

GVARC Minutes - Membership Meeting – August 14, 2024

President Gene Short opened the meeting at 7 pm

16 attendees were in the meeting room, 8 attended via Zoom

No Visitors, No Guests, No new licensees, No Upgrades

No speaker this evening, so here are the highlights of the reports

From President Gene Short

- 29 Repeater will be removed from the tower on Elephant head and then it will be installed over the garage of Dave Donnelly in Corona de Tucson. The antenna will be about 15 feet above ground level. The antenna will have a “clear view” toward Phoenix and Green Valley. In preparation of the move, Gene, Tom Lang and Bruce Tewksbury took their HT and connected it to Bruce’s J-Pole antenna with NO gain. Bill Thompson made a “loud and clear” contact from his home station next to Elephant Head with his HT. Mike Nester made a similar contact with his HT from three locations heading south to the Rest Stop south of Calle Tres, with similar results. The participants were excited about the new location since they will be using an antenna with a 62 db gain and a 25 watt repeater.
- The installation will be coordinated with Ron Phillips schedule when he returns from his RV trek. Date and time to be announced.
- Election of officers will be at the Membership meeting on November 13, 2024. Bill Thompson is gathering the names and offices that members are willing to run for. Call Bill at 520-403-0723 to get your name on the ballot. Bill will update the webmaster for the listing which can be seen by MEMBERS under the member menu of gvarc.us
- Gene was very clear that members volunteering to help make activities happen or take part is very appreciated. Chairs, directors and board members do, but the help of Members makes it extra special.

Vice President Joe Pinter had nothing to add

Treasurer Ron Phillips is on the road

Secretary Rick Rogers is on the road

Tom Lang

- Christmas party is getting organized. It will be at Grill on the Green (same as last year) on December 12th.
- Last date to sign up and PAY is December 1st (or when all the seats are paid for)

Tom Smith is not here but Gene reminded us that the Road Cleanup is expected to be mid September

Bruce Tewksbury and the Miller Team had nothing to add.

Dave Bowen VE Exams

- We have two examines at the July Exam. One passed his Tech, the other just missed his Extra.
- The next VE Exam will be October 15, 2024 at 1:30 pm in the Classroom in the OLD fire station at the intersection of Camino Encanto and Camino del Sol.

- We are scheduled for VE exams in 2025 on the 3rd Tuesday of the 1st Month in each quarter. They will be at the fire station, either the Training Room where we meet or the classroom in the old fire station.
- If you are a new VE or a new VE to GVARC, please let Dave Bowen know.

Linda Boeck

- has two drive-outs in mind.
 - UofA Mirror Lab – Make HUGE telescope mirrors under the football stadium
 - Paul Bonn Boots in Nogales
- She wants to know your best day of the week to participate..
- If you have an idea for a drive-out, please share it with her...

General Info

- September 21st we will be participating the ***Third Annual Green Valley and Sahuarita Community Preparedness Day*** on Saturday, September 21st at the GVR West Center in Green Valley
(NOTE the correct date as I gave the incorrect date at the meeting... Jon)
 We are waiting for more information for the event
 John Lynn **will need someone to bring the club Ham station and set it up. Setup will be at 8AM on September 28th at the GVR West Center Auditorium.** (and I assume return the radio to it's home) Volunteer directly to John Lynn
- GVARC LOGO apparel and cups - Gene and Mike Nester have placed a few orders with a Michigan company as the company builds a web-page for our items. Gene will share the web page with us as soon as it is available. Both Gene and Mike look really nice in the items they have ordered. It took about 10 days from order to the front door using the Postal Service.

Recorded by Jon Otto, standing in for our Secretary on the road. 8 pm,