

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The February 2021 monthly meeting for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Perlick. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 31 members and guests present.

Guests and New Members:

Welcome to our newest member, Truman Lindsey, N6TRU! Extending additional welcomes to guests Harold Hallikainen, W6IWI and Will Cockrell, KJ7TOT.

President's Report:

A public service announcement was made that Green Valley Hospital and Safeway are giving Covid vaccine shots.

A reminder that many people have not paid their dues for 2021. Dues are \$10 and many members make a decision to add a little extra for the repeater fund when they write their checks.

The donation of a DMR repeater fell through. Enough club members have shown interest in DMR to justify buying a repeater, and we will look into purchasing either a new or used piece of equipment.

VP Report:

QSO Today Virtual Ham Fest is coming up in March. Registration and information is available at <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com>

Rick has been experimenting with some software out of Canada to see how well it works to remote the club station.

The DMR Net continues to be a success. Discussion on the last net focused on the direction participants would like the DMR Net to take.

The upcoming Tech Net will be held on the club repeater on February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Winter Field Day was a lot of fun with 8 participants making 234 contacts.

Our next event will be 7QP on Saturday, May 1st. Jack McGowan has offered to host the event on his property. In addition, members may opt to operate from home. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event time.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave his report and advised that dues should be sent to his address which is available on the Membership Renewal Form on the website.

Committee Reports:

Elmer's List - The List has been updated and is available on the club website.

Road Clean Up - A request is being made for a substitute person to take charge of Road Clean Up on March 20th. In the event no substitute is found, the Clean Up will be rescheduled to March 27th. If you

can assist, contact Sharon Smith.

Special Events - Still on hold due to the pandemic however we are all looking forward to the time when we can enjoy these popular events again.

Tech - Ron is looking into a module that will convert an analog repeater to digital.

EMCOMM - Mike received 10 responses to his EMMCOMM survey. Mike is involved with the Red Cross, Pima County OEM and the Salvation Army. Pima County recently did a simulated exercise, however FEMA certification is required for this and Mike feels that initially the club should not get into certification.

Web Master - Jon reported 469 contacts for the website.

Drive Outs - Still on hold due to Covid-19. These were always popular events and we look forward to their return in the future.

V/E Testing - No scheduled exams in the immediate future but Tom Smith is conducting classes.

Presentation:

John Perlick provided an interesting presentation on the History of Transistors.

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Secretary, GVARC