

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The February 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. Forty nine club members attended.

Officer and Committee reports were given:

President's Comments:

- The reflector is still working well. No issues.
- New Workshop Committee to look at future projects. Ed Toal, N9MW will chair.
- Mag loop antenna project is moving forward. Ten people at kickoff meeting. Club will provide funds.
- No Bird Snow Bird nets are going well.
- Road Cleanup activity is back on. 2 March at 8:30, meeting near the Taco Bell on Duval Mine Road.
- The American Legion has an amateur radio program. Membership is free for all licensed amateur radio operators who are members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion. If you want to check it out go to <https://www.legion.org/hamradio>. The legion post at Corona de Tucson is interested in establishing a station and using it for outreach to other organizations.
- Along the same line, Beetle and Pam have been contacted by the Vail School District to be judges in a science fair. Additional discussions with the district indicate they are very interested in amateur radio so this may be another opportunity to get into the schools. Another opportunity to work in the schools is to teach Arduino.
- Welcome to visitor Hal Long, N7BAZ guest of Joe Pinter and to new member Gary Calvert, KC7VV.

Vice President /Technical Committee: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- The repeater amplifier has been fixed and will be reinstalled soon.
- The flagpole antenna project is progressing. A second prototype has been built and is working well. A third prototype will be built. The club has provided funds to reduce costs to Ron.

Secretary: Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA

- The club is once again affiliated with ARRL.
- Will be sending out an email to all members asking if they are ARRL members. Those who are not members do not need to respond.

Treasurer: Bob Call, K7RWC

- General Fund \$ XXXX.25
- Repeater Fund \$ XXXX.27
- 2019 membership is 114 so far
- \$200 donation to SAV will be made soon
- There are 29 people on the roster that have not paid their 2019 dues. If they have not paid by 1 March they will be dropped from the roster.

Web Site: Jon Otto, AD7GS

- The old web site is still in use. The new web site is up for everyone to look at. There have been 47 visits so far to the new web site.
- When the new web site is up everyone who has provided an email address will be asked to go to the new site and register their password for the Members Only part of the web site. It is MOST IMPORTANT the email address for the Reflector be the same one for use on the web site. Let Jon know if spouses are using the same email address.

Licensing Committee: Earle Cate, N0ISB

- Three of the five folks from the technician class passed the technician test. The others will have a chance to retest. The new technicians will get a one year complimentary membership to the club. Elmers are going to work with the new techs to get them up and running. Also congrats to Don Thompson, KG7ITK on upgrading to Extra Class. Thanks to all of the instructors and examiners for helping with the class.

Drive Out Committee: Linda Boeck

- Gammons Gulch near Benson on 1 March is the next drive out. Send an email to Linda if you want to go.

Field Tech Support Committee: Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT (Not Present)

DX/Contesting Committee: Bob Newkirk, K3RN

- ARRL DX CW contest this coming weekend.

Emergency Communications Committee: Norm Kibby, W5UJ (Not Present)

Elmerettes (Welfare) Committee: Dee Gross, AD7NM (Not Present)

Special Events: Tom Lang, K7VOA (Not Present)

- Valentines Day activity at Beetle and Pam's tomorrow.
Note: Lots of folks came and we all had a good time and good food. Thanks to Beetle and Pam for hosting this event.

Club Station: Tom Lang, K7VOA (Not Present)

- Club station may only be used 8-4, M-F per SAV

Bylaws Overview: Tom Smith, K7AFA, gave an overview of the by laws for the subsidiary club. The subsidiary club is required so that we can acquire Lloyd Miller's call sign which is in progress right now.

Bob Junke, W7REJ gave a presentation on emergency communications, Pima County Office of Emergency Management, and an opportunity for FEMA training for communications. If interested see Bob.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13.