



West Valley Amateur Radio Club
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SHORTSKIP

Club Meets First Mondays.

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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FEB 4TH 7 PM



JAN 12TH

Winter Field Day

Pleasant Valley Airport and RV Park

January 26-27





President Says

The holidays are over and we are well into the New Year. Things that seemed like they'd never get back on track are back on track.

At this time I don't have a head count but we had a huge turnout for our January 7 meeting. It is great that so many of our members have an exceptional interest in Winter Field Day and our auction.

After completing the business and monkey business portion of our meeting, Manny, K7QLD presented information regarding Winter Field Day, WFD. Manny and his associates, John, KE7JYP and Franks, WW5HAM have put forth an incredible amount of effort so that you will have the most rewarding event ever. The February 4th auction is similarly headed for a colossal success. Be sure to thank these guys for their contribution on your behalf.

And then there is Verdamae KF7UJB and her husband Joe, W0SLL. This young couple very frequently provides refreshments at their own expense. This time our meeting was enhanced by tortilla chips and melted cheese. Please be sure to thank this great pair next time.

More great news... Testing at our meeting produced 3 new Technician class licensees and 2 upgrades to General. Unfortunately, I don't have their names at this time.

Finally, the accompanying photograph shows me along with my childhood dream. Although I never owned these as a youngster, my first exposure to amateur radio consisted of a Hallicrafters SX-100 receiver and a Heathkit AT-1 transmitter at my mentor's QTH (we didn't have Elmer's in those days). The CW key is an original J-38. I have rebuilt and restored these two electronic marvels of the 50's.

Say

January 2019



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

Tech Ideas
 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 		

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

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Pleasant Valley Airport and RV Park

Winter Field Day 2019

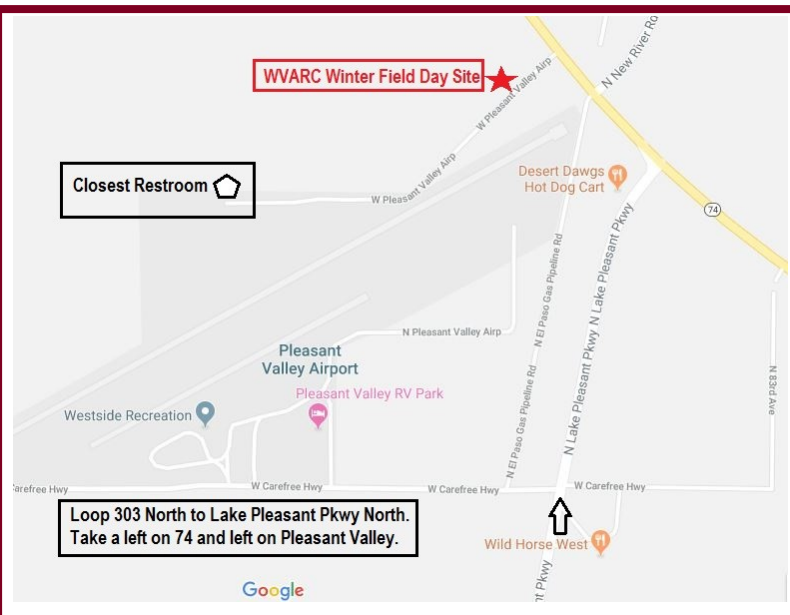
January 26-27

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>

Board Of Director

Nominations



What is it like, being on a Board of Directors? Well, in my case, this is my very first time as a member of a board. I could not believe that during the latest membership meeting, the entire room erupted in applause when this Short Skip newsletter was mentioned. I would like to thank each and every one of you, for this is my passion. I truly enjoy the creation process. This creation process also carries over into the creation and maintenance of the club website, which I also enjoy.

I have always had an interest in what goes on during board meetings, and creating a newsletter means that I need information about which events are upcoming and what is going on with the club, so whether I am on the board or not, I have only missed one board meeting, as the current Short Skip Editor.

There are certainly different styles of leadership, sometimes you agree and sometimes you don't agree, but overall, it is definitely a learning experience. I have learned a lot about myself, other members, the club in general, but especially about being a board member.

In my mind, there are probably many reasons to join a board, but you basically wish to be on a winning team or you wish to help a club thrive by helping to create a winning team. If you like your hobby and you like your club, there is a certain respect you gain for the members who are always "in the trenches". Just think what would happen if there were 6 or 8 open board positions that no one wanted to fill!

One year as the WVARC Secretary has been a rewarding and enlightening experience, but it becomes too much when you add in the newsletter and website, so I am stepping down and not pursuing another term of office. (p.s.-I have a cheat sheet ready for my successor.) *April* K17GFJ

So during the March 4, 2019 membership meeting, we will be electing:

OFFICERS:

President (1 year term)

V. President will be Manny, K7QLD

Secretary (1 year term)

Treasurer (1 year term)

DIRECTORS:

Open position-2019-2020 (2 year term)

Bob Paul, KG7FIL would like to retain (2 year)

Gary Franklin, K8BKB would like to retain (1 year)

David Putman, W7DCP remains to complete term

*The (2) Director positions currently occupied by Bob Paul and Gary Franklin are available if you would like to run against these two gentlemen.

Emails *From Our Members*



This is Tom Smith, WA0OFO, aboard the Battleship Missouri. On November 25th, he spoke with Steve and Jim Gordon, 11 AM Hawaii time. Impressive Tom!



Mitch, KJ7AZQ, says that he follows Kevin on YouTube, and this is a great video. He's right!
<https://youtu.be/5gDCaiiocDs>



Dave, KG7EZP, says that his hamshack is now complete.

The latest word on the government shutdown, sent in by Tom, WA0OFO, is that access to FCC files is disabled until further notice. ARRL will continue to process items from VEC's, but will hold until government activities resume. Emergency and Relief activities are exempt from shutdown, according to Dennis Bietry, KE7EJF.

Membership



Membership Renewals:

Your 2019 membership is due. Just \$15.00 for individual and any additional family members, in the same household.

Your paid membership helps this club put on picnics, events, a Holiday Party, FCC License classes, Annual Auction, two Field Days, helps us pay the rent for a place to meet, helps to keep the repeaters up and running, and provides you access to a group of like-minded, knowledgeable people, who can help you program your radio, set up your tower, fix your interference issues, etc.

We do have a membership grace period, but if your \$15.00 plus a Membership Application, is not turned in to the Treasurer by the March 4th meeting, your name will be taken off of the membership roster and you will no longer receive timely club information.

If you are not sure if your 2019 membership has been paid, our Membership Chairman Jim, N7YTI, would be glad to answer your questions: jarogers@q.com or check the year next to your name when you check in for a club meeting.

There are a few ways to stay or become a member:

- 1) Attend a meeting, fill out an application, pay with cash or check.
- 2) Fill out and submit an application online, pay with PayPal.
- 3) Print out an application, mail it and a check to:

West Valley Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 1573
Sun City, AZ 85372-1573

Thank You
WVARC

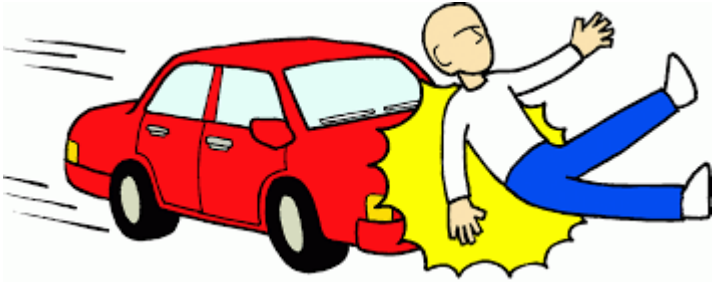
To fill out a membership app and pay with PayPal:

<https://westvalleyarc.com/membership-%26-meetings>

Look for the large green buttons.



DO YOU **text** AND Drive?



“No text message or phone call is worth risking a collision”, says Police Chief Terry Young of the Surprise Police Department. “The only place your eyes should be while driving is on the road.”

Distracted Driving or driving and using your mobile devices, that are not operating in a “hands-free” mode, is now illegal within Surprise city limits. (Other area cities as well.)

The ordinance penalizes driving and using a mobile communications device unless usage is in a hands-free mode or if the driver is communicating an emergency situation to emergency personnel. Ordinance violators will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$250 plus any other assessments authorized by law.

- Public safety personnel operating in their professional capacity are exempt from the ordinance.
- **Drivers can continue to use two-way radio communication as long as they continue to safely operate the vehicle.**



Updated for January 2019

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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Contact me regarding affordable options to protect all that you worked hard to achieve. Call or email me for more information.

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Richard Haworth
W7MDQ



Cell: 602-370-1450

FOR SALE

Vernon Lewis, W7VPL has a Diamond BB7B multiband, vertical antenna, used twice, for sale, at only \$160.00. If you have priced these on the internet, this is quite a deal! 623-977-4015 or vernonlws@gmail.com (Picture is example from internet)

BITTEN BY THE BUG!



West Valley
ARC has a
Newbie Net
the first and third
Friday of the
month. **8PM**

Ham Radio In An Emergency



Just how many of us are truly ready for an emergency? You could all of a sudden find yourself stuck in a traffic jam, without knowing the cause. Are you able to communicate with someone located outside of that jam?

It seems that when we least expect it, a series of events can leave us feeling pretty vulnerable.

Try living without your cell phone for a day, and you will see what I mean.

I recently read the story of a young man who ended up stranded in a snow drift in Colorado, intermittently calling for help with his little **Baofeng** radio, and he was finally heard by an Amateur operator in New Mexico.

The county sheriff had no idea how to make use of ham operators to triangulate this young man's position, but he was finally rescued. A 2-meter radio and a license, made the difference between him spending the night at home, or in a Colorado snow drift.

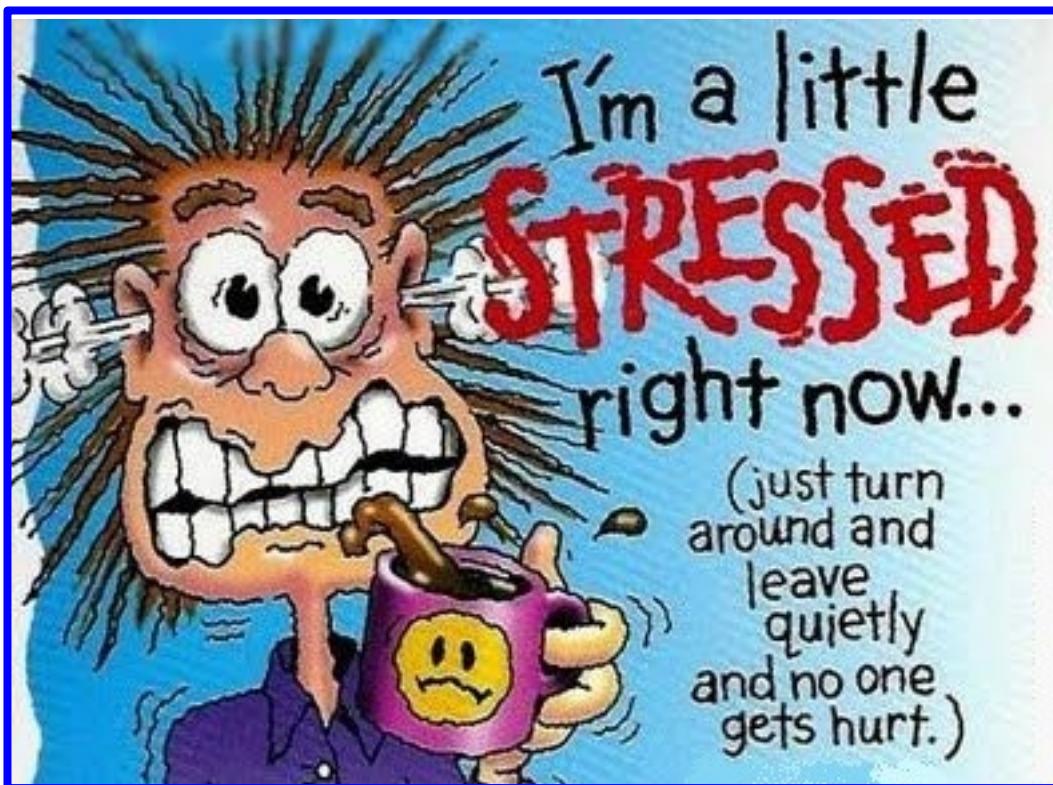
In this day and age, we all need to have a good plan that involves ham radio. Don't wait until the stuff hits the fan, telling yourself that then you won't need a license, because getting your license now is important. If you do not have your FCC license, get it!

Correctly answer most of 35 questions, and you are well on your way to learning how to use and program a life-saving tool.

So now that you have passed the test, practice, practice, practice those radio skills! Listening to a local net is fine, but you also need to speak, in order to find out if you can be heard. Our net controllers are all very nice folks, who are here to help. Program your radio for a frequency of 147.300, with a positive 0.600 offset, and a PL Tone of 162.2.

Is Ham Radio Important To You?

If it were, then you would be trying to promote it, instead of tear it down! Just because someone says something that you don't agree with, don't use this opportunity to tear them down and tear them apart. If you were to do this in a face-to-face, it would end up coming to blows! To avoid ***"Road Rage on the Radio"***:



Not This

Easier said than done, I know!

But This



- ★ Let them know that you do not understand their point of view.
- ★ Ask them sincere questions that could clarify what they are saying.
- ★ Find a point they make, that you both can agree upon.
- ★ Don't keep harping on the same point, as not everyone has answers to everything in the universe.
- ★ And realize that every person on Earth, is a product of their genetics, upbringing, religion, learning, reading, listening, geographic location, and the list goes on and on. They WILL have a different opinion than you! Agree or disagree & move on!



News From NOAA

Weather



Hello Spotters! (SkyWarn® Spotters)

Submitted by Austin Jamison

Did you know that on December 10, 1898, Phoenix had it's all time coolest high temperature? The high that day was 36 degrees! The low was 33 degrees. In addition, 1.12 inches of rain fell with a trace of snow! Also on that day, Yuma and Parker were a balmy 47 degrees. They had good precipitation as well, with 0.51 and 1.32 inches respectively.

As for the rest of this Winter, we have an outlook available at the link below (video). Of course, seasonal forecasting is a lot harder than the Day 1-7 forecast! But, if you're curious about the big picture, check it out with this 4-minute video:

[Winter 2018-19 Outlook for South-Central AZ](#)

Find our more:

<https://www.weather.gov/psr/> -National Weather Service, PHX

Or contact: Austin.Jamison@noaa.gov





**FCC
License
Exams**

Next Exam Date: FEB. 2	Time: 9AM - 11AM
Location: First Floor Lounge.	Room 107
This month's DeVry Candidates:	Administering VE's:
	David Morrill, N7TWT Liaison
3 Earned Technician License	Daniel Ford, K2LH
	Michael Miner, KA7RGW
1 Earned Extra Class License	Robert Miner, KA7NPQ
	Bill Martin, AI0D
	Steven Miner, KI7FQT
Apply online to get your FRN: https://westvalleyarc.com/ve-testing	Protect your Social Security Number 

Exam Instructions:

- Bring original and copy of Ham License (We need to send in a copy of your Amateur License with your paperwork.)
 - Bring Pen and Pencil.
 - Exam Fee is \$15.00. (Additional Fee Applies to Retest any Element.)
 - Re-Test is at the Option of the VE's.
 - Check Payable to ARRL/VEC or Correct Change. No Change Available.
 - All Tests Must Be Concluded By 11:00 AM.
 - Good Luck!
- David Morrill's contact info: n7twt@cox.net

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

2019 Southwest Division Convention

WVARC members, wishing to share a ride, contact me to coordinate: kramer5335@gmail.com

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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