

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The July 2021 monthly meeting for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 6:30PM by President John Perlick. The meeting was held on Zoom due to forecasted thunderstorms. There were 15 members present.

New Members: A big welcome to new member Bonnie Titre!

President's Report:

Club Station - The station is up and running. Testing of equipment indicated that we have good internet access and speed was acceptable. Contacts were made on 40 Meter, 20 Meter appears to need some work. We need to install the Win4ICOM Suite software in order to remote the station. Once it is installed, we have a 30 day free trial period to determine if we want to purchase. Mike , Rick and John will get together sometime after the end of the month to work on installation. The SAV expects we should be able to resume club meetings at the SAV in September.

V/P - Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Not present.

Secretary - Nothing to Report. Requested that we set up mini tours of the club station in October.

Past President - V/E testing will be held the first week of August (date yet to be determined)

Repeater - Discussion was held on the selection of a repeater for the club station. Ron Phillips has done some research and discovered that there are not a lot of manufacturing competitors for VHF repeaters. Motorola is expensive and is proprietary with their software, Kenwood is also expensive. Ron suggested a Hytera RV982-I, priced as low as \$1300. As Hytera is not a familiar company there was some concern expressed. Ron will do some more research on the product and Mike will reach out to a friend who may be knowledgeable. If they receive favorable reviews, we will propose a purchase to the membership.

Club Station - The President reviewed some of the changes that have been made at the club station: The older Yaesu radio has been replaced with a simpler, user friendly, remote capable ICOM 7300. The old amplifier has been removed and we are in the process of looking for a newer solid state amplifier.

We have two antennae at the station - a dipole and a Step IR beam. We may need to purchase an antenna rotator controller before we can remote the station.

A discussion was held on setting up operating procedures and protocol for the club station. The station will not have the capability for simultaneous remote and in station operations, so a schedule will need to be set up. Rick advised that there are a series of videos available on the operation of the ICOM 7300. They can be found on YouTube by searching HamCuredSmoke.

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Secretary, GVARC