

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Club Meeting

July 13, 2022

The July 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 Vice President Tom Smith, K7AFA, at 7:04 pm MST. There were 16 members present plus 11 members via Zoom for a total of 27 attendees.

We are delighted to welcome Bill Halsne, AE7FC, to the GVARC. We look forward to Bill's addition to our Club and to our club's activities. WELCOME Bill!

Due to technical difficulties with some of the equipment at the Fire District's meeting room, the meeting's agenda was somewhat modified and adjusted by VP Tom as reflected in the following minutes.

OFFICER REPORTS

Rick Rogers – K7RCR – President: President Rick attended the meeting via Zoom from his location in Indiana. He presented his comments at the end of the scheduled agenda after the program, presented by Tom Thompson, and after the committee reports.

Tom Smith – K7AFA – Vice President: Tom reported that the audit has been completed with compliments to our Treasurer, Bob, K7DC, “everything was perfect”.

Tom also reported that VE Testing will be on hold for the near term. We have “someone in the wings” who will be taking that over from Norm Kibby, W5UJ when he is released from the hospital.

No “road cleanups” are presently scheduled and none will probably be scheduled until August or September.

Elmer's list: There have been two requests for the Elmer's list, both of which are for people who wish to get ready for the Technician Class license.

Larry Bailey – K7LRB – Secretary: Larry reported that John Lynn, KL7CY, has taken charge of the “Country Store” and is in the process of “checking out” some more of the equipment the Club has in storage in preparation for another Country Store auction. Thank you John!

John Perlick, K0UM, also mentioned that the board has discussed the disposition of the equipment from the estate of Gerry Brooks, W1IDP, via the Country Store and/or QRZ.com. Several members offered to help this Saturday (16th) to help dismantle an antenna and tower. Tom further expanded on future methods for disposal of Club property.

Bob Junke – K7DC – Treasurer: 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.

As an adjunct to Bob's report, Tom mentioned that there will soon be a proposal to make the Audit Committee a part of the Club's by laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Webmaster – Jon Otto – AD7GS: Jon reported that he has made some revisions to the website in order to make it easier to 'navigate' and gave a brief demonstration as how to access some of the features of our Club's website.

Please **NOTE:** Many of the Committee reports were not available due to the absence of committee Chairs and the aforementioned technical difficulties with some of the equipment at the meeting facility.

PROGRAM

Our program was presented by Tom Thompson, W0IVJ, and his subject was “WSPRLite”. Tom gave a very interesting and thorough explanation, including actual demonstrations, of what WSPR is and it's value in analyzing antenna performance, as well as, the demonstrable differences between antennas of various designs and installations. His presentation included near “real time” examples of several antennas he tested personally over a period of about 24 hours. More detailed information about WSPRLite can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Rick Rogers – K7RCR – President: President Rick attended the meeting via Zoom from his location in Indiana.

The **August general meeting** has been rescheduled until August, 17th. This will be posted on the website.

The Air Force Anniversary Special Event: This event is scheduled for September 17th and has been posted on the ARRL Special Events page. Rick will be coordinating with the site manager at the Titan Missile Museum and has proposed that our Club operate between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm on the 20 and 40 meter bands. ALL members are welcomed to “sign up” to participate and to operate the station.

Nominating Committee: Rick reported a disappointing response to a request for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee and offered an “op ed” about being a member of a club.

NOTE: Webmaster, Jon Otto, will post a “survey” on our website requesting feedback as to member's interest, or lack thereof, in serving as an officer/board member for next year.

Rick also highlighted the importance, even the “obligation” to other club members, supporting club activities, for example, contests. He mentioned Field Day in particular and noted that our Club has NOT participated in Field Day for the second, consecutive year. He noted the lack of attendance at Club meetings, pointing out that, even with the ability to attend via Zoom from the comfort of one's home, it is STILL difficult getting members to attend meetings.

He also mentioned the EXTREME lack of “net” participation and the fact that of about ten weekly “club” nets, we are only able to get TWO members to “step up” and be net control.

Also noted was the difficulty getting “presenters” at club meetings. As a follow up to that, 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 8:18 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB
Secretary