

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The September 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 six club members attended.

Gene welcomed new members and visitors.

President's Comments:

- Gene said that former member Gary Thiele, KD8ZWS passed away. Memorial service on 5 Oct at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church at 10 AM.
- Gene sent an email to all members concerning club hats and shirts. If you want something contact the vendor directly. He will resend the email.
- Gene thanked Jon Otto for filling in for Rick as secretary during his absence.

Vice President Joe Pinter, KK7DB: Absent

Secretary: Rick Rogers, K7RCR: Rick added his thanks to Jon for filling in as secretary.

Treasurer: Ron Phillips AA7RP

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

Repeaters: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- As reported earlier this year we vacated our repeater site as the new owners wanted the club to pay \$500 per month rent. This was not an option. An alternate site was found and the equipment was installed, however, there appears to be some interference from some solar equipment near the antennas which puts the repeater into continuous transmit necessitating shutting the repeater down for certain periods of the day. Ron will be out of town for a month so remedial actions will have to wait until the end of October. The UHF repeater is ready to go but will not be installed until the VHF repeater issues are solved.

Special Events, Tom Lang, K7VOA

- The Christmas Party is 12 December at Grill on The Green. Cost is \$32 per person. All payments must be received by 1 December. There will be no credit/debit card payments or cash accepted. Checks only please. Look on the **Activities** tab on the web site or contact Tom for details/instructions. NOTE: It was stated incorrectly at the meeting that cash will be accepted for payment. This is not the case. The web site is correct that NO CASH will be accepted.

VE Testing: Dave Bowen, N7DMB

- Next test session is 15 October in the old fire station conference room. Signs will direct folks.

Web Site, Jon Otto, AD7GS

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

Elmers: Tom Smith, K7AFA

- If anyone needs any help studying for tests, installing equipment or similar activities contact Tom. There are people in the club willing to help.

Drive Outs: Linda Boeck

- There are many driveouts in our future. Look on the **Activities** tab on the web site or contact Linda.

Preparedness Fair: John Lynn, KL7CY

- The Preparedness Fair is 21 September at West Center. Setup is at 7 AM and the activity is from 8am to noon. Please contact John if you would like to help.

Nominating Committee: Bill Thompson, KK7CYG

- If anyone would like to run for a position contact Bill. There is no one signed up to run for Secretary. Gene also commented that anyone interested in any position is encouraged to run for that position whether someone else is signed up or not.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM. Next regular meeting is 8 May at 7 PM.