

September 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The September 2021 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by President John Perlick. The meeting was held on Zoom with 17 members online.

Guest: Terry Gilmore joined us as a guest and indicated his wish to become a member. Terry is a former radio man for the Navy (2 years active and 20 reserve). He has been a Ham since 2000. Welcome aboard, Terry!

President's Remarks:

Club Meetings - The SAV is still unable to accommodate in-person meetings due to county restrictions. Our next club meeting will be at Anamax Park on October 13th from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. The club picnic will be held at the same time, with the club providing hamburgers, brats and buns. A sign up sheet will be posted on the club website for potluck items. Please bring your own beverages and extra chairs if you have them. Anamax Park is located at 17501 S Camino de las Quintas in Sahuarita.

Christmas Committee - The club is forming a Christmas Committee to plan our Annual Christmas Dinner on December 9th at the American Legion Post 66 in Green Valley.

Since we had to forego last year's Christmas party due to the pandemic, we would like to go all out this year. We are excited about high-end door prizes, great food, drinks and decorations. The budget may be high enough to require membership approval and an estimated cost will be provided in October. The Christmas Committee traditionally has a lot of fun planning this event, and we are actively recruiting members who would like to participate. Please contact Jeanne Crane at 360-201-9159 or IFPJeanne@yahoo.com if you would like to join in on the fun.

Silent Key Memorial - The club is discussing the idea of a website memorial for Silent Keys. This would be with the approval of the surviving family and would be posted in the password protected Members Only section of the club web page. Further discussion at a future meeting.

Nominating Committee - Please contact John Perlick if you would like to be on the Nominating Committee or if you have an interest in running for a board position. New members are welcome to join the committee or run for office as this is an excellent way to learn about the club and become involved.

V/P:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer gave a financial report that confirmed that we have enough money to accommodate club station improvements, Christmas party plans and WinLink Gateway improvements.

Secretary:

The Secretary has been tapped to coordinate the Christmas Committee and begged for help from established members and newcomers alike.

Past President:

V/E Testing - V/E testing will be on October 26th. We are expecting up to a dozen people to test. If you would like to test, notify Tom Smith by October 12th.

Road Clean Up - Road Clean Up will be scheduled for a date still to be determined in October. This is a fun event spearheaded by Sharon Smith, and a sign up sheet will be posted on the website once we have a date.

Committee Reports:

Drive Outs - Drive Outs are coordinated by Linda Boeck and she has some interesting possibilities for us -

Mescal Movie Set tour in Benson

Tucson Desert Art Museum

Canola Ranch Tour

Ignite Sign Art Museum

More information and sign ups are available on the club website under Activities.

Repeaters -

Mike Bass and Ron Phillips have been working on uplinks, downlinks and the WinLink Gateway. Mike advised we could use a better antenna, filters to minimize interference, and upgrades to the signal links. Mike will provide the board with a shopping list in October.

Public Service Announcements:

Radio Society of Tucson Fall HamFest Scheduled for September 25th at Calvary Tucson Church, 8711 E Speedway, Tucson. Hours are 7:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Bruce and John have arranged adjoining sites and will be selling equipment and promoting GVARC. If you have items that you would like to sell, please contact John Perlick.

Snake Removal - Several members have encountered rattlesnakes recently. The non-emergency removal number is 520-629-9200.

Jeanne Crane
Secretary, GVARC