

Green Valley Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes

The February 2024 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Gene Short, N8ELA. Thirty club members attended.

Congrats to Mike Hjerpe, KK7PCH on getting his Technician license. Welcome to visitor Tim Thietje.

President's Comments:

- President Gene welcomed Rick Paquette, W7RAP, ARRL AZ Section Manager. Rick informed the membership of happenings at ARRL and around the Arizona ham community.

Vice President Joe Pinter, KK7DB: No comments

Secretary: Rick Rogers, K7RCR: No comments

Treasurer: Ron Phillips AA7RP

- General Fund \$ 8460.51
- Repeater Fund \$ 2427.45
- 107 Members

Special Events:

Bruce, K3BAT gave a report on the 10 Feb Churches on the Air event. Three area churches were activated by club members. There were club members that participated at the churches and many more that made contact from their home locations. Tom Lang reported 278 lookups on QRZ. The total number of contacts was 202. Successful event.

First ever GVARC Hamfest at Valley Presbyterian Church in G.V. on 24 Feb. Lots of help needed. President Gene for John Lynn, KL7CY gave details about what is needed and asked club members to step up and help make the event successful.

POST EVENT NOTE: From all indications it was a successful event. More details to come.

Repeaters: Ron Phillips, AA7RP

- Board voted to remove WIN System from the 29 repeater. Due to limited use the DMR repeater will be converted back to analog UHF and WIN moved to it. EchoLink will be returned to the 29 repeater. It may be awhile until Ron can get all of the shifting around completed.

Web Site: Jon Otto, AD7GS

- Jon encouraged members to bring friends along for the drive outs. Members can sign up on the Activities page on the web site. Same holds true for the Thursday evening get together at local restaurants. NOTE: This activity has proved popular and needs to be signed for up for as well. If you want to come and don't sign up you are probably taking a seat from someone who did sign up. PLEASE sign up on the web by Wednesday morning so the coordinator can let the restaurant know how many to expect.
- There are pics from the CHOTA event that have been posted.

From Tom Smith, K7AFA

- Elmers List – Updated Elmers list is on the web site.
- Road Cleanup - The next road cleanup will be March 16 at 7:30 AM. Meet at the Taco Bell on Duval Mine Rd.

VE Testing: Dave Bowen, N7DMB

- Last test session was January 16. Four people tested resulting in three new technicians and one person upgraded to General.
- Next test session is 16 April.

Drive Out Committee: Linda Boeck

- Next drive out March 30. Look on web site for details

WinLink Report: Mike Bass, WA9TKK

- In the last 30 days eight stations have accessed the WinLink gateway with 61 uplink messages and 95 downlink messages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next regular meeting is 13 March at 7 PM. Our speaker will be Bill Reed, KD9PUP who will speak about FT 8 and POTA.