

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Monthly Club Meeting

January 12, 2022

The January, 2022 meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7 pm by President Rick Rogers, K7RCR. Due to the “late” notification by the SAV that all attendees were required to have been ‘vaccinated’, only 17 participants were present at the SAV facility. However, there were 21 additional participants who attended the meeting remotely via Zoom, for a total attendance of 38.

New members and relatively new members were recognized and welcomed into the club. These included:

Casey Durandet, K7CJF

Jun Baay, AA9JB (formerly, KK7AG)

George DeGon, KI7PTY

Bruce Brightman, WL7B

Old Business

John Perlick, K0UM, gave a briefing on the upcoming Winter Field Day (WFD) this month on January 29 – 30. There will be a “practice set up” on Saturday, the 15th at the Green Valley Fire District Station #152, located at 3005 S. Camino Del Sol, Green Valley, AZ. This will also be the location for club operations during WFD. All members are welcomed to participate and a “sign up” sheet for operating times will be provided via the club reflector. All participants will be offered either a 2 week Hawaiian vacation or a new Kenwood TS-890S (to be paid for by the participant!) :)

President Rick gave a summary briefing of the recent decision by the SAV that the GVARC will no longer be able to use the SAV’s facilities for ANY future activities, including meetings, and must vacate the club station within a reasonable time. Rick emphasized that this action was NOT the result of any unacceptable conduct by the GVARC, nor ANY of its members. This action has become necessary simply because the SAV is in need of more space for its own activities and is, in fact, adding more construction to the SAV to accommodate this need. The “board” has discussed this situation at the last “emergency meeting” and is working on contingencies to meet the future needs of the GVARC.

Rick also mentioned a list of “To Dos” which were presented to the board at its January 4th board meeting. This list is available on the GVARC website at:

https://www.gvarc.us/uploads/1/2/3/9/123998825/gvarc_bdmtg_0122ms.pdf

New Business

President Rick presented the results of the recent “Club Member Survey”. Rick has consistently expressed an interest in, and ‘concern’ for, the amount of participation in our club and club activities. He noted that the GVARC is one of the largest clubs, if not THE largest amateur radio club in Arizona, with a membership of nearly 150 ‘current’ members. However, less than 30% even participated in the club’s survey. The leadership of the club would like to have more “participation” in club activities and the goal of the survey is to get ‘feedback’ from the members as to what activities, programs, etc. would encourage more participation in the club. The results of the survey can be found in the “GVARC Members Page” on the club website at:

https://www.gvarc.us/uploads/1/2/3/9/123998825/survey_results.pdf

A BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm after a short “raffle drawing”.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry K7LRB
Secretary