

# GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## Monthly Club Meeting

May 11, 2022

The April 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 Secretary Larry Bailey, K7LRB, at 7:05 pm MST. There were 12 members present plus 6 members via Zoom for a total of 18 attendees.

We are delighted to welcome George Latch, KK7BSK, to the GVARC. We look forward to and appreciate George's participation in our club's activities. WELCOME George!

Our speaker was David Bowen, N7DMB, who gave an interesting and informative presentation about traffic handling and the **National Traffic System**, including Winlink. Dave's presentation included the initiation and composition of an ARRL message form. For further, detailed instructions please [click here](#). You can also access the ARRL's thorough description of the National Traffic System by clicking [here](#). A huge GVARC THANKS to Dave!

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Rick Rogers – K7RCR – President:** President Rick attended the meeting via Zoom from his “windy” location in Montrose, Colorado. He asked for officer's reports, noting that the VP, Tom Smith, is not available at tonight's meeting. However, Larry presented a report that Tom had submitted via email as follows:

**Tom Smith – K7AFA – Vice President:** Tom reported that the agreement between Casey Lancour, KF7RCS, and the Club is now in place for the terms of use of his QTH for the 146.270 repeater.

Tom also advised that the board is forming a “nominating committee” for officers for next year and asked that members please consider running for office if/when asked (more comments by Rick on this subject will follow).

Sharon Smith has stepped up to volunteer to chair the Christmas Party committee. She does have a couple of volunteers to help and has requested some more help.

Elmer's list: The “Elmer's list” is “going strong”; lots of new and aspiring hams are being helped, including three 'assists' in a single day last week.

**Larry Bailey – K7LRB – Secretary:** Larry reported on our recent County Store Auction which was just completed and noted that all auction items were sold. Some slight changes were made for this auction that were somewhat different than past Country Store auctions in that, no “minimum” bid was specified nor was there a “buy it now” price listed. Comments were, and continue to be, solicited for suggestions for future auctions.

**Bob Junke – K7DC – Treasurer:** Bob gave a summary of the Club's financial status, including funds in the general fund and the repeater fund. Bob also reported funds donated to the Titan Missile Museum, the SAV and the Green Valley Fire Corps. He also noted that the Club bank account is set up to accept “Zelle” payments. Please note that all financial data for our club is available to Club members on the “Members” section of our website.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Club Station Coordinator:** Tom Lang, K7VOA, was not available to report, however, it was noted that we are still seeking a location for a “permanent” location for a club station. Should anyone discover a potential location, please bring it to our attention.

**Technical Committee Coordinator:** Ron Phillips.AA7RP, was not available to report. It was noted that both repeaters are online and working normally, as are Echolink and the remote SDR receiver.

**Webmaster – Jon Otto – AD7GS:** Jon reported that over the past month we have had over 800 “contacts” on our website. Jon also mentioned the availability of name tags, including styles, sources and pricing. All requests for name tags should be made to our Treasurer, Bob, K7DC, preferably via the form on the “Members” page of our website.

Jon also mentioned he has updated the “history” of our club which is available under the “ABOUT” section of our website.

**Drive Outs Coordinator – Linda Boeck:** Linda reported on a very enjoyable trip to the Mescal Movie Studio in Benson, AZ on Friday, April 22nd, which was followed by a nice lunch. Although no “drive outs” are scheduled for the immediate future, members are reminded to check our website for information on future drive outs AND feel free to make suggestions.

**Reflector and Projects Coordinator – Ed Toal – W9MW:** Ed reported that the two reflectors he had set up, the “Operational” and “Technical”, are receiving very little use and that he will send out an email advising that these two reflectors are available for use by all club members. Ed also emphasized that each member has only one, specific email address the reflectors recognize and also that many are limited in message 'size', which is relatively small.

**VE Testing Coordinator – Dave Bowen – N7DMB:** Dave has graciously agreed to accept the position of VE Testing Coordinator, replacing Norm Kibby, W5UJ. A big GVARC THANKS to Norm for coordinating this for a long time and a big THANKS to Dave for “jumping in there”!

**Special Events Coordinator:** In Tom Lang's absence, Rick will be coordinating the Special Event for the 75th anniversary of the US Air Force on the 17th of September at the Titan Missile Museum and will probably run from 0800 until 1700, MST. Bob, K7DC, volunteered to design a special QSL card for this event. THANKS Bob!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Property Manager:** George DeGon, KI7PTY, has volunteered to serve as our club's Property Manager", effective immediately. George has experience with this kind of work and has some good ideas for the position. We look forward to working with George. THANK YOU George!

**Presenters at Club meetings:** We are still looking for presenters the for the August and September meetings. As has been noted in past meetings, we have a lot of "knowledge" and experience within our club membership and anyone who wishes to make a presentation at any club meeting please 'step forward' and share your knowledge with our Club.

**Christmas Party:** Please refer to Tom Smith's comments above. Please consider helping out with this by contacting Sharon or Tom. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

**Field Day:** In that no one has "stepped up" to coordinate Field Day for this year, our Club will simply not participate in FD. Of course, anyone is free to participate in FD using their own facilities, equipment and call sign.

**7QP Report:** In the absence of our 7QP Coordinator, Dain Webster, K7SXN, Randy Walker, K7NOJ, gave an excellent report on our club's participation in this year's 7QP contest which was held at the Titan Missile Museum site. He reported 139 phone contacts, 137 CW contacts and 5 digital, one DX to Japan and one on a KX3 @ 5 watts to Washington state on a mag loop antenna. Many thanks to all who participated and a special THANKS to John Lynn, KL7CY, for the use of his motor home!

**Dues Increase:** To date, Rick has only received 2 comments regarding the proposed dues increase, both of which were favorable. He plans to discuss this more at the October meeting with a vote by the membership to follow at the November meeting. Unless the Club votes it down, there will be a dues increase in 2023 from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per year. Jon Otto noted that there is information about the Club's "budget" on the "Members" page including some methods for making comments or asking questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**June Meeting Cancellation:** President Rick announced that, due to so many people being out of town, on vacation, etc., the Board has decided to cancel the June general meeting. A meeting notice will be posted. The presentation originally scheduled for the June meeting by Tom Thompson, W0IVJ, has been rescheduled for the July meeting. The subject will be WSPR and Tom will make his presentation via Zoom.

**Nominating Committee:** President Rick expanded upon a subject which was mentioned earlier about the facts that, at this time, three of the current officers of our club will not be standing for re-election next year. Therefore, the Board will form a "Nominating Committee" to be contacting club members to stand for office for the Club going forward. Rick made some excellent points about being a member of a club, ANY club, and that we should all be willing and "desire" to support the club, with our time, resources and talents. Please consider offering your services as a leader in the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club and, should you be nominated for a position and elected, your service will truly be appreciated.

In closing comments, Rick again mentioned the amount of knowledge and talent within our membership and reiterated that "presenters" are needed for the August, September and, probably, the October meetings. Please contact Rick, or any other board member, if you are willing to share your experience/expertise with a presentation of about 30 minutes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB  
Secretary