

# GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## Monthly Club Meeting

September 14, 2022

The September 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 16 present plus 12 via Zoom for a total of 31 attendees.

We are pleased to welcome Jud Mason, who is interested in becoming a “ham” and joining our Club.

We are also pleased to welcome a “soon to be” new member Steven Esquivel, KJ78PUR, who attended our meeting via Zoom. **A big WELCOME to Jud and Steve!**

Our speaker was John Burningham, W2XAB, from Sevierville, TN. John gave an “in depth” presentation on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio) via Zoom. John briefly introduced himself, his education and credentials and noted that, while in college, he was a roommate of Mike Bass, WA9TKK, who is our “very own” digital “guru”. John presented a brief background of DMR, followed by a comprehensive description of the capabilities provided by DMR technology and many of its benefits to amateur radio in general and to emergency services in particular. Further information may be found here: <http://guide.k4usd.org>. **THANK YOU JOHN!**

President Rick noted that the GVARC has a DMR net on the first and third Monday of each month by utilizing a “Talk Group” provided to us by the Red Cross Communications Club in Phoenix. Rick recognized Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS, and thanked him for providing the GVARC with the Talk Group. **THANK YOU CHARLIE!**

## OFFICER REPORTS

**Tom Smith – K7AFA – Vice President:** Tom announced a Road Cleanup for Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> and that we need more people to sign up to help. If there are not enough volunteers by tonight, the event will be postponed until November.

The “Elmer's List” is active and can be accessed via the Club website

**Larry Bailey – K7LRB – Secretary:** Larry briefly mentioned that any member is welcomed to attend any Board meeting. Board meetings are held via Zoom. Rick also mentioned that the Zoom login is the same login used at the regular meetings.

**Bob Junke – K7DC – Treasurer:** Bob gave a briefing on the status of situation and some of the “issues” with our current bank, PNC. Bob announced that we will be changing banks to Chase Bank and that he will be pursuing this 'tomorrow', Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>.

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**

**Technical Committee – Ron Phillips – AA7RP:** Ron reported that “everything” is working normally”.

**Webmaster and Contest Coordinator – Jon Otto – AD7GS:** Jon presented our website and briefed many of the current and new/ongoing features therein, which included the availability of WebSDR for 20 meters and how to access it.

Jon also gave a very informative presentation on contests and, specifically, the upcoming Arizona QSO Party on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Information about contests will be posted on the website as well as distributed through the reflector.

Jon reported that ongoing efforts for the accounting and “distribution” of the Club's inventory have been coordinated with the help of the recently formed ad hoc committee, consisting of Jon, Bruce Tewksbury, Tom Lang, Ron Phillips and John Lynn. To date, all the approximately 450 items in our inventory have been accounted for. Jon then gave a brief summary of the proposed methods of distributing each item; which ones will be kept, which ones to be sold and which ones will be marked for disposal.

**Drive Outs Coordinator – Linda Boeck:** Linda reported that she has three Drive Out events. The first one is tentatively scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>, the Sabino Canyon by Moonlight Drive. Next, to be scheduled, will be the Christmas Lunch sometime in early December at the Arizona Inn.

Next to be scheduled is a trip to Barleen's Dinner Theater in Apache Junction. If you wish to participate in any of the Drive Outs, there is an option to “sign up” on our website.

**Reflector and Projects – Ed Toal – N9MW:** There was no activity to report with “Projects”. Ed did mention that any previous “issues” with the Reflector have been resolved.

**Net Coordinator/VE Testing Coordinator – Dave Bowen – N7DMB:** Dave noted that we have net control operators for next week but that a few are still needed for the last week of this month. He will be sending out an email asking for volunteers for October.

Dave has submitted his application to become a Volunteer Examiner and hopes to hear that he has been approved in the next couple of weeks.

**Field Technical Support Team – Bruce Tewsbury – K3BAT:** Bruce reported that the team has installed a Greyline multi-band vertical antenna for Allan Mense , AD7FB , and mentioned that the antenna works very well.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Nominations and List of Nominees:** Rick reported that we have a list of nominees for a full Board consisting of the following:

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

Directors at large: (two to be elected)

Tony Alix, KA7CYY  
Dave Bowen, N7DMB  
Gene Short, N8ELA  
Peter Fhunem, WA7JBG  
Ed Toal, N9MW

Rick commented that anyone who wishes to 'run' for any of the officer positions should please let him know.

Rick announced that, at its last meeting, the Board has 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. There will be NO voting online (ie: via Zoom).

**Special Event:** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the US Air Force Special Event is coming up on Saturday morning (17<sup>th</sup>) at the Titan Missile Museum and there is currently one slot open for an operator. Sign up is still available on the website. The plan is to operate only on one band, 20 meters and phone only. Anyone is welcome to come "visit", however, there is no guarantee of an operating position. Logging positions are always available.

**Picnic:** Bill Thompson, KK7CYG, has volunteered to coordinate the upcoming picnic on October 8<sup>th</sup>, which will be held at pavilion 3 at the Quail Creek Veterans Park. Veterans Park is right across the street from the Quail Creek entrance. Sign up for the picnic is available on the website and Bill encouraged those who sign up to check the list of items already listed in order to avoid bringing multiple, duplicate items. Jon Otto advised that there is a map on the website for directions to the pavilion.

**Christmas Party:** Vice President Tom Smith, K7AFA, advised that he will continue working with *Dominick's Real Italian Restaurant* at the Green Valley Country Club. This event will be "self funding" and it is anticipated the cost will be somewhat less than it has been in the past. Dominick's is located at 77 E Paseo De Golf, Green Valley, AZ 85614, just off of N. Abrego Drive). More details about the Christmas Party will forthcoming and will be updated via the website.

**Presentations:** President Rick advised that there 'may not' be a "presentation" for the November meeting in light of the elections, including elections for a new slate of officers as well as changes to the By-Laws, which will be held at that meeting. However, we still need someone to present for October.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Dues increase for Life Members:** The Club Membership will be voting to increase the annual dues for 2023. The By-Laws provide for a "Life Membership" at the rate of twenty times the annual dues for members who have not reached the age of 65 and a "Senior Life Membership" for members 65 and older. The Board agreed that these rates will remain the same regardless of when a person opts to become a Life Member. For example: If a person elects to become a Life Member **prior** to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 they will pay based upon the current annual dues of \$10.00. If a member elects to become a Life Member **after** December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 they will pay based upon the **new** annual dues of \$20.00.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Rick announced that the Radio Society of Tucson (RST) ham fest is the 24<sup>th</sup> of September from 7:00 am through 11:00 am with "setup" beginning at 6:00 am. The event will be held at the Calvary Tuscon Church on Speedway Blvd in Tucson. A link is available on our website for further information.

Jon Otto addressed the issue of the SteppIR antenna which the Club owns. He advised that the "Inventory Committee" has decided to "keep" the SteppIR, antenna and "all the stuff needed to make it work". At that point, a decision will be made whether to keep it or sell it. If it is decided to sell it, it will go on the Country Store.

The second item Jon mentioned was the fact that "yes, we have 4,000 power supplies". The "Inventory Committee" believes the Club "needs" four. For the time being, the power supplies that are under 30 amps will be offered on the Country Store. We will keep four of the larger supplies and the others will be offered for sale on the Country Store. In the event the Club obtains newer, more efficient power supplies, any remaining in inventory will be sold.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB  
Secretary