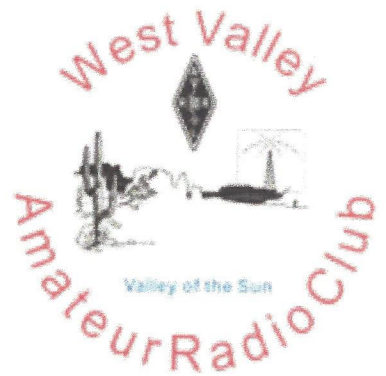


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NEWSLETTER OF THE

West Valley Amateur Radio Club On The Air Meetings

Come Join Us For Our Nov 2nd General Meeting On ZOOM

Check Out Our Updated Website At <https://westvalleyarc.com>

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Ask Elmer

**Nov
2020**

**ZOOM
General
Meeting
Nov 2nd
7:00 ~ 8:30 pm**

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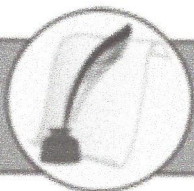
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Nov General Meeting Will Be A Zoom Meeting



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To All Of Our Great Volunteers who are handling the club's business while staying safe.

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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! CACTUSRICH@GMAIL.COM

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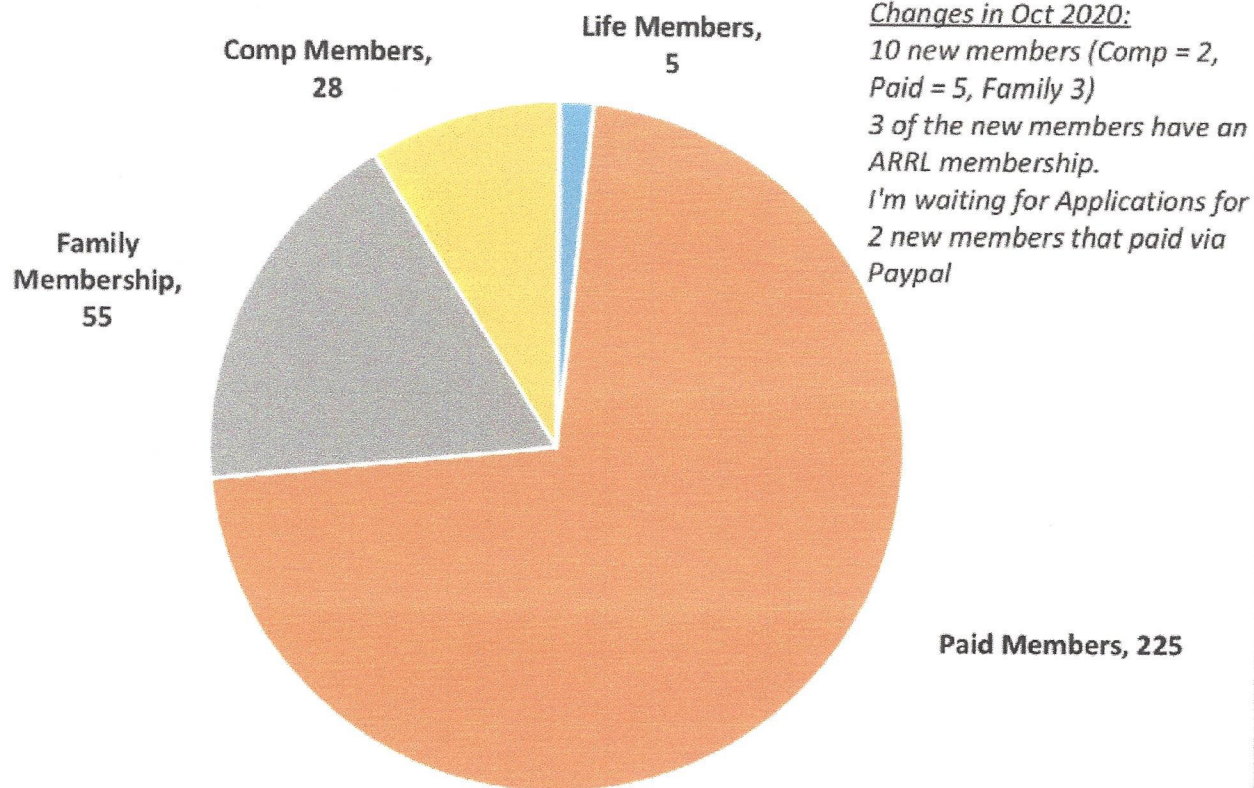
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Oct 2020 Membership Report For Oct Board Mtg

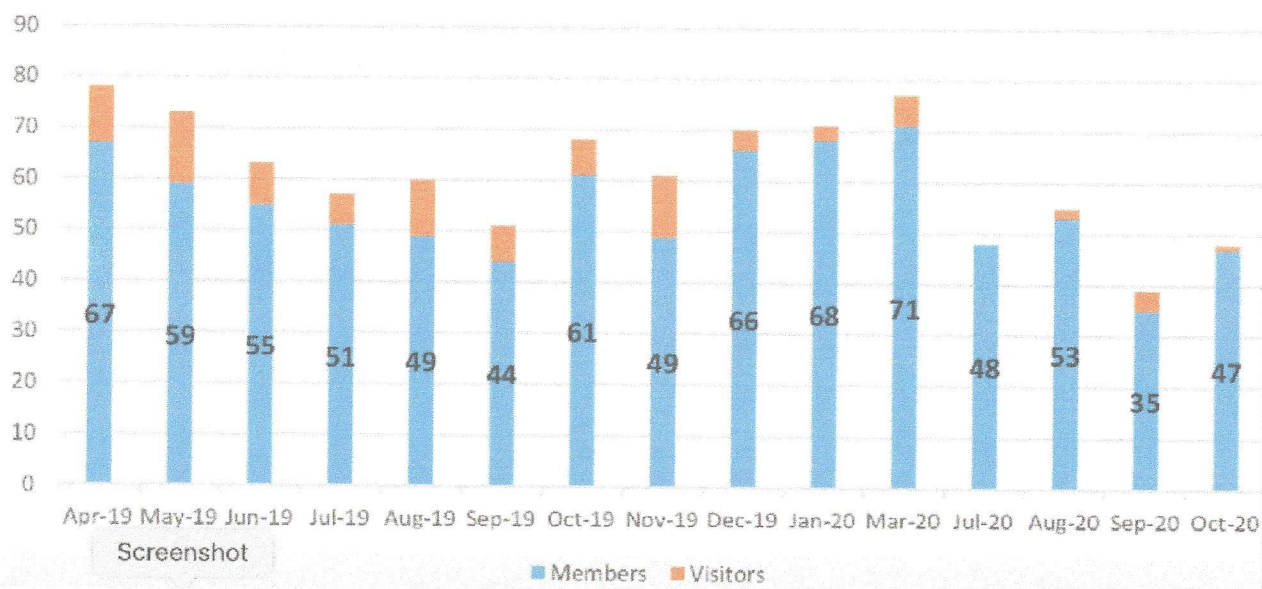
By Krissy

Quorum of 15% membership is 47 Members

Oct WVARC Total Membership is 313 Members



WVARC General Meeting Attendance
 (Per Sign-in sheets or Zoom counts)



In Memory Of Our Silent Keys

My chair is sitting empty.
My call's no longer heard
My radio rests quietly.
From it comes no words.
On my shack door is a message.
That reads "From Me to Thee"
My frequency's much higher now
I've become a Silent Key
Judy Hudson KC9CCJ

Equipment Donated To The Club For Sale

DONATED EQUIPMENT LIST Version 20-13, dated 10/2/2020

Baofeng UV5R HT with hand mike, charger. programming cable, DC adapter & extra antenna	\$ 30.00
Kenwood TR2500 2 meter FM handheld with battery & charger	\$ 10.00
Stereo HeadSet	\$ 10.00
2 Postion Antenna Switch with BNC connectors (make unknown)	\$ 5.00
B&W Model 427 Low Pass Filter	\$ 3.00
R.L. Drake 1 KW Low Pass Filter	\$ 3.00
2 position coax switch	\$ 3.00
Staco Model RSP-4, 4 amp Power Supply	\$ 10.00
Micronta 2.5 amp Power Supply	\$ 10.00
Radio Shack 3 amp Power Supply	\$ 10.00
Two (2) Ballantine Model 310 AC Volt Meters	\$ 15.00
HP Model 430C Microwave Power Meter	\$ 15.00
New (unused) Five (5) Port Ethernet Hub	\$ 5.00
New (unused) Four (4) Video Component Device Selector	\$ 5.00
Kenwood TMV7A Dual band Mobile. No power cord. Display has missing pixels however frequency is readable.	\$ 25.00
Yaesu FT-2600M 2M Mobile. No manual. Microphone cable needs replacing.	\$25.00
2M/440 Aluminum J Pole Antenna	\$ 15.00
Larson Trunk Mount 2 Meter Antenna	\$ 5.00
Homemade 2 Meter Coxial Vertical Dipole Antenna	\$ 2.00
Homemade 2 Meter Rollup J Pole Antenna with coax	\$ 2.00
Approximately 25 to 30 foot Roll of RG-58U coax	\$ 5.00
Cash or checks accepted. No payment plans! Offers intertaind!	
Contact: Jim, WB7RBN, if interested.	
email: wb7rbn@arrl.net Cell Phone: (509) 430-3124	

Newbie – Elmer Committee

Newbies join the West Valley ARC from all walks of life. Young and old, men and women, electronic professionals to farmers. They all have one golden asset... a new license and a keen ambition to learn!

The committee was handed a daunting task of “what is next” for these new members? So many of them join... then fall out of the club. It is doubly troubling with the COVID quarantine limiting social interaction.

President Danny, KM4HFT asked me to form a committee to stop this hemorrhaging and identify new members. To come-up with procedures to aid inquisitive new members with useful tools and beginner radios so they can get on the air, experience our many and varied nets and most importantly... get to know many of our valued members!

The committee (at our first Zoom meeting) purposed and later confirmed by the membership, to buy new radios. We had one goal in mind... get newbies on the air quickly so they could:

1. Overcome mic freight
2. Get to know our nets and members
3. Become familiar with ham procedures, Q signals and the possibilities ham radio offers
4. Become exposed to wide coverage repeaters
5. Identify club Elmer's so new hams can ask “dumb questions!”

We purchased the radios after the club's approval and delivered them to Gary Robin, K9HDU for mating with the power supplies. Gary, of course, did his usual quality work and even dressed the cables and tuned the mobile antennas.

Then the radios were transferred to Curt Faulk, N6ATC for programming. He contacted RT Systems and explained to them how newbies to our club were going to utilize these radios. RT Systems donated the programming software to the WV

Club with the understanding that it would not be passed around and would permanently reside on one computer.

1. Frequencies were chosen that highlighted our club repeater (147.300) and our unofficial simplex frequency, 146.58.
2. Curt programmed the radios with repeater frequencies such as ARA, Rim Link, Metro-link and EARS along with other regional repeaters.

Each month membership chairperson, Krissy Larson, KI7GJJ, sends the committee a list of new hams that have just passed their test or are new to the club migrating from other states.

The first radio was loaned out to a newbie ham, Julia Korytkowski, KC7ZVO.

Gary Franklin, (K8BKB), set up a loaner agreement that requires a check for the full replacement value.

We are holding meeting to discuss what information should be included in the Newbie packets. The ARRL is also working with the committee on charts, Q signals, HAM slang and other information to make it easier to get acclimated.

Gary Franklin (K8BKB), Bill Ciccon (KA2KHV), Larry Johnson (WO7C) and Ray Madison (WB7VZI) are the first set of “Elmers.” These guys have already contacted several new hams and encouraged them to become involved.

The newbie and Elmers information will soon appear on the club website, Facebook and monthly Short Skip to offer more contact info.

If you would like to participate or become an Elmer for our committee, please drop me a note at N6ENV1@GMAIL.COM.

Frosty, NQ1S

Newbie – Elmer Committee

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Nov Presentation

By Ray W0IVB

The year 1961 was a very good year, I married the love of my life and The Sun City Radio Club was formed, the predecessor of our West Valley Amateur Radio Club. The club logo boasts of Emergency Communications since 1961.

October 2021 will be the 60-year anniversary of WVARC. I think we should do something extra special next Oct. to commemorate our club. I would like to form a Special Event Station committee.

What is a Special Event Station?

Normally they are announced in QST giving the reason for the event, the frequencies, time of operation and if a certificate is offered. I think the weirdest one I have worked was a guy setup mobile operations on and for US highway 93's seventy-fifth anniversary. NASCAR, Indy 500 and I think the Kentucky Darby have all had a Special Event Station. If I can figure out how to fire-up my Zoom Room, plan to have a brief presentation for Nov. 2 club meeting. See you there. 73, Ray, W0IVB

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Club Radios

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Nov Technical Committee Report

By

Frosty, NQ1S

We, on the Tech Committee kind of fell like the Maytag repair man and yet it is nice to not roam around hospital looking for trouble. So being the "loneliest guy(s) in town" is simply fine. Wake us when it is over...

Frosty, NQ1S

I've had the privilege of seeing several of our member's ham shacks and there sure are some impressive ones in our club! I will be on the road when we do our Virtual Ham Shack tour on September 19th so I won't be able to show off my ham shack, or should I say: "Ham Desk". My setup is not as cool as some of yours, but it meets my needs. My Ham Desk is in a corner of my personal office – it has to share the room with all of my other toys.

I have a VHF/UHF vertical antenna in my attic and a secondary UHF/VHF magnetic mount antenna in the attic. My HF antenna is a portable buddy pole that I setup and take down.

On my desk, I have an Astron RS-35M power supply, an Icom IC-2000 2m mobile unit (my back-up radio), and my Ham-Shack-in-a-box Yaesu FT-991A HF/VHF/UHF All Mode Transceiver. The Yaesu is compact and travels nicely with my buddy pole to my favorite camp spot. I also have a Kenwood TH-D74 144/220/430 Hand Held. I have a pi-star hotspot that I use for Fusion and D-Star. Finally, I have a Surface Pro 3 that I use as my radio laptop and a Raspberry Pi I use for fun. I have my Yaesu connected to a small speaker on my desk and to a network of bluetooth speakers that are scattered around the house. No matter which room I'm in, I can listen to the net! Late at night, I use headphones so I don't disturb anyone trying to sleep!

In the summer, my office gets warm with all the computers and radio gear. In the winter it is the coziest room in the house and you'll often see a bowl with bread dough sitting on my power supply – the warmth helps the dough raise.

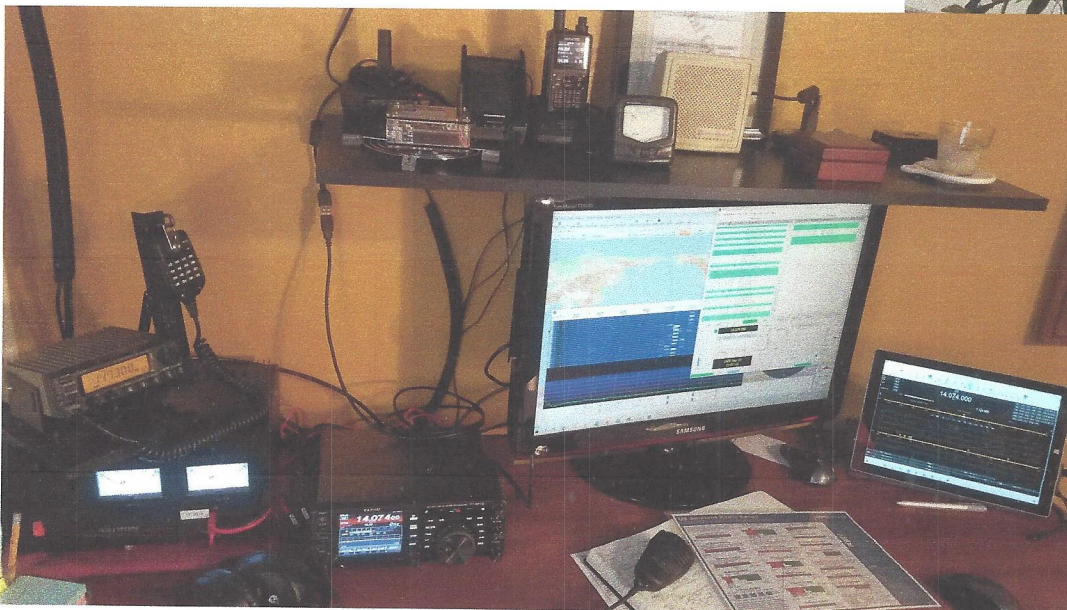
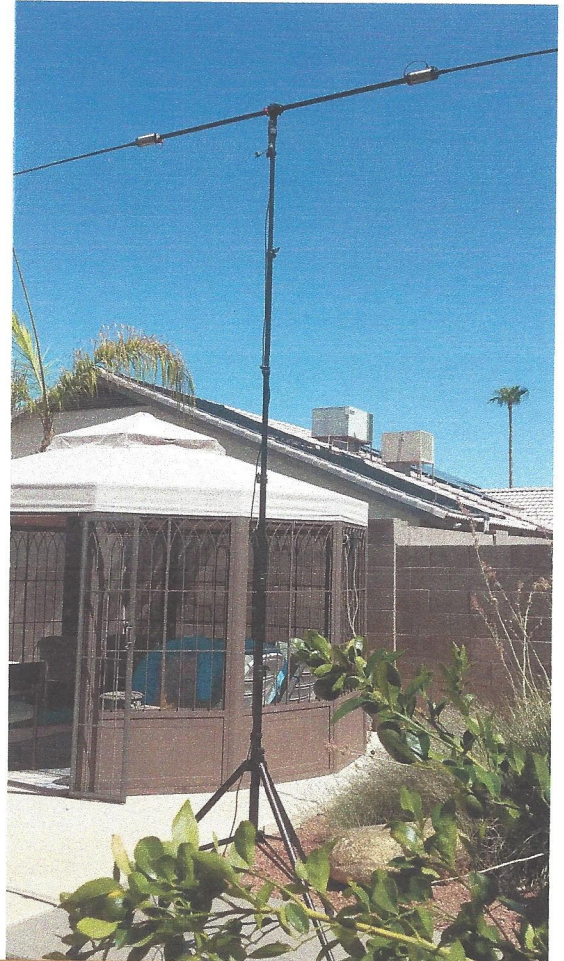
I plan to join the Virtual Ham Shack tour on Sept 19th assuming I have WiFi. However, you'll have to look at my mobile unit or the airbnb we rented in Door County.

Krissy KI7GJJ

My "Ham Desk"

By

Krissy. KI7GJJ



President's Nov. Message

The weather is finally cooling off! This is the real reason all of us live here and people pour in for the winter.

Here's a little run down of what's currently happening in our Club.

1. Halloween costume pictures. We want to thank Joe KJ7PUL for chairing this project.

2. Thanksgiving holiday recipe exchange. Please send in your favorite Thanksgiving recipe by November 20th to Committee Chair Gloria W7GAP, and thank you, Gloria, for pulling this together for us.

3. Our Nominating Committee is currently hard at work and everyone should be contacting them at this time regarding

nominations. I want to thank the Committee Chair Dave KI7GFH and his two helpers, Joe KJ7PUL and Armando KF7MBI.

4. Julia KC7ZVO will be chairing our holiday card exchange program. We'll send an email regarding participation in this program. Thanks Julia!

5. We want to thank Jim WB7RBN, our current Ham of the Month, for his hard work managing our equipment donations and sales.

6. We want to thank Krissy KI7GJJ for her continued hard work chairing the Membership Committee, our annual Auction

Committee, and our Emergency Preparedness gang.

7. We want to thank Frosty NQ1F and all of his team, helpers and volunteers for forming our new and much needed

Newbie Committee. We also want to thank Frosty for chairing the Tech Committee.

8. We want to thank Ed WA6PNJ, our Net Control Operator, and all of the many Net Controllers, who have so diligently entertained us with their kindness, humor and intelligence, week after week. We all want to thank you for your commitment.

9. There are still many other behind the scenes people who bring life to our Club, especially all of those who are welcoming and encouraging new people to come to our Club.

Many people have been calling and reminding me that October 2021 is our Club's 60th anniversary date. Many of you have expressed a desire to participate in the development of our Anniversary party. We'll open this up and begin forming Committees for our celebration in the near future.

As a final note, in the past many of you have enjoyed going to the Yuma Ham Fest. I've just received notice from David KG7EZP that, for multiple reasons, the 2021 Yuma Ham Fest has been cancelled.

Now, my homework instruction for all of you is to take some time to reach out and introduce yourself to some of our many new members. And if you haven't done it yet, pick up the phone and call some of your old friends you haven't been in touch with for years, and just say hello!

West Valley Amateur Radio Club ~ 2021 Auction ~

The WVARC is planning to host our annual Everything-Ham-Related Auction on Saturday Feb 20th, 2021 ~noon. We are still very early in the planning stages as we define the safest way to conduct the auction in 2021. We are considering all possibilities: Using Zoom, Silent Auction, In-person auction as we have conducted in the past (assuming COVID is under control). Conducting the auction in the early afternoon on a weekend could allow more people to attend and opens the option of conducting the auction out of doors. More details to come! So pencil the date into your calendar and start dreaming about what you would like to buy, and what you would have to sell to make room for it! We will need volunteers to help before, during and after the auction!

Krissy KI7GJJ



Julie KI7EEB

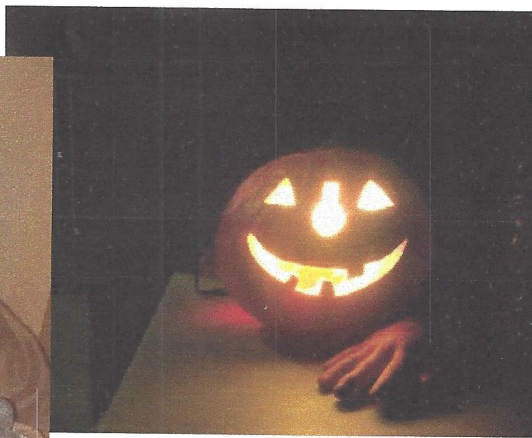
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Davelyn KI7EEA and Danielle



Danny KM4HFT



Joe KJ7PUL Halloween
Committee Chairman

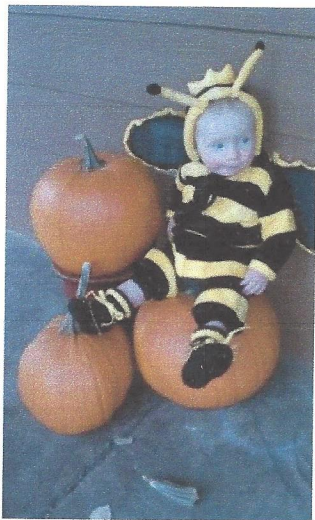


John KB0PAG
Buckethead



Karen K7UGS

Vern K6UGS



Baby Clair, Friend Of Karen

Halloween Pictures



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