

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 04/10/2018

President Mike Boger W7IJ called Meeting to order at 7:00pm

Rick Paquette W7RAP – ARRL Section Manager gave presentation.

AZ is growing Hams where most other States are not; since 2010 growth has been increasing

World has changed – Smart Phone is really a radio, Texting is just a form of digital communication

Ham radio has changed – ARES, SKYwarn, Search & Rescue, Traffic Handling, more Hamfests (27) in AZ and more activities.

We have changed – Young professionals with wide interests

All astronauts are Ham radio operators.

26% new Hams in AZ are women; majority of new Hams are under 25 years of age. We have 2 Hams in AZ Legislature.

ARCA is revamping how money is distributed from the license plates.

Public Awareness of Amateur Radio

- Expand exposure on Field Day
- Fresh blood is most important, new hams, get them involved right away
- AREDN – internet version of repeaters, 3 or 4 a month – Mesh Sites
- ARA Awarded Hiram Percy Maxim award

Thanked us for being an active Club

ARRL is not growing upwards but down, -3.7%, having to defend their position to young people. FCC may intercede on national level that HOAs can't restrict antennas. The Puerto Rico disaster was a good example of the importance of ham radio operators.

Meeting Business

President Mike Boger W7IJ read the proposed RST Constitution amendment for the Membership and Life Membership of which we have 9 Life Members, copy will be on the website. The membership will vote on this next month.

Management of the Villa Capri is not to be contacted regarding RST business. The RST website will have all the information that is needed, and Board Members are also available for information.

Joe Statkevics K3TYE on behalf of Boy Scout Troop 157 thanked us for the business at Hamfest where they took in \$470 cash. Invited everyone to the Spaghetti Dinner put on by the Troop the first Thursday of May where the money would be going to help send Matthew and Tyler to Scout Camp, which they could not attend otherwise.

Don Ernley KD7UIZ -Spring Hamfest RST 76 spaces sold, 120 spaces available, \$1,002 made, and the last Saturday of September we will be having our Fall Hamfest.

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF - Laurel VE Liason Testing- 15 tested of which 3 Technicians, 2 Generals and 1 Extra Licenses were earned at the Spring Hamfest testing. VE testing on Monday April 9th there were 18 applicants, 11 Technicians, 2 Generals and 1 Extra licenses were earned

Ken Lesniak KG7KHY - Technician class had 29 signed up and 23 in class, 2 of that class have already gotten their Technician License.

Bill Clark K6WSC – Contesting May 5 7QP happening Pres SAZ DX DXCC Certification

Gary Keck KE7TDX– ARCA Liason– we received first profit sharing check. Club pay a minimal membership of \$100 each so smaller clubs will benefit. Accepting more Grants next year

Ham of the Year, Young Ham of Year , need candidate names by May 1st for voting on.

Richard Schmidt K7NSW –2018 Field Day Coordinator -Radio Ridge for Field Day- Band Captains are being signed up. We are involving people who are not licensed and training is our main focus not getting points. Need volunteers for antenna launcher, alternate power, satellite QSO, and Educational Activity. The website has Field Day RST that has detailed list of 13 pages.

Chris Buchanan N7JND– Ham Picnic is April 28th at Christopher Columbus Park from Noon to 6. This picnic is not club affiliated, it was started by Terry KB5B, who is a Silent Key and continues in his honor. This is a potluck, bring salad, entrée, desert to be shared, also bring your own drinks, ice and chairs. Day in the Park will be there as well.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ- Days in the Park website has all the dates

Was mentioned that Google Voice has service that uses centralized number for questions.

Raffle was held at 8: 25pm

Attendance count was 35.

Respectfully Submitted,

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