

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Club Meeting

October 12, 2022

The October 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 7:00pm MST. There were 22 present plus 8 via Zoom for a total of 30 attendees.

OFFICER REPORTS

Tom Smith – K7AFA – Vice President: Tom gave a briefing on the upcoming Christmas Party on December 15th and advised that tickets are on sale “right now” and that sign up is available on our website. The cost is \$30.00 per individual. Confirmation of your attendance will be via the receipt of payment. Tom noted that Dominick's can accommodate up to 60 people, so please sign up early!

Tom announced that we are going to 'try' to have a Road Cleanup in November and a firm date will be determined in the near future and will be posted online.

He also noted that only one person has asked for help obtaining a Tech license and we are providing him with offline help. Anyone seeking help is asked to “sign up” online for what is called our “Elmer's List”.

Bob Junke – K7DC – Treasurer: Bob gave a briefing on the issues we have had with our “old” bank, PNC, and that we have now changed our bank to the Chase Bank and that now “everything is going smooth with Chase”.

Bob gave a brief summary of the Club's financial status, including the general fund, repeater fund, income and expenses, etc. Please note that all financial data for our club is available to Club members on the “Members” section of our website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Webmaster and Contest Coordinator – Jon Otto – AD7GS: Jon gave a briefing on the Country Store and that John Lynn, KL7CY, is planning to “run” the Country Store for two weekends, beginning Saturday the 22nd through Sunday the 30th. This will be announced on our website.

Jon also noted that we are “on a waiting list” for a climate controlled, 5 x 5 storage room at Continental Self Storage on Whitehouse Canyon Road at a cost of “about” \$60 per month. Once it becomes available, Jon will be asking for volunteers to help move the Club's inventory to the new facility.

Jon advised that the WebSDR is “broken” and that he received an email from John Casey who has made available a temporary WebSDR which will be made accessible via our SDR page on the website.

He also gave a briefing of the results of our “last contest of the year”, the Arizona QSO Party. Our next contest will be Winter Field Day on the last weekend in January and John Perlick, K0UM, has agreed to do WFD at a “yet to be disclosed” location. **Thank you John!**

Drive Outs Coordinator – Linda Boeck: Linda reported that the Sabino Canyon Drive out scheduled for October 8th was canceled due to weather and will try to be scheduled again in May.

The next meeting will be at the Library on Wednesday the 19th at 10:30 and will 'car pool' up to Cracker Barrel for lunch followed by shopping at the Twin Peaks Mall for those who want to go. Linda requested that those wishing to attend, please 'sign up'.

There are still plans for a Drive Out to Barleen's Dinner Theater in Apache Junction which will likely be scheduled for January or February.

All events will be posted on our website!

Reflector and Projects – Ed Toal – N9MW: Ed reported that the Reflector is working well and that there is no activity to report with “Projects”.

Net Coordinator/VE Testing Coordinator – Dave Bowen – N7DMB: Dave noted that we still need net control operators for the last week of this month. He will be sending out an email asking for volunteers for November.

Dave has submitted his application to become a Volunteer Examiner and is still waiting to hear back on the 'status'.

Dave also mentioned that the wife of Rudy Sweisfurth, N7COP, passed away last Saturday after a lengthy illness and that a memorial service will be held on Friday at 11:00 am at the Valley Presbyterian Church.

Presentation Coordinator – Rick – K7RCR: Rick announced that, in light of the elections to be held at the November meeting and the Christmas Party in December, we will NOT have presentations for those two months. He mentioned that he and Burce, K3BAT, had been discussing potential presentations in the future regarding “back yard antennas” and asked for presentations on such antennas, specifically the “Buddipole” antennas.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominations and List of Nominees: Election of new officers will be conducted at the next meeting in November. The list of Nominees is as follows:

Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT – President
Tom Lang, K7VOA, – Vice President
Jeanne Crane, KJ7HCP – Secretary
Bob Junke, K7DC – Treasurer

Directors at large:

Tony Alix, KA7CYY
Dave Bowen, N7DMB
Peter Fhunem, WA7JBG
Ed Toal, N9MW

Rick reminded us that, at its last meeting, the Board determined that if you want to vote in the elections, you must be present at the November membership meeting or you must get someone to vote 'for' you by proxy at the meeting. No 'proxy' votes will be accepted by email and there will be NO voting online (ie: via Zoom). Please note that no person may make more than TWO proxy votes.

Picnic: Bill Thompson, KK7CYG, thanked all who participated in the Club picnic and reported that all went very well. Rick thanked Bill and his wife Gail for coordinating the picnic and reiterated that all who attended enjoyed a good meal and fellowship. **Thank you Bill and Gail!**

Special Event Report: Rick reported that the 75th Anniversary of the US Air Force Special Event on Saturday, September 17th at the Titan Missile Museum went very well with 152 contacts made over eight hours and eleven requests for QSL cards. He thanked all who participated to make it a big success.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues increase: The Club Membership will be voting to increase the annual dues for 2023. The proposal is that the dues will increase from \$10 per year to \$20 per year for individual membership. A “Life Membership” for those over age 65 will increase from \$100 to \$200 and for those under age 65 will increase from \$200 to \$400. The “recommendation” is that if you wish to become a “Life Member”, do so prior to December 31st, 2022 (this 'presumes' the rate increase is passed by the membership). Rick notes that the dues increase does NOT require a By-laws change. He also noted that another 'policy' that the Board has enacted is that: if someone joins the Club after the 1st of November in any calendar year, their dues are paid through December of the following calendar year. This policy does not require a vote of the membership nor a change to the By-laws.

Support for El Tour de Tucson: The Club has agreed to make the Elephant Head repeater (145.290) available for the Tour de Tucson on November 19th. President Rick solicited support for the event and those wishing to help, please get in touch with Rick and he will forward your name to the person in charge of communications for the event. Rick also “asked” that we all refrain from using the repeater while the “Tour” is in progress.

ARCA Membership: The Board voted to renew the Club's membership in ARCA for 2023.

New Sign at the Titan Missile Museum: The deteriorating condition of our sign at the Titan Missile Museum was discussed and it was agreed that a new sign is warranted. The Board voted to obligate up to \$100 for a new sign.

Clarification of By-laws Relating to New Members: President Rick referred to paragraph 1.3.1 of the By-laws which have previously been discussed.

PRESENTATION

Our presentation was given by Andrew Kempin, KK7HWH, who is a “brand new” member of our Club. Andrew gave an in depth and very informative presentation on “**3D Printing**”. You can read an depth discussion of 3D printing [here](#).

A big **THANK YOU** Andrew and **WELCOME** to the GVARC!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB
Secretary