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Short Skip is a monthly publication. The intention of the club and newsletter staff is education and encouragement for everyone to either become a ham or enjoy being a ham. Articles may be submitted by club members up to two weeks prior to end of month. Email: suncitywvarc@gmail.com



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Happy Holidays

President Says:



K9HDU

Contact: Sig:
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UTC: Pwr:
Freq: Ant:
Mode: **TNX / PSE 73,**



Gary I. Robin
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Peoria, AZ 85382-8333
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Foremost in my thoughts this month is the success of our WVARC luncheon which took place on December 3. Not only did we have a great turnout, I continue to hear both compliments and thank you each and every day. Both April, KI7GFJ and my wife, Carol worked very hard to pull it off. Bill Ciccone, KA2KHV provided his talent and entertained us throughout the entire extravaganza with his keyboard and singing. A very special thank you to Doug Totel, K9RZ who not only brought Bill but helped Bill set up his equipment as well as our sound system. Other dignitaries included Dick Stout, KE7RD who insisted on hanging around to help clean up.

I would like to acknowledge Cliff Wagner. Cliff is our contact at the church where we meet. You have experienced the comfort and convenience of our meetings, the use of this great facility and the cooperation of this church as a result of Cliff's efforts.

Thanks everyone for making this a wonderful, friendly and exceptionally warm event.

The business portion of our upcoming January 7th meeting includes a presentation of our club's proposed revisions for By-Laws, Mission Statement and Constitution as well as several other proposals.

The main event at our January meeting will be a review and explanation of Winter Field Day. The Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) is a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who believe that communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns.

All Amateur Radio operators around the world are invited to participate. There are three entry categories — indoor, outdoor, and home. The rules are similar to those for ARRL Field Day. Operation will take place on all HF bands except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters, as well as on VHF, UHF, and satellite.

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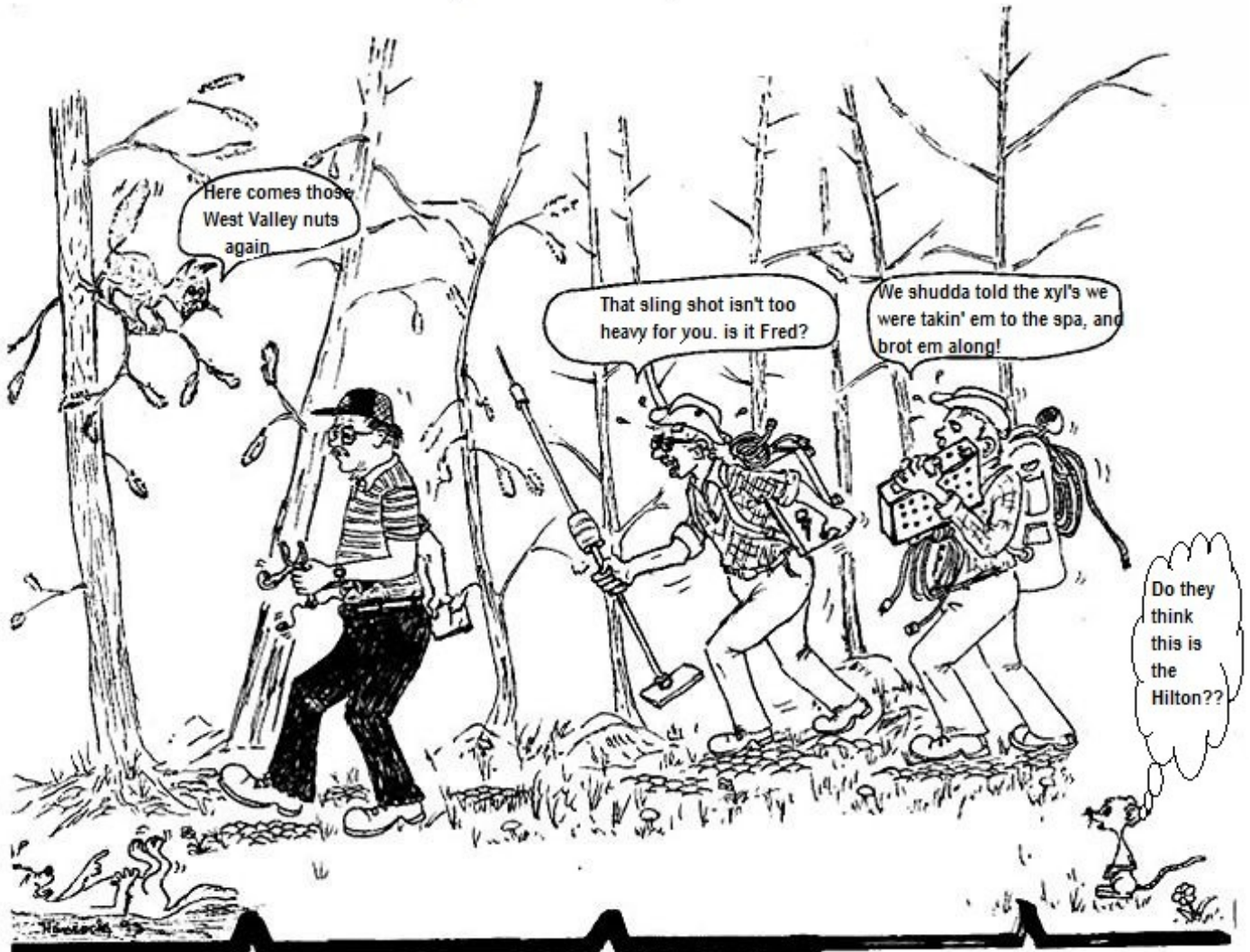


Manny, K7QLD has been heading up this event since its consideration by our club. He and the field day committee members have done an extraordinary job of procuring a site and organizing down to the minutest detail. Please give Manny your support with this event, and simply ask how you may best assist. The hours of operation are from noon MST January 26 to noon January 27 with setup and teardown time additional. The site for Winter Field Day is the **Pleasant Valley Airport**. Weather forecast for that weekend is sunny and 76 degrees with a special emergence of the sunspots.

As 2018 approaches its final days, I wish to express my gratitude for the friendships that I have developed with our members. My warm wishes go out to every one of you and your families. May you enjoy this holiday season and its celebration and may you have a healthy, fulfilling and gratifying new year.

73's
Say

Winter Field Day for the West Valley ARC



January 2018



1st Monday
 Shepherd of the
 Desert Church
 11025 N 111th Av
 Sun City, AZ
 6pm Social
 6pm VE Test
 7pm Meeting
 JAN 7

JB's 2 PM
 Board Meet
 JAN 15th

JB's (Lunch)
 9889 W. Bell Rd.
 Sun City , AZ
 1 PM
 1,8,15, 22 and 29th

Tivoli Gardens
 12535 W. Bell Rd.
 Surprise, AZ
 (Breakfast) 7 AM
 3,10,17, 24 and
 31st

Tip of the Day
 Net 8 PM
 147.300
 JAN 11th

Newbie
 Net 8 PM
 147.300
 4th & 18th

		1 Happy New Years Day	2	3 	4 	5
6	7 	8 	9	10 	11 	12
13	14	15 	16	17 	18 	19
20	21	22 	23	24 	25	26 Winter Field Day
Quartzsite Hamfest Jan 20-26th						
27 Winter Field Day	28	29 	30	31 		



Christmas Story?

"You'll shoot your eye out, kid!!"



A Christmas Story, is a seasonal favorite of mine. Based in the 1940's, with a beloved 9-year old named Ralphie, who tries to convince everyone that he has to have a BB gun for Christmas.

What I did not know about this movie, is that the narrator, Jean Shepherd, was a ham radio operator, with the call sign W9QWN, which he earned at age 16. Later on in his life, his call was K2ORS.

Jean Shepherd was a great storyteller. Many of his stories ended up in a book called, "*In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash*". I found a YouTube video that sounds very similar to the *A Christmas Story* narration, as many parts of it were also in the movie. I can see why many folks liked to sit and listen to his radio programs. That video (more like a radio program) can be heard here: <https://youtu.be/GkicEleOiTM>



https://youtu.be/wInxW9Ux_KA

Is another YouTube of Jean Shepherd talking about ham radio bootleggers, which is pretty funny.

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Pleasant Valley Airport and RV Park

Winter Field Day 2019

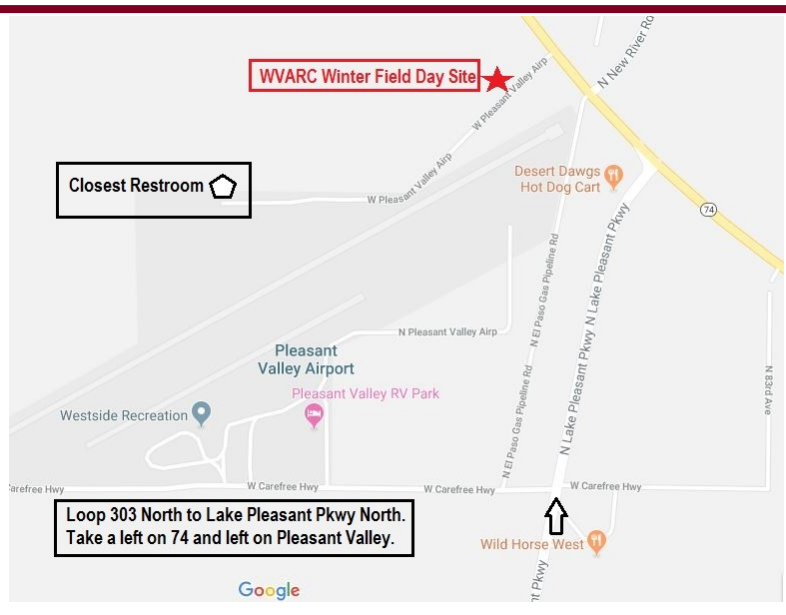
January 26-27

Maintaining your operational skills should not be limited to the nice warm summer months. If you are serious about emergency communications, this is the event for you.

**8700 W. Carefree Hwy
Peoria, AZ 85383**

Contact Manny, K7QLD, for more information at:

suncitywvarc@gmail.com



Outdoor: Operation from a location partly or fully exposed to the elements and at least 30 feet away from your normal station location and not using any part of a previously erected antenna system or ham station.

A campground, park pavilion, canopy, picnic table, tent, pop-up camper, or a backyard shed/tent/deck, etc may be used. Operation from a non-insulated car/truck/van/boat (mobile or not) is considered "outdoor".

For more WFD rules: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/rules>

A Couple Of

Hams

Of The Year 2018



Congratulations!!

to two of the nicest, most hard-working hams I know:

Jim Rogers, N7YTI, and Manny Blanco, K7QLD.

Jim has been a ham since 1976, about 42 years now! He became a member of our club about 5 years ago, and was able to get the club to start participating in Field Day again. Currently the Membership Chairman and a member of the Technical Advisory Committee, Jim has held the Board position of Treasurer and was even the club's President in 2017. Before working so hard as a volunteer, Jim was with Ma Bell for 30 years, with one of his favorite times maintaining several different types of radios, including pagers, mobile radios, IMTS radios and Microwave radios. Jim is married, with 3 kids, 7 grandkids (one was just born), and even a great grand-daughter. Please thank Jim when you see him, for all of his time and effort put forward to keep this club what it is today!

Manny has been a ham and a member of this club for a little over a year, earning his General ticket in January of this year. Manny has more energy than three of us put together. The owner of a motorcycle business, go to: <http://mmcyclesphx.com/index.html> to find out more, working a couple of jobs and all of the time spent as a volunteer, I am surprised he has time to sleep! Manny has been a Board member, is currently the V. President, a member of the Technical Advisory Committee, Net Control of the Sunday/Funday Net, Chairman of Winter Field Day and Chairman of the Annual Auction. Phew!! Did I forget anything?? Manny just celebrated his 7th year of marriage to his beautiful wife, Mel, and has 3 children. He loves being a part of such a great club, so please thank Manny when you see him, for all of his time and effort put forward to keep this club what it is today!

Coast Guard Rescue Involves Ham Radio Operators



On November 9th, a crew member began suffering severe chest pains on board the 48-foot sailing vessel *Marie Elena*, about 300 miles east of Bermuda. Amateur Radio Operators were crucial in helping the US Coast Guard communicate with the men on that sailboat.

The Coast Guard was then able to connect the patient directly with medical personnel via phone patch, to diagnose and prescribe first aid measures until medical assistance could arrive.

You can read the full ARRL article by clicking on this link:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/maritime-mobile-service-network-operators-assist-vessel-with-ill-crew-member>



Club member Jay Hermann, W7CJH, former US Coast Guard Rescue Pilot and new ham, suggested this article.

Pictures were added from the internet for interest.

December 3 Holiday Luncheon

More great pictures can be found on the Home page of our website: <https://westvalleyarc.com/>

OREGANO'S Lasagna was Yum!
These pictures were taken by Bob Paul, KG7FIL



Annual Auction 2019

FEB 4TH



You know you need more ham gear!!

7 PM



Where: Shepherd of the Desert Church
11025 N. 111th Avenue
Sun City, Arizona 85351

Doors open at 6:00 PM for Buyers.

Contact Auction Chairman:
Manny Blanco, K7QLD, for more information:
SUNCITYWVARC@GMAIL.COM

Come join the fun and excitement!



Vintage parts, tubes, circuit boards, power supplies, radios, microphones & manuals, transformers, coils, insulators, collectibles, tools and much more.

You never know what you will find!!



December 13-14th

Geminid

Meteor Shower



The Geminid Meteor Shower will peak on: December 13-14, 2018. At the peak, there may be 120-160 visible meteors an hour.

Astronomers feel that this year's shower will be stronger, as Jupiter's gravity tugs the particle stream closer to Earth.

Based on the location of where the Geminid began, the best radio path is North to South from 10 PM to midnight and 5 to 7 AM local time.

Geminids are fairly slow-moving at 35 kilometers per second, which is just over 78 thousand miles per hour. This is great for lower frequencies like 28 and 50 MHz, but are also good at 144 MHz.

At the shower peak, SSB contacts are quite possible on both 50 and 144 MHz.

Be sure to check it out!



Guidelines

- * Ads must be submitted by a WVARC club member. (On the roster? Then you are a member.)
- * Ads **MUST** be submitted on or before the 25th of the month which precedes the desired pub month.
- * Submit the ad as you would like it to appear in the newsletter. A list of items cannot be accepted.
- * Ads for a business are limited to a 1/4 page or 1/8 page size.
- * For Sale ads are limited to 3 lines of text, and will include your name, your call, the item, the price, a short description and your contact information.
- *For Sale ads will run 1-2 months, with limit of 2 ads per person.



Paul Prinke KF5EU

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- * **Rock**
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(Ad) Real Estate

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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!

**Richard Haworth
W7MDQ**

Cell: 602-370-1450



Stephen Elliott, W5LIF is having a Moving Sale. There were no other ads to list.

FOR SALE

- Kenwood TL-922A Linear Amplifier, **\$800** (\$1295 current eBay price)
- Tentec Jupiter 100W HF radio with installed auto tuner, **\$500** (Paid \$875 factory refirb.)
- Ameritron ATR-30 Antenna Tuner, **\$400** (\$583 current eBay price)
- MFJ 949E Deluxe Versa Tuner II, **\$100** (\$190 is current MFJ price)
- Multi-Key keying interface for the Kenwood TL-922A, **\$25** (\$53 is current price)
- Vibroplex Iambic Deluxe key with dust cover, **\$125** NEW-never used (\$207 is current price)
- Begali Simplex double-paddle key, **\$75** NEW-lightly used (\$135 is current price)
- Spiderbeam HD 5-band legal limit, wire beam system (20-17-15-12-10M)(300-1 year old, perfect condition)**YaesuG 450A rotator-added board to auto rotate the antenna to station + controller cable + 30ft Military mast. **\$500** sold as a system.
- 40M loop **\$25**

**480-553-1042
w5lif@outlook.com**

Thunderbird Hamfest 2019

Saturday, January 12, 2019

An ARRL Sanctioned and ARCA Co-Sponsored Event

This Event will occur Cold, Rain, Wind or Shine. Come prepared!

NEW

Location:

Glendale Nazarene Church

5902 W. Cactus Road

Glendale, AZ 85304

(Note the [new address](#) - just north of Cactus Road on the west side of 59th Ave.) **[About 8 miles east of Shepherd of the Desert]**



Time:

Open to Vendors at 7:00 AM

Open to Public from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Commercial Vendors can set up Friday night after 5:00 PM or Saturday after

6:00 AM

Vendors must supply their own tables

Cost:

Tailgate Swap and Vendor: \$10.00 per Parking Spot with 2 admissions

General Admission: \$5.00 per person

Grand Prize Drawing at Noon:

First Prize: **Yaesu** FT- 891 HF/50MHz 100 Watt Transceiver

Second Prize: **Yaesu** FTM100DR 2m/70cm Dual Band Mobile

Third Prize: **Yaesu** FTM 7250DR C4FM 2m/70cm Dual Band Mobile

Need not be present to win

Door Prize Drawing 11:00 AM:

Yaesu FT-60R 2m/70cm Dual Band HT

Need not be present to win

Hourly Prizes Drawing @ 9:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Must be present to win

Prize Tickets:

One ticket with each paid admission

Additional Tickets: \$2.00 ea. 3 for \$5.00, 6 for \$10.00, 12 for \$20.00

Before Event Tickets: TBARC monthly meeting or other events

Additional info:

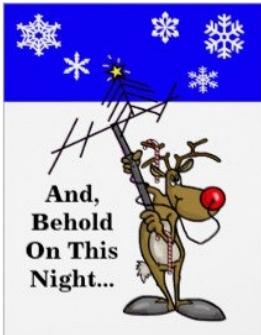
- Talk-in Repeater 147.040 MHz PL 162.2
- On-site announcements frequency 146.56 MHz simplex
- No Firearms, Alcohol or Drugs Permitted
- Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase on site
- Seminars covering Amateur Radio subjects
- ARRL QSL Card Checking
- Laurel VE testing 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

ANSWERS To Our Holiday Puzzle

The HIGHLIGHTED word down the center spells out "Worked All Continents"

The other HAM words are:

HOMEBREW-KENWOOD-REPEATER-KEY-HAMFEST-DX-ARRL-FIELD DAY-SIMPLEX-CQ-OM-DRIVEN ELEMENT-ATV-DIPOLE-ANTENNA-PEP-CHANNEL MODE-CTCSS and SSB



	HOMEBREW			
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2019 Southwest Division Convention

Yuma Hamfest

Yuma, Arizona

Feb. 15 & 16, 2019



Yuma County Fairgrounds
2520 East 32nd Street, Yuma, Arizona

www.yumahamfest.org

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping Thursday, 2 pm Vendor Setup Friday, 7 am - Noon	Event Hours Friday, Noon - 5 pm Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm	Hamfest Dinner & Grand Prize Drawing Saturday Night 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Vendors & Exhibitors
Consignment Sales
License Testing
Hourly Door Prizes
On-site RV Camping
Hamfest Dinner
ARRL Speaker
Transmitter Hunt
\$5.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)
Full Seminar Schedule
DXCC Card Checking
Incredible Grand Prizes
Emergency Preparedness
Admission Prize
Hospitality Area
Near Space Balloon Launch
Antenna Clinic

Hamfest Talk-In Frequency: 146.780 (-) PL 103.5 Hz

Email Contact: info@yumahamfest.org



We are proud to have the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona (ARCA) as a sponsor of our event.

The Yuma Hamfest is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) sanctioned event.



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