

Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The November 2020 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Smith. Due to social distancing requirements, the meeting was held on Zoom. There were 30 members present.

New Members:

Welcome to our newest member David Bowen, WD0FWR...glad to have you aboard.

President's Report:

SAV - The Ham Shack at the SAV is now open to club members.

Christmas Party - The Christmas Party will be held via Zoom. Encouraging participants to be creative with video backgrounds, Christmas sweaters, reindeer antlers, anything to enliven the party including adult beverages.

The Board agreed that logistically it would be too difficult to accommodate prizes and raffles. Instead, the money normally spent on the party will be donated to good causes - \$500 to the Green Valley Food Bank and \$200 to the SAV.

Veterans Day - A big "Thank you!" to Beetle Bailey for his efforts towards a Veterans Day Auction. The auction will be held this upcoming Saturday with previews beginning at noon and bidding starting at 2:00 p.m. More information is available at <http://www.mesquitebeetle.com/post-109-fund-raiser.html> We have a number of Veterans in the club and Beetle's time and hard work are much appreciated. Tom Smith is donating the proceeds from his upcoming piano bar gig to the Veterans Day Auction. Tom plays at Javelina Run starting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13th. Thank you, Tom!

Vice President's Report:

DMR Repeater - The donor of the DMR repeater has had some delays in programming due to personal issues but looks to be getting back on track shortly.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer gave a financial report and advised that dues for 2021 are being accepted now and will become delinquent on February 1st. Lifetime Memberships are also available at the price of \$200. There is a 50% discount on Lifetime Memberships for those age 60 and over. Dues may be sent to Gary Carroll at 2264 E Desert Squirrel Ct, Green Valley AZ 85614.

Committee Reports and Miscellaneous Info:

Country Store - The Country Store had 15 items for sale and all but 3 items sold, adding approximately \$200 to the club coffers.

Titan Museum - The Titan Museum is now open for club members to utilize the antenna. The museum opened on November 1st and is open 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Winter Field Day - Rick Rogers is gauging interest in participation in Winter Field Day, a 24 hour operation held on January 30th and 31st. In the event there is sufficient interest, a location has been procured at Grace Church at 2301 SR-982 in Sahuarita.

This is not an AARL event, and there are no restrictions on antennas. Generators will be needed. Parking is plentiful. Social distancing can be accomplished through adherence to time slots. Contact Rick Rogers if you would like to participate.

Website - Webmaster Jon Otto has finished setting up a Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) page on the website.

Elections:

Elections were held with voting privileges extended to regular members who are licensed Hams current on their club dues.

The slate of officers were John Perlick for President, Rick Rogers for Vice President, Gary Carroll for Treasurer, and Jeanne Crane for Secretary. A motion was made and carried to accept the slate of officers by acclamation.

There were three people on the slate for the two available Director at Large positions. Tom Lang graciously stepped aside when there was a voting tie. Bruce Tewksbury and Ron Phillips were elected to the positions.

Tom Smith automatically assumes the position of Past President.

A huge thank you goes out to President Tom Smith and Vice President Ron Phillips for their hard work this past year. And thank you to Tom Lang and Jon Otto for their contributions as Directors at Large; they are rotating out but will still provide valuable service to the club through their extensive Ham knowledge. Handover of duties occurs on January 1st.

Newly elected President John Perlick was requested to give brief remarks. John is an electrical engineer at Raytheon, and has been a Ham for over fifty years. Two years ago he moved moved to Green Valley from Chicago. His other hobbies are cooking and WWII history. His first goal as President is to take the pulse of the club to ascertain the direction members wish the club to take.

Presentation - Dave Donnelly gave a presentation titled Antenna Modeling with EZNEC.

The evening ended with virtual social time traditional to our monthly club meetings.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC