

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The June 2021 monthly meeting for the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 6:00 PM at Anamax Park by President John Perlick. This was the first face-to-face meeting held since the pandemic, and it was also broadcast on Zoom. There were 21 members and guests present, and 1 member on Zoom. A Scoutmaster interested in Morse Code dropped in briefly. We were also graced with the presence of two dogs.

New Members and Guests:

A very big welcome to our newest member Chris Kwasneski, KW7AS. Chris joined us in person and has been a Ham since 1983.

We also welcomed two guests, Cliff and Jessica Kalfian (N2GYI and KD2NYX). They live in Corona de Tucson and we hope to see them again soon.

President's Remarks:

Field Day - As we did not have a volunteer to chair Field Day, we will not be operating in a remote location as a club. Those who are interested can participate using their own call sign, then if they wish they may assign their scores to GVARC.

Morse Code - The President provided some Morse Code training cassette tapes for use by interested members. Earle Cate will convert the cassettes to DVD format.

VP:

7QP - GVARC received a 3rd place award for our participation in 7QP.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer was unable to attend but we have money that we need to spend. The Secretary had nothing to report but suggested that we continue broadcasting our live meetings on Zoom to allow our Snowbirds a chance to join us from afar.

Webmaster:

Jon Otto advised that our website continues to generate outside interest. We had 565 unique contacts this past month.

Past President:

Our club equipment insurance has been updated. Anyone with additional information can contact Tom Smith and he will make the changes.

New Business:

The club station transceiver has been replaced with a more user friendly ICOM 7300. This will enable us to remote the club station once we get internet access, return the station to an operable condition, and purchase an amplifier.

Motions:

A motion was made to spend up to \$2500 on an amplifier for the club station. After discussion, the motion was amended to require research and board approval prior to purchase. The motion carried.

Drive Outs:

Hoping to resume these popular events by Fall.

The evening concluded with an ice cream social. It was good to be back together as a group!