

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2024 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gene Short, N8ELA. Twenty nine club members attended.

Gene welcomed new members and visitors.

President's Comments:

- 7QP If the club is going to participate in 7QP all info related to it will be put out in a reflector.
- The club will be participating in ARRL Field Day in June. Location is the GVFD room we use for meetings. More details to come.
- Titan Missile Museum would like the cable from the discone antenna to the parking lot to be buried as it is a challenge to the grounds keepers to not damage the conduit the cable is in when clearing weeds, grading the site, etc. Volunteers needed to help with this. They would like it done ASAP. More info to come.
- President Gene expressed his and the clubs appreciation to John Lynn, KL7CY for all of the work he put in on the Country Store over the years. Gene also expressed appreciation for the efforts John put in on the hamfest.
- President Gene took the items that did not sell on the Country Store to the RST hamfest on Saturday and donated them to the Boy Scouts. This had been approved by the board.
- The board has approved 22 Feb 2025 as the date of the hamfest. Special thanks to Rudy Sweisfurth, N7COP for arranging to use the site. A committee will be formed in the July time frame to start the planning.

Vice President Joe Pinter, KK7DB: No comments

Secretary: Rick Rogers, K7RCR: No comments

Treasurer: Ron Phillips AA7RP

Ron gave the treasurers report. See the Members Page on the web site for balances.

Repeaters: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- Ron discussed his recent email concerning requiring Tone Squelch on the repeater to eliminate a hum that has appeared on the repeater. The PL code is 107.2.
- There were questions concerning why EchoLink is down and Ron said he does not know what the issue is and must investigate further.

Special Events, K7VOA

- Tom presented Certificates of Membership to new members.
- The club will hold a special event on 6 May to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the Titan Missile Museum. Look for reflectors for details.

Miller Team, Bruce Tewksbury K3BAT

- Bruce wanted everyone to know that if members have equipment needing repair he will look at it.

VE Testing: Dave Bowen, N7DMB

- Next test session is 16 April at 1:30 PM. The room normally used is not available but signs will be posted directing folks to the test location.

Nets: The Sunday Evening Net is seeing renewed interest thanks to Mike Nester, KL7KTP. The Snow Bird Net is seeing very little activity and Dave would like members opinions as far as what to do with the net; discontinue the net, continue as is, change day/time, etc. Please email Dave and let him know your opinion and ideas.

Web Site, Jon Otto, AD7GS

- Jon briefed the membership on the SDR link on the web site. It's a button right under the word **Radio** on the home page. There is also a new button for Equipment Donations just below the SDR button.

- If anyone notices things needing to be fixed, changed, etc, please contact Jon directly.

Drive Outs: Linda Boeck

- Twelve folks at the last driveout which was lots of fun.

- An interest sheet was circulated for an April driveout to Rooster Cogburn Ranch on 13 April.

- In May an outing to the Degrazia Gallery is being planned.

Look on web site for details about driveouts.

WinLink Report: Mike Bass, WA9TKK

- In the last 30 days 22 stations have accessed the WinLink gateway with 72 VARA- FM connections having 80 uploaded and 101 downloaded messages to/from the WinLink servers. There were also 27 packet connections with 17 uploaded and 17 downloaded messages.

The ARRL gift certificates were won by Dave, N7DMB; Erwin, KD5ONP; John, K0UM.

An auction was held to dispose of equipment donated to the club. This will be the primary means of disposing of equipment donations in the future. The winners, items and amounts will be posted on the Members page.

Patti, KE7IR mentioned there is a Ladies Net on 7.200 +/- at 7 PM every Monday evening. You don't need to be a lady to participate. Everyone is welcome. NOTE: This is not a club sponsored net.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next regular meeting is 8 May at 7 PM.