Green Valley Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

The February 2020 monthly meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club (GVARC) was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Tom Smith. Forty five members and guests attended.

Welcome to New Members:

Kirk Smith, N7AZZ John Reynolds, WB9RXK

Welcome to first time guest:

Casey Lancour, KF7RCS

Financials:

The Treasurer provided a financial report. It was noted that approximately 20 people are delinquent in their dues.

Motions:

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes from the January meeting.

Highlights:

50/50 Raffle was introduced.

Elmer's List was passed around with a request for members to update their abilities to volunteer.

Net Control volunteers are still needed. Sample scripts for Net Control protocol have been posted on the website. **The Snowbird Net has been moved to 14.260 to avoid frequency congestion.**

Field Day:

Bruce Tewksbury provided an update on the new trailer, Field Day and 7QP (Field Day precursor). Location of Field Day and 7QP will be Bruce Tewksbury's house in Green Valley. Looking into insurance for the new trailer and contents.

Antennas:

Ron Phillips advised that a new antenna for 29 on Elephant Head is on order.

Recognition:

Discussion of recognition of deserving club members. By show of hands, it was determined that quarterly recognition was preferred.

Driveouts:

LInda provided an overview of upcoming drive-outs. The next will be a 90 minute walking tour of the behind the scenes operations of the Tucson Airport, March 25th, meeting at the library at 8:00 a.m. Details of drive-outs are posted on the website.

Guest Speaker: Rick Pacquette, ARRL Section Manager.

Some of the main speaking points were the positive growth of Ham Radio in Arizona, potential loss of 3GHz and 5GHz bands to Ham enthusiasts, and the support for Ham radio from the governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey.