

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Club Meeting

February 9, 2022

The February, 2022 meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters which is located at 1285 W. Camino Encanto, Green Valley, AZ and was called to order by President Rick Rogers (K7RCR) at 7:00 pm MST. There were 23 attendees present at the meeting with an additional 16 present via Zoom, for a total of 39 attendees.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Matt McGlone from the Pima County Office of Emergency Management. Matt gave an excellent presentation on the “READY, SET, GO” program in Pima County as well as the “My Alerts” program.

The “READY, SET, GO” program encourages proactive measures to take BEFORE an emergency and subsequent actions to follow when communities are threatened. **READY:** “Prepare NOW”; **SET:** “Be Alert”; **GO:** “Evacuate”. More about this program can be found at:

<https://ein.az.gov/>

More information about the “My Alerts” program can be found here:

<https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614483/login/>

The “take away” from Matt’s presentation is that the time to come up with a “plan” to handle an emergency is BEFORE an emergency actually arises! Matt also asked for help in “spreading the word” about these programs and left several handouts for members to take in order to facilitate doing so.

Old Business

John McGee, KG7VLJ, gave a brief presentation about CERT, the Community Emergency Response Team, and it’s importance as a significant adjunct to emergency preparedness and response.

New members were introduced and included: Bill Sarwas, KA8CBZ (visiting the area for a few months); Tim Meza, KK7BSJ; Gordon Craig, VE7OGC (met Rick at WFD); Brad Pretzer, KC1DQX; and “guest” Jim Cooper, AD7KT (formerly a member of GVARC) and also present via Zoom was Dan Bell.

Officer Reports:

Vice President: Tom Smith, K7AFA, gave a briefing on the recent Club Audit Report which has been submitted to the Board. Several updates/revisions to financial accounting were mentioned. Tom also asked for members to update the "Elmer's List".

Treasurer: Bob Junke, K7DC, reported that the Club's financial status looks "good" and that recent revisions to some of the accounting processes are working well.

Secretary: Larry Bailey, K7LRB, expressed his gratitude at being a member of the Board and that the Board has had several meetings this year in support of our Club and its goals.

Board Member/Net Coordinator: David Bowen, WD0FWR, announced that he will be sending out emails in the near future asking for volunteers for Net Control Station operators for the various Nets operated by the Club, specifically for March as well as the remainder of February.

Past President: John Perlick, K0UM, reported on the recent Winter Field Day where 291 contacts were logged in a period of about 12 hours of operation.

Technical Committee Coordinator: Ron Phillips, AA7RP, gave a thorough presentation on the "proposed", new 145.270 "Bridgecom" repeater. His presentation included the proposed location of the new repeater, costs associated with its acquisition and a map which depicted the, much improved, coverage area, specifically to the east. He also mentioned that a new repeater site has been offered by Casey Lancour, KF7RCS, at his property on the Flying Diamond Airpark which is located northwest of Mission Road. Ron suggested replacing the current 2m repeater due to its chronic maintenance requirements, lack of frequency "agility" (it's crystal controlled) and its general "antiquated" technology. Subsequent discussion included the advantages of having a battery back up system.

Action Item:

A **motion** was made that we allot up to \$1,600 for our Technical Committee, headed up by Ron Phillips, to purchase the new (145.27 VHF) 'machine' and set it up at the location as designated. - **PASSED**

Other topics of discussion:

Jon Otto, AD7GS, reminded members that our WebSDR Installation is available from the GVARC "Home" page: Home ==> OUR Web SDR. It is currently set for 20m.

Drive Out Committee Chairman, Linda Boeck, announced a "Drive Out" for March 30th to Barleen's Arizona Opry dinner theater in Apache Junction. See the website for details.

Rick, K7RCR, mentioned that our Treasure, Bob, K7DC, is checking on 'new' banking options for our Club. We have found our current bank, PNC Bank, to be "unresponsive to its customers needs". These efforts will be further investigated by the Board.

Rick also mentioned that he will continue to attend CERT meetings. Ref: the above comments by John McGee, KG7VLJ.

Rick referred all name tag questions/requests to Tom, K7AFA.

Special Event Station: Rick expressed interest in setting up a "Special Event Station" to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United States Air Force. He proposed that the station be set up at the Titan Missile Museum and he will contact the management at the museum to coordinate the use of their facility for such station. The dates will be the 17th and 18th of September and several members expressed interest in participating in this Special Event Station.

Special Interest Groups: Rick advised that "Special Interest Groups" are available for various interests, for example, SOTA, POTA, specific brands of amateur gear, etc.

New Business:

The Club currently rents a 10 X 10 storage locker for \$129.00 per month for the storage of equipment removed from the SAV. Rick solicited "help" from the membership for someone to go to the storage facility and inventory the contents stored, determine what items are serviceable, which items we wish to retain, which need to be discarded and determine a plan for disposal. This includes the disposal of the Club's trailer.

Budget: Rick mentioned that we, as a club, have never actually had a "budget". The Board will be working on a budget with more information to follow.

Rick also reiterated the advantages of having a "Property Manager". He asked that members keep this in mind and he will further solicit a volunteer for this "new" position.

Picnic! A picnic is planned for Tuesday, March 22, at 11:00 am at Anamax Park. This will be posted on the Club's website so that members can "sign up" to determine how many will attend what items they will bring to the picnic.

Payment of dues: Dues are due by the 28th of February. If dues are not received by the 28th of February, the applicable name will be dropped from the roster and will no longer be considered a member of the Club.

The Country Store: Larry, K7LRB, announced the 'continuance' of The Country Store. As done previously, items for sale will be offered to Club members at discounted prices. Refer to the website for further announcements/details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB
Secretary