

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Club Meeting

April 13, 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 President Rick Rogers (K7RCR) at 7:00 pm MST. There were 33 attendees, including several via Zoom.

Guest speaker was Jerry Miel, W6XL, who gave a very interesting, and informative, presentation about antennas, feed lines and the “care and feeding” of, perhaps, the most important part of an efficient ham station. Thanks Jerry!

OFFICER REPORTS

Tom Smith – K7AFA – Vice President: Tom reported on the results of VE Testing which was done on Monday, April 11th. Tom recognized three examinees who successfully passed their exams, one for Extra Class, one for General and one for Technician. Congratulations to all!

Rick Rogers – K7RCR – President: Rick gave the “secretary” report for Larry, K7LRB, who was unable to attend the meeting. He reported that Larry, Gene Short, N8ELA, and Dain Webster, K7SXXN, have been finalizing the inventory of Club owned property and that Larry, in coordination with Jon Otto, Webmaster, plan to conduct the next “Country Store Auction” in the near future. Be on the lookout for an email announcement.

Bob Junke – K7DC – Treasurer: Bob gave a brief summary of Club revenues, primarily from dues, expenditures, particularly the recent acquisition of the new repeater, and the current financial balance. This information will be made available to Club members on the “Members” section of our website.

OTHER REPORTS

Jon Otto – KC7OGS – Webmaster: Jon reported that there were “just shy” of 900 “contacts” this month from both local and “other parts of the world”. Jon also solicited input from the membership regarding comments, suggestions and, especially, PICTURES!

Linda Boeck – Drive Out Coordinator: Linda gave a glowing report of the Apache Junction Drive Out and briefed the next Drive Out, scheduled for Friday, April 22nd, which will be a tour of the Mescal Movie Studio in Benson, AZ. This studio is where the movie “Tombstone” was filmed.

Tom Smith/Sharon Smith – Road Clean up: Tom reported that there were 13 attendees at the last road clean up. He was happy to report that no one got bit by a snake or fell into a ravine. A big THANKS to all who helped!

Dave Bowen – N7DMB – Net Coordinator: Dave reported that net control operators are scheduled for the remainder of April and he will be sending out emails requesting control operators for May. He noted that as some of the “snowbirds” depart Green Valley, it will be more of a challenge to fill the NCS positions. So, PLEASE volunteer!

Ed Toal – N9MW – Projects Coordinator: Other than the “ongoing” RFI mitigation group, Ed reported that there will probably be no further projects started until next fall.

Ron Phillips – AA7RP – Technical Coordinator: Ron reported that the “.27” and “.29” repeaters are now coordinated and working well. Echolink is also working well. A big THANKS to Ron, Casey, KF7RCS, and Ed, N9MW for work done at Elephant head, including the replacement of a broken guy wire on the tower.

Mike Bass, WA9TKK, reported that the N7GV-10 “Gateway” station is fully operational and that if anyone has any problems with N7GV-10, please contact Mike via his email address at: **WA9TKK@gmail.com**. Mike also informed the membership that he has a packet “node” which connects directly to Winlink on a frequency of 145.150 receive with an input frequency of 144.550. The station call is WA9TKK-10. This will allow packet messaging via the Winlink system.

OLD BUSINESS

President Rick reported that he has yet to receive any volunteer for the position of **Property Manager**. He stressed the importance of this position as regards, not only the tracking of the Club's inventory, but its importance for insurance purposes. He also mentioned that for the foreseeable future, the Club will maintain a storage facility, the size of which will be dependent upon the amount of the Club's inventory.

Presenters at Club meetings: Presenters are scheduled for the May and June meetings. However, no programs are scheduled for July, through October. Rick noted that we have a lot of “knowledge” within our club and he invited anyone who wishes to make a presentation at any club meeting to please 'step forward' and share your knowledge with the Club.

Club remote station: Rick reported that he will be unable to “host” the Club's remote station for various reasons. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, there will be no remote station. However, if anyone knows of a potential location for a remote station, please let one of the Board members know.

NEW BUSINESS

7QP and Field Day: Dain Webster, K7SXX, is this year's 7QP coordinator and gave a very thorough report on the planned operations for 7QP at the Titan Missile Museum on Saturday, May 7th. John Lynn, KL7CY, has generously offered the use of his motorhome for this year's event. Dain reported that we will be using, primarily, the Club's IC-7300 and the Titan Missile Museum's "discone" antenna. He also mentioned that there are still operating "slots" available for anyone wishing to participate in this event, particularly the time slots from 6 pm to midnight.

Regarding Field Day. Rick was very clear about Field Day, stating that, "If no one steps up to coordinate Filed Day, the Club will simply NOT participate in FD this year." Rick again asked for someone to "step up" and volunteer to coordinate Filed Day for this year, which falls on the last weekend in June.

The Christmas Party: Rick has asked for a "coordinator" for this year's Christmas Party. As with Field Day above, if no one is willing to "step up" and coordinate the Christmas Party, we will simply NOT have one. He also noted that it is NOT too early to begin planning for the Christmas Party.

POTA, Parks On The Air: Rick noted that there is to be a HUGE POTA event this weekend with an estimated 800 "activations" and encouraged anyone with an HF station to participate.

Budget – Tom Smith – K7AFA: Basically, the "Budget Committee" consists of Tom and Bob , K7DC, with input from Rick. Tom made a very detailed presentation of the "proposed" budget for this year based upon several "assumptions" for income and expenses. The subject of an increase in annual dues was opened for discussion. The proposal by the Board is for an increase of \$25.00 annually, provided dues are received no later than December 31st. If paid after December, the amount will be \$25.00. Following a "lively" discussion, it was noted that the membership must ultimately vote on any dues increase and such vote cannot take place until the November general meeting. In the meantime, if there are any specific questions or concerns by any member, please direct any inquiries directly to President Rick at his email address: rcralb@aol.com

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB
Secretary