

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The May 2021 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 22 members present.

New Members:

A huge welcome to our newest member Fernando Ramirez, KF7R!

Fernando first became licensed in Puerto Rico in 1993. He operates primarily on satellite with some HF work as well. Welcome aboard!

President's Report:

Face to face Meetings - With a reduction in Covid cases, members have expressed interest in returning to meetings in person as opposed to Zoom virtual meetings. With details on the time still to be worked out, our June meeting will be held outside at Anamax Park. We will also research whether Zoom could be a part of the face to face meeting, allowing our distant members to participate.

Field Day - We still need a Committee Chairperson for Field Day. Please consider volunteering for this fun event!

V/P: Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer had a previous commitment, and the President stepped in to advise that our coffers are healthy and we need to spend some money. It was suggested that we research the purchase of a DMR repeater. Ron Phillips has been trying various efforts to save us some money but it may be time to bite the bullet and make a full on purchase.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Country Store - The club received a donation of a complete Jupiter station. This has been posted on the Country Store at an attractive price, but will be advertised on eBay if it is not sold in the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

Inventory - Tom Smith advised that we need an update of our inventory as some equipment has recently been sold and some acquired. This should be completed in the next two weeks as our insurance renewal is approaching.

Presentation: FCC RF Exposure Rules

This month's presentation by John Perlick shed light on the new FCC RF Exposure Rules. The FCC has ruled that all amateur radio operators must evaluate their stations for radio frequency exposure. Existing stations have 2 years to evaluate, new and significantly altered stations must comply before transmitting. There are currently no reporting or documentation requirements.

John sent out two important links, one a calculator and the other a YouTube video from the ARRL explaining the rules.

Calculator:

<http://www.lakewashingtonhamclub.org/resources/ef-exposure-calculator/>

Rules:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dSieKF3rm0>

The club meeting concluded with a general discussion about the process needed to remote the club station and the necessity of obtaining our own internet connection to achieve that goal.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC