

04/2023 Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The April 2023 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Bruce Tewksbury. There were 23 members present, including 5 people on Zoom.

Guests:

Welcome to our guest Zach, KJ7QOX, who joined us on Zoom.

Spotlight! Recognizing members who have demonstrated exceptional support for the club. The member is presented with a customized mouse pad and a certificate thanking them for their contributions.



Spotlight on Ed Toal, N9MW!

Just to list a few of Ed's contributions, he heads up the Reflector, has created three GoBoxes for the club, assisted other members with equipment setup, and purchased path lighting for our meeting place. Ed, thank you for everything you do.



Spotlight on Sharon Toal, W9RNF!

Sharon stepped up to the plate big time when our current club Secretary was on leave. Her professional minutes and willingness to serve were much appreciated by the club.



Spotlight on Jon Otto, AD7GS!

As well as being the club Webmaster since 2007, Jon has spent countless hours assisting with Field Day and setting up logging. His responsiveness to the needs of the club and his website knowledge have made him invaluable. Thank you, Jon!

Presentation: Steve Elwood, N7GEE, provided a presentation on WIRES- X. WIRES (Wide-coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System) is an Internet communication system which expands the range of amateur radio communication. An amateur node station connecting to the Internet is used as the access point and connects the wireless communication to the Internet. Users' stations can communicate with other amateur stations all over the world.

Reports:

The Secretary and Treasurer reports have been posted to the club website.

Events - Our last event was The Preparedness Fair. Eighteen groups showcased their capabilities for a critical incident. Despite low turnout due to competing local events, it was felt that this was good exposure for the club. Photos were shared and it was recommended that we continue to participate in future Preparedness events.

Our next event will be on April 24th, celebrating “42 Years of GVARC on the Air”.

Repeaters - A brief synopsis of current outages and repair time frames was provided.

Country Store - Profits from Country Store sales were over \$400 for the month. President Bruce Tewksbury gave an overview of new mandatory procedures to be followed for the pick up of donated equipment. The procedures will be available on the club website.

Interest Groups - The club President is actively soliciting groups with shared interests. Currently we have an interest group for CW and one potential interest group for RFI.

Drive Outs - Our next Drive out will be for Equine Voices of Amado, a bourse and burro rescue organization in Amado. Meet up at the library, 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 19th. Future Drive Outs being developed are Sabino Canyon By Moonlight for June, and a tour of the Caterpillar Plant in Green Valley. More information is available on the club website.

The meeting was adjourned.

Jeanne Crane, Secretary
GVARC