

GVARC Minutes - Membership Meeting – July 10, 2024

President Gene Short opened the meeting at 7 pm

19 attendees were in the meeting room, 5 attended via Zoom

Visitors

- Chris Nicoll w0cnx – President of the Pueblo Colorado Amateur Radio Club
- Tim Bailey Unlicensed, but working the Tohono O’odham Nation, looking for an Elmer

Shirts – Gene has been trying to find a source for shirts, caps and other logo’ed items. After many trials, Mike Nester gave him the name of a source he had found. Gene is working with Mike’s source, had samples, printed text and logo not embroidery, and once all is set up, the source will provide the club with a GVARC logo’s items page which will be available on the member’s menu of our website

Tom Lang - Special Events - Tonight’s program

Discone upgrade. Pima County, Pima Air Museum, Titan Missile Museum and GVARC (Tom) worked together with Wallen Communications to install new lights with a dusk to dawn photo cell on the tower, replace the Coax from the top of the tower down to the locked coax box at the Picnic Table. The coax from the base of the tower to the picnic cable is in PVC and covered. GVARC provided the coax, Wallen provided the photo cell, lights and labor at NO cost. Users will need to provide their own tuner. Bands are 40, 10, 15, 20 and *MAYBE* 17 meters.

The coax box is locked and users need to go to the office during open hours, exchange their driver’s license for a key to the box, then reverse the process when they are finished (before closing hours) to retrieve their driver’s license.

Field Day, we are reporting 1422 points this year, using grid power, up to 100 watts with 345 contacts (241 CW and 104 SSB). 26 attendees signed in to participate This year, we participated in only a few of the publicity/guest/extra activities. These could be done by interested participants who prefer not to be onsite during the event, but want to help out.

Two notes.

- Linda Boeck has instructions for who ever would like to coordinate the Potluck next year
- John Perlick reported that if you participated in field day this year from home, if you will include Green Valley ARC (Amateur Radio Club) at the bottom of your submission as your affiliated radio club, your score will be added to the club’s score.

Ron Phillips Treasurer – Reported that the books balance and gave us a balance. Members can see the balance on the Member’s page.

Tom Smith

Elmers – Tom reports that two individuals are in the queue to text at the Next VE exam next Tuesday. Also, the board agreed to continue to provide new Technicians with a Baofeng HT and programming cable in addition to their first year’s membership in the radio club.

Road Clean Up – Plan on a 1 hour event in mid September

Dave Bowen – The next VE Exam will be at the Fire District office at 1:30 on Tuesday, July 16th. Dave has three emails from interested examines.

Bruce Tewksbury – Miller Team – Bruce sold some spare equipment on Ebay, the check will be deposited. He has one Heath-kit Novice Transceiver waiting for a member to request.

Linda Boeck – Driveouts Nothing in the queue NOW..

Jon Otto – Green Valley Fire District is now the Santa Rita Fire District. We will not change the website references to the SRFD until the GVFD finishes re-branding.

We received a request to add a website for Hurricane planning to our Emergency Plan page. Our Emergency plan page has not been updated. We will honor the request. Look for our Emergency Plan page on our website to see the Hurricane Planning site. <https://www.gvarc.us/emergency-plan.html>

Recorded by Jon Otto standing in for our Secretary on the road. 8 pm,