

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The July 2019 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by Secretary, Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA. Forty one club members and guests attended.

Welcome Comments:

Welcome to Wayne Wilson, AE7YQ, Jerry Anthony, TBD and Gene Short, N8ELA.  
Congrats to Dave Doyle, KG7KOD on upgrading to General.

Vice President /Technical Committee: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- The 29 repeater continues to have intermittent problems although not as bad. The thought is it may be weather related and needs more investigation. Ron and others have been working on it but cannot find the problem. The repeater will be taken out of service and brought down for bench testing.
- The N7GV call sign is now ours. The WE7GV call has been released and we will try to get it for the subsidiary club. Since Tom Lang is the trustee for the N7GV call he cannot be the trustee for the WE7GV call so Ron will make out the application and submit it as trustee.

Secretary: Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA

- The inventory of club property stalled for a few months but is starting back up. To that end if ANYONE has ANY club property in their possession PLEASE make a list and get it to me as soon as possible. The purpose of the inventory is two fold; to find out what the club owns, and to find out what the club owns so we don't go buy the same thing again. We want to be good stewards of club funds.

Treasurer: Bob Call, K7RWC

- General Fund \$ XXXX.59
- Repeater Fund \$ XXXX.27
- Current 2019 membership is 130 voting and non voting members

New Club Shirts: Cathy Tewksbury, KF7DZA said the shirts are in and should be done by 18 July. She will bring them to Coaches or you can pick them up at her house or other arrangements can be made. She will send out a reflector about hats when she finds out about them.

Field Days:

- Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT thanked everyone that participated in Field Days and to Bob Newkirk, K3RN for the loan of equipment. Thanks also to the members that brought their own equipment to use. There were 24 people that participated with 14 of those getting time on the radios. A lessons learned session will be upcoming. One of the lessons learned though is that we need a photographer for next year.
- Jon Otto gave some stats on the number of contacts made: CW - 205, Dig - 39, Phone - 289 and even a satellite contact. Total points submitted was 2344. There were lots of new faces this year.

NOTE: Super kudos to Bruce for chairing the event and to Jon for getting the computers and logging programs up and running, and also for consolidating the logs and submitting them. Thank you gentlemen.

Licensing Committee: Earle Cate, N0ISB

- An open VE test session will be held 3 August at SAV. Contact Earl for time and details.
- Tech and general class starting in September. Details to follow.

Drive Out Committee: Linda Boeck

- The next drive out is scheduled for 20 July from 5 to 10 PM at the Desert Museum. Cost is \$19.95 per person. The following drive out will be to Pima Air and Space Museum, date TBD. The AMARG (boneyard) tour is not part of this.

Web Site: Jon Otto, AD7GS reported the web site continues to get lots of hits. The Country Store is going to offer items starting July 18. Make sure to look at the web site for reports and pictures of past activities and details of upcoming events. The Country Store and Members sections of the web site are password protected. If you want the password email Jon.

Snow Bird Net: The Snow Bird Net is doing well and will remain at 1800Z on Wednesdays on 14.237 year around.

Hands on Workshops: Many of our members have expertise in some area of ham radio that others may like to know about. Short videos are a good way to share this knowledge or show a particular piece of equipment. These videos don't need to be studio quality by any means. Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA has done one on his MFJ hamstick dipole antenna and his portable operation he uses while RVing (we're working on getting it posted to the web site). Some folks may want to try this but aren't sure how to go about it. These videos could be a help getting them started. In the future we would like to get more folks doing this.

Rick Rogers read a thank you card from MaryAnn Van Horn thanking the club for all the cards and prayers during Ken's illness and after his passing.

Program: Art Blank, WA7NB gave a great presentation on a DX Expedition he went on in 2012 to Juan Fernandez Island off the coast of Chile about 800 miles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.