



# West Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc

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## SHORT SKIP

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### WVARC CALENDAR

Monday	Aug 7 – Sept 4	Monthly Meeting	St. Clement Catholic Church Social Hall	7 PM
			(15800 Del Webb Blvd, Sun City)	
Saturday	October 7	VE Testing	DeVry University	7:45 AM
			(2149 W Dunlap Ave, Phoenix)	
Saturday	Aug 12 – Sept 9	Club Breakfast	Lou's Tivoli Gardens	8:00 AM
			(14635 Del Webb Blvd Sun City)	
Thursdays		Breakfast, Coco's	( 98 <sup>th</sup> Avenue & Bell Road)	8:00 AM
Daily		Call-in Net	147.30 MHz	9:00 AM

#### A NOTE FROM AA7HF

Glendale is looking for licensed amateur radio volunteers to help provide communications in times of emergency. May work at events that may include Fiesta and Super Bowls. Contact Marie Shepherd 623-930-3089 or Detective Despain 623-930-3734.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Have you noticed the number of Silent Keys reported in the last few issues of Short Skip? Many of our "old timers" are slipping quietly away. Many of you still with us have interesting stories to

tell about how you got into Ham Radio, the people who were your "Elmers" etc.

There are interesting stories to tell about the days before solid state transceivers, when most Ham equipment meant you soldered it together yourself.

Gerry Overeynder W6IWR submitted a very interesting article about his years in Ham Radio in a recent issue of SS. I'd like some others-- and don't worry about grammar and such -- that's what editors are for! Submit your article by e.mail and I'll do the rest! What are you waiting for? Head for the computer!

Ellsworth Campbell, AA7TU.

**RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS**

Don Brazie KD7GYA Phoenix  
 Antoinette Deshaies KE7IBH El Mirage  
 Charles Deshaies KE7IBG El Mirage  
 David Morris KB7AUH Phoenix  
 Wayne Nelson KC7KKN Sun City West  
 Patrick Regan KD7TFD Sun City  
 Tom Riedy KD6GXY Surprise  
 Jerry Schumacher W6DCM Peoria  
 Mike Thomas KE7HFE Tonopah  
 Ken Uthus KT7E Sun City West

**CALL SIGN CHANGES**

Robert Mazza AA7BA was KE7BAJ

**EXPIRING LICENSES**

W5RCQ Jerry Reed August  
 W2HTX Roy Woodruff September

**HAMFESTS & EVENTS****Saturday September 9**

Sponsored by Hualapai ARC  
 Mohave Community College  
 1971 Jagerson Avenue, Kingman, AZ  
 Talk-In: 146.160/146.76 PL 131.8  
 Contact: Bill Beaman, KA0IYS  
 2652 East Mary Avenue  
 Bullhead City, AZ 86426  
 Phone: 928-758-6780

**Saturday August 12 1300Z – 2000Z**

Social Security Employees ARC  
 Special event station W3SSA celebrates 71<sup>st</sup>  
 anniversary of the Social Security Act on  
 frequencies 7.280 and 14.280.  
 Certificate : Greg Stec K3ANG 1624 Pickett  
 Rd, Lutherville MD 21093; electronic copy -  
 ac3p@arrl.net  
 Tell them to: **'Keep the checks coming!'**

**Friday September 22 – Sunday September 24**

ARRL Southwestern Division Convention  
**“ Ham Radio – Helping All Of Mankind “**  
 San Diego Marriott Mission Valley  
 8757 Rio San Diego Drive  
 San Diego, California  
<http://www.sandarc-conv2006.org/>

**AUGUST 7 MEETING PROGRAM**

Jack Pike KB6UBG representing the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross will talk about the organized emergency services and what steps each of us can personally prepare for emergencies. Program Chairman John Van De Water KD7EBR welcomes your suggestions for future programs.

**NOVEMBER 10 IS NOT A LONG WAY OFF**

Please mark your calendars for Ladies Night Out which will be on Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Palm Brook Country Club again this year. Details later This is just an advance notice to let your significant other know that you can't wait to take her to this yearly outstanding event.

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY**

Keith Rice died June 25 He was the son of member Teresa Kabana KD7VGK and step son of member Bruce Kabana WB7SRC. Keith, who was a victim of spinal muscular atrophy and confined to a wheel chair, was 23 years old.

**JEFF LAPPING W7RBN SILENT KEY 7/11/06**

This information comes to us via Julie and Glenn Wade - KC7FQI & N7JWF.

**LEE CHRISMAN AB7HW HAM OF THE YEAR**

Lee, a blind and busy Ham before his death a few months ago, was awarded HAM OF THE YEAR award (posthumously) at the 2006 Williams Hamfest. Lee and his guide dog, Scotty, were well known fixtures in the Arizona Ham community.

*by David Morrill , N7TWT*

**KEN MORRISON W6SQ – SK**

Walt Schweibert W8EPO has informed us of the death of Ken Morrison on May 29, 2006. Ken was a long time member of the West Valley Club, but had let his membership lapse due to health problems. He was 94 years old, and is survived by his wife Doris. Ken was the senior member of Freedom Plaza's Amateur Radio Club.

**N7UZZ BECOMES SILENT KEY**

*His daughter sent this letter:*

Dear WVARC members,  
 My father Robert passed away unexpectedly in May. Dad had been having trouble walking and I don't know if he was a member of the club in the last few years due to his limited mobility, but my mom and I thought he might have had a membership at some time. His callsign was N7UZZ.

Mom and I didn't share Dad's radio hobby but we know his receivers were his 'babies'.

Everything is still as he left it. I believe everything is fully functional but I don't honestly don't know the last time the radios were used. Dad has two army radios and a Hallicrafters:

1. R-392/URR Receiver (which is actually a vintage Stromberg/Carlson system and not a Collins) which has a continuous tuneable control - 500 kc/s to 32 MC/s frequency range with 3 bandwidths
2. "Angry 5" AN/GRR-5 Receiver which is a dual chassis receiver and power supply cabinet system with a 0.5-32MHZ frequency range.
3. Hallicrafters S38C Receiver

With appreciation:  
 Lora Drummond

Contact Lora at 480-636-1978 (home) or via email [we3dsaz@yahoo.com](mailto:we3dsaz@yahoo.com)

**FCC LICENSE EXAMS**

Next exam session at DeVry University Saturday Oct. 07, Exams start at 7:45 AM and all tests must be concluded by 9:45 AM. Check-in at the Library on the second floor, southeast corner of the School. Bring photo ID and the original operator license and CSCES 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.

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**Pay fee by check to ARRL/VEC or exact amount in cash – Volunteer Examiners cannot make change.**

**New Question Pool Schedule**

Technician class (Element 2) Pool released on January 23, 2006 and updated February 6, 2006, will take effect July 1, 2006.

The current Technician Pool is valid until midnight June 30, 2006.

General class (Element 3) will be released December 1, 2006 and will become effective July 1, 2007.

The current General Pool will now be valid until June 30, 2007.

Extra class (Element 4) will be released December 1, 2007 and will become effective July 1, 2008.

The current Extra Pool will now be valid until June 30, 2008. The current Question Pools can be viewed or printed from the ARRL Web <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/pools.html> ARRL VEC

**EQUIPMENT DONATED TO W.V.A.R.C. BY THE ESTATE OF DAN PIERSON, W6NTX., AND OTHERS.**

Current meter Palomar PCM-1	\$50
Headset 2000 ohm (for crystal set ?	10
Antenna tuner AEA-3000	200
Transceiver Icom-IC-2100	80
Headphones Heil HC4 with extra cartridge	50
Swr/power mtr. Autek WM-1	40
Pakrat PK- 232 w/ MFJ 1272m tnc sw. & book	40
VTM Heathkit IM-5228	20
Dip meter Heathkit HD-1250 (mint condition)	50
Dummy load MFJ-26a 1500 watt	20
Antenna Metz 2 mtr mag mount.	15
Antenna MFJ 1728 2 mtr mag mount 1/2 wave	15
Antenna AEA HR-1 handheld telescope	20
Dummy load MFJ-264 1.5 k w	30
Handheld trans. Yeasu FT-10a16d	
w/ dc & ac p.s. (new cond)	130
Many small items, and arrl books @ 2.50 each	

Stan K7PLO 623-933-4073/ [k7plo@cox.net](mailto:k7plo@cox.net)

**eQSL - ELECTRONIC QSL CARD SERVER**

In an early 2002 issue of the Short Skip, we wrote about an over-the-Internet QSL service. QSL cards could be exchanged within hours instead of weeks or years.

eQSL.cc offers electronic QSL card exchange services to all amateurs and SWLs around the world without of charge. The company is owned by David L. Morris N5UP and is registered in Texas. To meet the expenses of facilities and services, revenue is raised from onsite advertising revenue, membership donations, sales of award plaques and other items, and commissions on sales of items through Amazon.com and other affiliates.

To use the service, one must register online; give an e-mail address and a password. Then the user designs a QSL card and uploads it to eQSL.cc. Finally, the FCC issued license is scanned, and the scanned image is uploaded. The image is used to verify and authenticate your identity.

User starts the exchange by placing his log entries in the "outbox" and uploads them to the server. The server will transfer a completed QSL card for each entry to each recipient's "inbox". The recipient can download the card. User will receive cards sent to him in his "inbox".

The data uploaded must in ADIF format. Most commercial logging programs are ADIF compliant. ADIF is the acronym for Amateur Data Information Format. It is an open standard for exchange of data between ham radio software programs. One can write a compliant program that uses a spreadsheet application program such as Microsoft™ Excel®. Visit <http://www.storm.ca/~ve3iay/spreadsh.html>

The ARRL will not accept eQSL cards for DXCC credit, however many national and international groups do accept them for their awards. Check out <http://www.eqsl.cc/> for a lot more information.

N5UP says, " It is our express intention for eQSL.cc to ultimately become a registered non-profit organization, or to be in some other way owned by the amateur community at large. We hope to make it possible for any amateur who wishes to own or to take part in this organization to be able to do so.

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"This transfer of ownership will be initiated after eQSL.cc has established its position in the market."

On July 12, 2006 the 100,000th member signed up.

**Wanted: 2 Crank Up Towers**

Two members of our West Valley Amateur Radio Club want to buy Crank Up Towers. If you have one for sale or know of someone who does please call Scotty W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send email to [W7SW@ARRL.NET](mailto:W7SW@ARRL.NET)

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I buy used electronic and radio equipment. Also I can work for you as a Handyman doing antenna work or odd jobs, and am willing to take used equipment if you prefer, as payment. Please call Scotty Rathjen W7SW at (623) 214-3303 or send an e-mail to: [w7sw@arrl.net](mailto:w7sw@arrl.net).

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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 Coldwell Banker Success Realty 602-370-1450 cell, [rahaworth@cox.net](mailto:rahaworth@cox.net)

**WVARC NEEDS -**

Net Controllers for the 9 AM 2 Meter Call-In Net Contact Vern AD7AM or Kristy KD7CSM; 623-628-8771, or e-mail [kd7csmadad7am@cox.net](mailto:kd7csmadad7am@cox.net).

Program presenters and suggestions for upcoming programs at monthly meetings. Contact John KD7EBR 623-412-7828, [jandon1@junoi.com](mailto:jandon1@junoi.com).

Articles and news items for Short Skip newsletter. Submit them by email to [shortskip@yahoo.com](mailto:shortskip@yahoo.com).

<p>Deadline for material for next issue of Short Skip is Saturday September 9, 2006</p>
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