help please let the club officers know. We have a GREAT VE program and

really need the instruction part of it also. We have so many members with a wealth of knowledge.

I hope everyone has finished their outdoor antenna projects because it is getting ready to hit 100 degrees soon.

There is a Skywarn class on April 21st in Peoria if anyone is interested in being a spotter. I have been for several years and now that the Monsoon season will be hitting us soon you will be ready. I need to go also as a refresher, so hope to see others there.

Location:

Peoria Police/Fire Building
8351 W. Cinnabar, Peoria, AZ 2nd Floor

Date/Time:

Monday, April 21st at 7 PM

David Morrill N7TWT

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Woolery KC5YXO Goodyear
 William Martin AI0D Phoenix
 Art Hill K7WAH Buckeye
 John Davison WOFEK Sun City

EXPIRING LICENSES

WA7SMC Earl Finkbeiner August
 W7NSN Frank Horn August
 KA7UND James Haveron August
 KA7RGW Michael Miner August
 K7SA Warren Mays August
 Renew after 90 days before expiration date

UPCOMING HAMFESTS**Saturday May 3 2008**

Larry Warren Cochise Hamfest
 Cochise Amateur Radio Association
 Location; Green Acres
 2756 South Moson Road
 Sierra Vista, Arizona
 Talk-In: 146.76(-) (PL 162.2)
 Contact: Lee Ilse, KD7OED
 3785 Mohawk Drive
 Sierra Vista, Arizona 85650
 Phone: 520-378-1643
<http://www.k7rdg.org>
 Email: kd7oed@arrl.net
 Fax: 520-533-2165

WANTED FOR TEACHERS FOR HAM CLASSES

The WVARC is looking for people to teach the Technician, General, and Extra classes. If you would like to teach one of these classes, please contact David Morrill, N7TWT.

NEED COMPUTER HELP? (Ad)

Computer consultant: in-home tutoring, problem solving, hardware and software installations, virus detection and removal. Patient, professional with 30+ years in the computer field. Call Larry; KE7JXQ at L.E. Purchase Computer Consultants, Inc. 1-888-922-9295 or 602-863-0502

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 Success Realty 602-370-1450 cell, rahaworth@cox.net

WANTED: Heathkits, (Amateur Radio related), and Manuals, Robert, K7RQN, 623 566-2320.

THIRD ANNUAL 7th AREA QSO PARTY

This is to notify you and your fellow club members that the Third Annual Seventh Area QSO Party (7QP) will take place from 1300Z May 3 thru 0700Z May 4 (essentially 6am thru Midnight local MST on Saturday May 3).

7th call area stations work everyone, others work 7th area stations only. Work stations once per band/mode. 7th area mobiles (and those participating in other concurrent QSO parties or contests) may be worked again as they enter new counties.

Full Rules and much other info are available at the 7QP website:

<http://www.codxc.com/new/Page.asp?Content=DRYLAND7S&Page=1>

This has become the most active of any new QSO Party implemented in many yrs. In fact, the first year, 2006, it had more activity than any first year of any QSO Party, ever! Pretty impressive.

Thanks to the activity of you folks, Arizona had all of its 15 counties represented in the 2007 7QP. Only two other states (OR, UT) can claim 100% county participation.

Please let your fellow club members know of this great operating activity, and make plans now! Either myself (bobk8ia@aol.com) or Jim KF7E (jhenders@swlink.net) can field any questions you may have.

*73, Bob K8IA
 CADXA Contest Coordinator
 Arizona Captain - 7QP*

*73, Jim KF7E
 Arizona Lt. - 7QP*

FCC LICENSE EXAMS

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday May 3rd. 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 of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CSEs and photocopies of each if applicable. ARRL VEC Exam Fee is \$14 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.

The April 5th, session at DeVry – 18 candidates were examined

- 6 earned Technician Class license
- 6 earned General Class license
- 4 Earned Extra Class license
- 2 Failed Extra Class License

Administering VEs
David Morrill N7TWT Liaison

VE Team:
Kenneth Peloquin N7PHO
Robert Fairfield K7RQN
Robert Miner KA7NPQ
Joe Cuttita W0SLL
Bill Martin AI0D
Yoshi Sano K7YS
Robert Gormley KS7U
James Skinnell KB7EOG
Harold Taylor W7HVT

Closing date for material for next issue of

Short Skip is Saturday May 10, 2007

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WE ARE A 501(C)(3) NOT FOR PROFIT CLUB

A list of amateur radio 501(c)(3) clubs in the April ARRL Southwestern Division e-Communicator did not include West Valley Amateur Radio Club. We do have IRS registration and donations to us are deductible from income tax.

LICENSE EXAMS

Valley of the Sun Locations

Saturday April 26, 7 PM

Sponsor: Arizona ARC
Location: American Red Cross
6135 N Black Canyon Hwy
Phoenix, Arizona
No walk-ins
Pre-Registration Required
Notify contact by Thursday night
Contact: Gary M Hamman
(602)996-8148
Email: k7gh@arrl.net

Saturday May 3, 9 AM

Sponsor:
DeVry ARC & West Valley ARC
Location: DeVry University
2149 W Dunlap Ave
Phoenix, Arizona
Walk-ins allowed
Contact: David R Morrill
(623)925-0680
Email: n7tw@cox.net

Saturday May 19 6 PM

Sponsor: EV VE Team/Superstition ARC
Location: City Of Mesa Bldg N/E RM
640 N MESA DR
MESA, Arizona
Walk-ins allowed
Contact: Steve Gurley
(480)804-1469
Email: kj7wk@cox.net

Thursday May 24

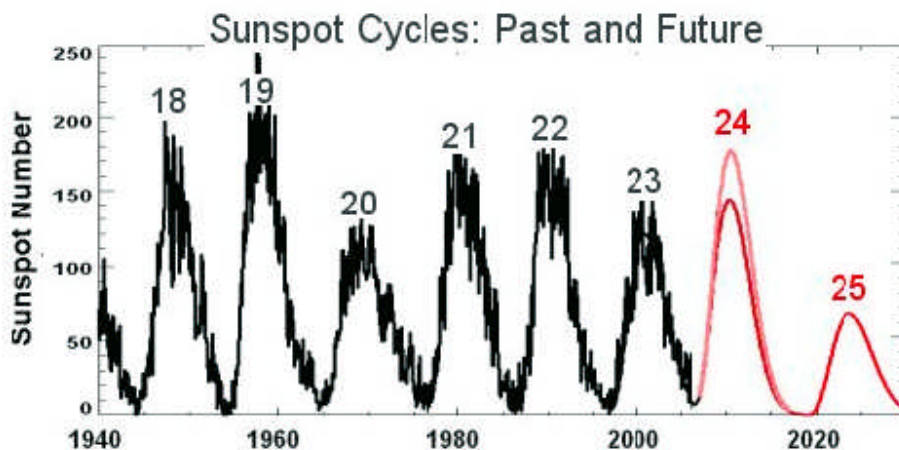
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THE NEXT TWO SUNSPOT CYCLES

Solar physicists believe the speed of a massive circulating current of hot plasma within the Sun control the amplitudes of sunspot cycles. In recent years that speed has become lower than ever before observed. Based on the “plasma-speed / future-cycle-amplitude” theory, a team at NCAR is predicting that Solar Cycle 24 will be intense.

NASA solar physicist David Hathaway agrees with this, but also predicts Cycle 25 will be extraordinarily weak. The image below shows the results of numerous previous cycles along with the predictions for the next two cycles. The NCAR team prediction for Cycle 24 is shown below, along with Hathaway's Cycle 24 and 25 predictions.

The rate of increase in each cycle is usually faster than the rate of decrease. This means that the peak of Cycle 24 may be just 3 to 4 years away (late 2011 or early 2012). Get your antennas for 15 to 30 MHz ready...



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***** WANTED *****

The editor of the Short Skip is in need of articles from club members. Otherwise, the Short Skip will become extremely limited in it’s usefulness to everyone.

Randy Helfrich, KD7ZAA