

GREEN VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Club Meeting

March 9, 2022

The March 2022 meeting of the Green Valley Amateur Radio Club was held at the Green Valley Fire District Headquarters which is located at 1285 W. Camino Encanto, Green Valley, AZ and was called to order by President Rick Rogers (K7RCR) at 7:00 pm MST. There were 20 attendees present at the meeting with an additional 7 present via Zoom, for a total of 27 attendees.

Our guest speaker was Rick Paquette, W7RAP, ARRL-Arizona Section Manager.

Highlights of Rick's presentation include:

- ARRL leadership changes – 45% of ARRL management is “brand new”.
- The “demographics” of ham radio have changed.
- Ham radio in Arizona is “still growing STRONG”.
 - Arizona is the 8th largest section in the US!
 - Arizona is #2 in the nation for the number of hams “per capita”.
- Briefing on what hams in Arizona “DO”.
 - Governor Doug Ducey recognizes Arizona's amateur radio operators.
- Arizona legislators introduce bill to declare National Amateur Radio Day.
- FCC increased license fees proposal defeated/“tabled”.
- RF exposure rules have changed.
- US Forest Service announced plan for “mountain top site” fee of \$1400.
 - Submit comments to legislators!
- ARRL announces Club Grants Program – begins April 22, 2022.
 - Scholarships, Club projects, etc.
- Arizona Hamfests/conventions.
- Arizona hams participation during emergencies.
- New hams and support thereof – ARRL and our club!
- Challenges operating in HOAs were discussed during a “Q & A”.
- RFI exposure levels were also discussed.

Items – Topics discussed:

Club Station coordinator - Tom Lang: The beam antenna at the SAV has been taken down and the “station no longer exists”.

Technical Coordinator - Ron Phillips: Will be going to the mountain on Saturday to get the WebSDR working and plan to install the 27 repeater next week.

Webmaster - Jon Otto : Those planning on attending the Club picnic are requested to go to the website and let us know who is coming and what items you plan to bring. The picnic is on Tuesday, March 22nd at Anamax Park, rotunda #4. Set up is at 10:30, the picnic starts at 11:00 and cleanup is at 1:00. Sharon Smith is the coordinator for the picnic. Please direct questions to Sharon via email.
THANK YOU SHARON!

Drive Out Coordinator - Linda Boeck: Those who have signed up for the drive out at Apache Junction on March 30th will meet at the Library at 9:00 am in order to leave by 9:15.

Elmer's List - Tom Smith: The Elmer's list has been re-posted and can be changed anytime by letting Tom know.

Road Cleanup - Sharon Smith: April 9th. Meet at Taco Bell at 7:30 am. 12 to 14 people will be needed. Sign up at our website. If unable to sign up online, please email Sharon or Tom.

Reflector and Projects Coordinator - Ed Toal : As of tomorrow, “we have re-formed our reflector groups” including the “general members reflector group” which will remain in place for any Club business (for sale, wanted, social notices, etc.), however, any “specialty groups” have been removed. Two “new” reflector groups have been added, one for “operating events” and one for “equipment” for those interested in building projects, construction projects, etc. Note that to be added to either of these two reflectors, you will need to “ask” to be added. Further information will be added to the website and will be forthcoming.

VE Testing - Norm Kibby: In Norm's absence Tom Smith talked about VE Testing. No testing is scheduled for March or April. Please email Tom or call to request any tests..

Field Tech Support Team - Bruce Tewksbury: President Rick reported that Bruce's brother-in-law and his wife were killed in an auto accident yesterday in Ohio. Also Bruce and Kathy are in the process of moving into a new house. Please keep Bruce and Kathy in your thoughts and prayers.

Net Coordinator - Dave Bowen: We have sufficient net coordinators through most of this month, March. Dave will be sending an email in the next couple of weeks asking for volunteers for April's nets.

Presentations: We need presentations for July through October. If you wish to make a presentation, or "suggest" a presentation, please contact Rick to schedule a presentation. November will be elections and December is the Christmas party.

Contest Coordinator: (Rick) We will be operating a Special Event station to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the US Air Force and we will be operating from the Titan Missile Museum on September 17th and 18th.

Social Events Coordinator: (Rick) We don't HAVE a social events coordinator, however, Sharon Smith has 'stepped up' to coordinate the upcoming picnic. Other events coming up include another picnic in October and the Christmas party.

Old Business:

We are completely out of the SAV, including the removal of all GVARC property as well as all antennas.

There have been discussions about switching banks. Bob Junke has been working with our current bank and has determined that the PNC bank is "still a good fit" for us so we will be staying with PNC.

Tom Smith will work with several other club members to establish a "real, honest to goodness" budget.

Property Master position: Rick has requested a volunteer for this position. If you are interested, please contact Rick and let him know.

Special interest groups: If anyone is interested in starting any kind of special interest group, literally for ANY special interest, please let Rick know.

Officer reports:

Tom Smith – Vice President: Please refer to Tom's previous remarks/comments.

Larry Bailey – Secretary: The inventory and "categorization" of club property is nearly completed and the board will meet to decide which items should be disposed of and which should be retained. The items to be 'liquidated' will be made available to members on the Country Store. The membership will be notified in a timely manner when items become available for "auction" on the Country Store.

Bob Junke – Treasurer: Bob read his Treasurer's report, which is made available in the “Members” section of our website. Bob also mentioned name tags. Bob has the capability of making name tags which he can offer to club members at a cost of \$2.00, compared to our current name tags which cost \$13.00. Examples were presented and well received by the members. To request a name tag, please contact Bob via email. THANK YOU BOB!



New Business:

Establishment of a Club station: At present, we do not have the space to establish a “physical” club station. However, we do have the capability to have a “remote” station. Rick and Ron (AA7RP) will work to establish a remote station using the Club radio (IC-7300) to be temporarily set up at Rick's house. The Win4Icom software will be used and costs \$60 “per seat”, a “one time” charge. If a person does not have a “home” station, that is a very inexpensive way to get on the air!

7QP and Field Day: 7QP is the first weekend of May, the 7th and the 8th. Field Day is June 25th and 26th. We need someone to “step up” and be the coordinator for 7QP and Field Day. The board has taken the position that if no one is willing to step up and coordinate these events, the Club will simply not participate in either event this year. The fire department where we are currently holding our club meetings will be available for our use. If anyone is willing to coordinate these events, please let Rick know.

Zoom Mentor Net: Our Club has a Zoom account. This account may be used by ANY Club member to conduct any ham related meeting, for example, for training purposes or ham classes. If anyone is interested, please contact Tom Smith to set it up. The Zoom link is available on the “Members Page” on the website.

President Rick vacation: Rick will be on vacation from May 1st until about the middle of August. The May and July meetings will be presided by our VP, Tom Smith. The June meeting will be presided by our Secretary, Larry Bailey, and the August meeting is to be determined. Rick will “intermittently” be available by email while on vacation. Please feel free to send him an email anytime but please be patient and he will respond as he is able.

RST Hamfest: The RST hamfest will be held on March 26th. More information can be found at: https://rstclub.org/media/articles/Tucson_RST_Hamfest.pdf

Please note: All email addresses and phone numbers are available at the “Members” section of the Club's website.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm, MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Bailey K7LRB
Secretary