

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2019 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gary (Beetle) Bailey, K7GSB. Thirty five club members and guests attended.

Officer and Committee reports were given:

President's Comments:

- Beetle welcomed new members:
Jeanne Crane, (No call yet)
Roger Erderle, KJ7DXM
- Picnic went well and everyone had a good time.
- Suzanne Phillips has volunteered to conduct the club raffles and coordinate the prizes, and to head up the food for club events.
- The club is in possession of equipment that has been donated, found, etc. There will be an effort to catalog and offer this equipment for sale. A suggestion was made to take this equipment to some of the ham fests in the area.

Vice President /Technical Committee: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- The 29 repeater is intermittent and needs more work. Ron and others are working on it.
- Ron provided an update on the flagpole antenna project. There are three prototypes and he gave an update on each one. There are a couple of club members who are in the process of building an antenna based on one of the prototypes.

Secretary: Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA

- Rick is heading up the effort to get a listing of all club property. If you have any club property in your possession please let Rick know. A reflector will be going out to all members.

Treasurer: Bob Call, K7RWC

- General Fund \$ 6093.58
- Repeater Fund \$ 2483.27
- Current 2019 membership is 125 voting and non voting members

New Club Shirts: Cathy Tewksbury, KF7DZA and Dee Gross, AD7NM are heading up the effort to acquire new shirts for the club. Cathy has contacted some vendors. There is a survey out where club members can express their preferences. If you want a say you must fill out the survey.

7QP and Field Days: Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT is heading up these activities. 7QP is a dress rehearsal for Field Days. 7QP is May 4th and will be held at the Titan Missile Museum. This activity is for the 7 call area and is intended to give those with no experience contesting or with Field Days some experience and practice. The 7QP emphasis is on learning so that more people will participate in Field Days. Collecting points or winning awards is not a consideration for 7QP.

Magnetic Loop Antenna Project: Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT gave an update on Phase 3 of the

Project. The design continues to evolve and some parts and tuning procedures are changing. Check out the web site for project updates.

Licensing Committee: Earle Cate, N0ISB

- Probably a General Class license class in the fall.
- Self study materials are going to be available on the web site.
- If someone wants to study without participating in a formal class Tom Smith, K7AFA has a list of Elmers who might be willing to tutor someone.
- A VE test session will be available May 4th for anyone wanting to take an exam.

Drive Out Committee: Linda Boeck

- The next drive out is a tour of the mesquite lumber yard in Tumacacori on 1 May. Send an email to Linda if you want to go or sign up on the web site.

Program: Jon Otto, AD7GS gave a very detailed tour of the new web site.

No Bird Snow Bird Net: The name is being changed to the Snow Bird Net and will remain at 1800Z on Wednesdays on 14.237 year around. The Snowbird net that was at 2000Z on Wednesdays during the summer is no longer going to be conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.