

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The January 2021 first monthly meeting for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President John Perlick. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 29 members and guests present.

Guests:

Welcome to Truman Lindsey joining our Zoom meeting from San Jose CA.

Truman is 17 years old, and has been a Ham since 2016. He is the Secretary for the Santa Clara County Radio Association, formed in 1921. He has an interest in electrical engineering and hopes to visit our meetings again.

License Upgrades:

Congratulations to David Bowen on his upgrade to General!

Board Member Reports:

John Perlick, President - The member survey report has been reviewed and will be the subject of tonight's presentation.

Rick Rogers, VP - Winter Field Day has 11 sign ups and will be held at Grace Church in Sahuarita on January 30th and 31st. Set up will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Operating hours will be from noon to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and 7:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday.

We are planning on two hour sessions for each participant (one hour logging and one hour operating). Two RVs will be on site. Sanitizing and social distancing will be observed. Members are also encouraged to operate from home using the club call sign.

Gary Carroll, Treasurer - The treasurer gave his report and reminded members to pay their dues. The club has 141 members, and 39 have paid their dues for 2021. Dues are \$10 a year plus any donation renewing members might wish to make to the repeater fund.

Jeanne Crane, Secretary - Nothing to report other than a financial scam email sent to board members.

Tom Smith, Past President - A Reflector eMail has been sent to members requesting Elmer's List participation. Four new categories have been added. The Elmers function as the glue to the club, providing support to club members in a variety of areas.

Ron Phillips, Director at Large - The components to replace the microwave links have been received. The link to the 27 and 29 repeaters will be down during installation, which should be next week.

Bruce Tewksbury, Director at Large - Another \$500 in items have been sold through the Country Store, QTH and eBay.

Committee Reports:

John Perlick, Programs - Soliciting ideas for programs. Please email John with suggestions.

Ron Phillips, Technical Committee - no report.

Mike Bass, EMCOMM - This is a new committee that Mike volunteered to chair. The survey results indicated a lot of member interest in EMCOMM and now we need to explore the supporting roles that GVARC can play. Mike suggested that providing a remote antenna might be useful. In addition, the club has an 80 meter dipole that could be helpful.

Jon Otto, Webmaster - Our website had over 400 contacts this past month. Due to the recent scam email, all generic email addresses have been removed from the website. A roster of email addresses is available on the Members Page. In addition, the Members Page password has been changed.

Linda Beck, Driveouts - Driveouts are on hold during the pandemic, but we are hoping for a tour of the Pecan Grove in the springtime. The Tucson Airport will accommodate us with a tour as soon as Covid-19 will allow.

Ed Toal, Reflector & Workshops - Ed would like to include publishing individual builds as a part of Projects. He feels Zoom could be used to conduct projects and is open to suggestions.

Norm Kibby, V/E Testing - Norm has received emails indicating interest in another testing session. Norm suggested that the Board consider granting a one year free membership to anyone who passes testing.

Bruce Tewksbury, Miller Team, Country Store, Technical Support - Bruce purchased quite a lot of equipment that belonged to Silent Key Ron Gross. Bruce sent an email to members regarding the equipment available for sale. Interested parties should phone Bruce (no texts).

Sharon Smith, Road Clean Up - Meeting at Taco Bell in Green Valley at 7:00 a.m. on March 20th.

Dee Gross, Elmerettes - no report.

Rick Rogers, Net Coordinator - Would like to increase usage of Net Logger. Net Logger cannot be used on tablets or phones. The first DMR Net was a success and had 6 participants. Due to survey input, would like to introduce a Technical Net once a month on 2 Meter. The first meeting will be February 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Education - This is a new committee that needs a chairman. Survey results indicated interest in Zoom classes, coding, and new technologies. Art Blank has expressed interest in providing Morse Code training, and Tom Smith volunteered to conduct training for V/E testing. John Perlick has electronic files made by the Army on Morse Code training. If interested, email John.

Old Business:

The donor of the DMR repeater is still experiencing health issues and communication has been slow.

New Business:

The SAV is allowing access with 3 people at a time allowed to enter. Masks must be worn and movement is restricted to the Ham Shack and the restrooms. John Perlick will have the keys.

Presentation:

John Perlick gave a presentation on the results of the 2020 Member Survey. The survey received 33 responses, and indicated that we are a very social club that enjoys our nets and operating. 2 Meter is the most popular band, followed by 20 Meters. Single Side Band (SSB) is the most popular mode. The survey also indicated that members are very interested in using the club station for remote access. Tom Lang will research setting up the station for remote operations.

The meeting concluded with a brief and informative discussion on the history of the first radio transmissions.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC