

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 11/13/2018

President Richard Schmidt K7NSW – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, visitors in attendance were James Wasson (N7ELL) Greg Moss, D. Evans, and Virgil Silhanek (K7VZ). We will be having finger food only at our meetings and we will be dismissing by 8:30pm so that we can clean up and put all equipment away in a timely manner. There will be two presentations tonight, one on Quartzfest and the other ARRL.

Meeting Business

Quartzfest by Kristen Weed KR1SS and Gary Keck KE7DX – Kristen has been organizing Quartzfest from 2010 to 2015 and again 2017 thru 2019, and looking forward to doing it in the future. It will be held this next year from 01/20/2019 to 01/26/2019. The website for more information is www.quartzfest.org; there is no registration or preregistration, it is free to all, but they do take donations. It is a Ham radio Special Event in the Sonoran Desert. It was a very informative presentation.

Richard Paquette W7RAP – He is the Arizona ARRL Section Manager and his position is up for re-election. Virgil Silhanek K7VZ from Phoenix is also running for the position of Section Manager. Voting will begin on January 1st thru end of January. The presentation was very informative. For more information please go to:

- Amateur Radio Parity Act - https://www.kkn.net/~n6tv/just_say_no_to_S_1534_-v4.pdf

Virgil Silhanek K7VZ - spoke to the Club about his credentials for being Arizona ARRL Section Manager.

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF- Laurel VE Liaison Testing- The class had to be cancelled as there was no entry into the building. Dec 10th will be the next one and it will be free.

Bill Clark K6WSC – azqsoparty.org – Radio Society of Tucson sponsored the event. We had 166 logs received, 13 new contest loggers including our own Max K17TIG, there were 3,945 stations, and 18 plaques given out. Everyone that participated can go on-line and print off their Certificate. For more information please visit the web site.

- There is an upcoming contest ARRL November Sweepstakes this weekend, on November 30th 160 Meter contest, Dec 8th 10-meter contest.
- Southern DX Assoc. AA7A will be talking to the Club about his participation in the Baker Island DXpedition.

President Richard Schmidt K7NSW – Randy Burcham KD7KEQ reinstated as Direction Finding SIG

Randy Burcham KD7KEQ – Direction Finding- worked with Boy Scouts on Air, had 30 participants in Transmitter hunts, and everyone had a great time. He did a presentation for the Oro Valley Hamfest.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ – Day in the Park- will be from 10 to 2 at Udall Park, set up at 9am.

Don Ernle KD7UIZ – 10meter repeater is out of service

David Holman AC7DS – D-Star – MT Lemmon obstinate, Uninterrupted Power Supply installed last Saturday solving MT Lemmon problem; Sahuarita repeater is old computer and having trouble with network card.

Gary Keck KE7DX - Public Service – El Tour will be this Saturday. February will be 24 Hours on the Old Pueblo, more information at our January meeting and presentation, use mesh set up!

Ken KG7KHY - Congratulations to Ed for passing his test. Next Tech class will be mid to late February.

Vice President Gary Keck KE7DX – Christmas party will be same place as last year, he will be getting help with the White Elephant.

There were 43 people in attendance; Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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