

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The May 2019 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gary (Beetle) Bailey, K7GSB. Thirty eight club members and guests attended.

President's Comments:

- Beetle welcomed Rick Paquette, W7RAP, ARRL AZ Section Manager and other guests

Vice President /Technical Committee: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- The 29 repeater continues to have intermittent problems and needs more work. Ron and others have been working on it but cannot find the problem. The repeater may need to be replaced.
- Ron provided an update on the effort to obtain the N7GV call sign. The call sign has been cancelled by the FCC and is available. The application must be submitted by the club trustee who is Tom Lang and he has submitted the application.

Secretary: Rick Rogers, KF7ZKA

- No report

Treasurer: Bob Call, K7RWC

- General Fund \$ XXXX.37
- Repeater Fund \$ XXXX.27
- Current 2019 membership is 128 voting and non voting members

**New Club Shirts:** Cathy Tewksbury, KF7DZA and Dee Gross, AD7NM are heading up the effort to acquire new shirts for the club. Based on the survey the club shirt will be a gray polo type shirt. The cost of each shirt with club logo is \$20. It is \$7 to have name and call sign added. Order on the club web site.

7QP and Field Days:

- 7QP: Bruce Tewksbury, K3BAT reported there were 15 people that came out for 7QP. Some of those got to operate in a contest environment for the first time. There were multiple radios operating on 20 and 40 meter phone and CW. Nearly 100 contacts were made. Lots of food and a good time. As this was supposed to have been a Field Days rehearsal there were some lessons learned especially logging.
- Field Days: Bruce would like to get an idea of how many folks will be participating in Field Days, what they want to do (operate radios, log, etc), and what time they want to do this. Also, would someone be willing to provide their radio for Field Days so we can operate multiple radios and give more folks a chance to participate. The entire June meeting will be devoted to Field Days planning.

Licensing Committee: Earle Cate, N0ISB

- An open VE test session was held May 4. Two folks came and both passed. There has been some interest expressed by past technician class students to get more training and possibly upgrade.

Drive Out Committee: Linda Boeck

- The next drive out is a tour of the Postal History Museum in early June in Tucson. Send an email to Linda if you want to go or sign up on the web site. A good time was had at the mesquite lumber mill and especially at Wisdom's for lunch afterward.

Web Site: Jon Otto, AD7GS reported we had 417 visitors to the web site last month. The Country Store is going to offer an item for sale as a test case. 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.

Program: Rick Paquette, W7RAP gave a presentation of happenings and issues at ARRL. There are many changes at ARRL happening that are being made to make the organization more responsive to ARRL members. If there is an issue, problem, suggestion, etc., contact Rick at [azpaquettes@gmail.com](mailto:azpaquettes@gmail.com) . He is our direct voice to ARRL.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.