

## GVARC MEETING

2/8/23

President Bruce Tewksbury K3BAT called the meeting together at 6:59 PM.  
There were 34 members in attendance – 8 on Zoom.

We had one guest – Annie (Leana) St. John N7LSJ  
And one new member Steve Elwood N7GEE

Treasurer's report is posted on the GVARC website. 79 Members paid, 32 have not renewed.

### VE Testing - David Bowen WD0FWR

David reported that Steve Elwood N7GEE upgraded from General to Extra. Next test will be Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Headquarters at 1:00 PM

David also reported that we still need some net operators for Snowbird Net Feb 15 and the last Sunday of the month for the 7:00 net.

### Infrastructure/Service – Ron Phillips AA7RP

Ron reports a possible solution to the AZ WebSDR which is to take a critical function off of the mountain and put it at Casey Lancour KF7RCS location. Casey then can monitor performance and restart as needed.

Ron reports that the Repeaters are working.

Country Store – will be up and running on February 10<sup>th</sup> until February 14<sup>th</sup>. It will have lots of items for sale. Still an auction with no “Buy it now” price.

### Webmaster – Jon Otto AD7GS

Reported 600 hits in the month. The website has been searched by Boy Scouts and also school children that need reports for their science project etc. He asked for people to add related links.

### Drive-Outs – Linda Boeck

Sunlink Tram route and lunch at Caruso's. Free. Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> meet at 10:00 at the library side parking lot. See website for more information

Barleen's Dinner Theatre – March 15<sup>th</sup> in Apache Junction. Meet at library side parking lot at 9:30 AM - \$49 per person. Also see website for information.

President Bruce K3BAT gave Linda Boeck a certificate for “Above and Beyond” Award for logging at Winter Field Day.

Bruce K3BAT reported that he and John Lynn KL7CY met 13 Boy Scouts and Leaders from Phoenix Troop 316 at the Titan Discone. They did a presentation for them and demonstrated HF radio. 2 Leaders and 2 boys held tech licenses.

### Winter Field Day – John Perlick K0UM

7 operators and 1 logger. Had some CW going also. Made 264 Q's mainly on 20M and a few on 15M Sunday. John reported a steady stream of visitors. Also some lessons learned – possible training on logging and Linda Boeck suggested having a guest book for visitors.

Summer Field Day will be held at the Fire Headquarters as last year.

Preparedness Fair – Bruce Tewksbury K3BAT

Run by CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 at the GVR West Center. We will have a table there and looking for people to man it. Great way to expose us to the community in what we do.

Valentine's Day Special - Tom Lang K7VOA

All ready to go. February 14<sup>th</sup> at Titan Discone, 10—3. Snowbirds have purchased brats, hotdogs and chips for lunch. Women will be the operators. Bring a chair. A dish to pass is optional.

CW – Gene Short N8ELA received an award for Code activity. He informed the club that Lou Navarro WB6TYP and Bob Newkirk K3RN had helped get him back on CW and he is having a SUPER time working DX etc.

Inventory - Ed Toal N9MW

Discussed the inventory process and thanked those that started it. Inventory has been broken down into 4 categories:

- Service
- Country Store
- Administrative
- Events

He also reported on the creation of 3 “Super Go Boxes”. Complete stations and amplifier, ready to go.

GB 1 – Is a complete HF/VHF station with an IC7300, power supply and switching box, and Dell Computer plus a 2M FM rig.

GB 2 -Ameritron Amplifier 500 W

GB 3 – Is an IC7300 station with switching supply and power distribution box, manual high power antenna tuner, Toshiba Computer and 2M FM radio

Winlink Gateway – Mike Bass WA9TKK

In 30 days there were 12 unique call signs 193 messages sent with 226 received

Ready to go up the mountain and do some work to rearrange equipment with Ron Phillips AA7RP.

Presentation - Rick Rogers K7RCR

Superb presentation on POTA (Parks On The Air).

President Bruce Tewksbury adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Toal W9RNF