

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 07/09/2019

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Business

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting, thanked them for coming.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Our presentation tonight is by our own Joe K3YTE on Repair and Restoration of Heirloom Electronics. He shared with us a slide show of some of the things that he does at K3TYE Studio A! It was amazing to see the old tubes, and radios.

Dick Jones (W0PZD) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 4 applicants. One changed his address, we have one new Technician, Carlos W7HUI and a Technician that received his license last passed his General went on to pass his Extra, and he was in attendance tonight, Dennis AG7WF. Dennis gave positive comments about our VE Testing Team.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report – We have \$10,103 in the treasury. We will be buying great Hamfest prizes over the next couple of months.

Bill Wilson (AE7YQ) – Days in the Park – Radio Loaner person- Days in the Park this Saturday at AMPHI Neighborhood Park on 1st and Fort Lowell from 10-2, there will be a digital and analog radio to try out and get on the air. Everyone is welcome.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Repeaters – The 10-meter FM repeater is out of service on Mt Lemmon, until he can get up there & replace it. While fishing at Rose Canyon Lake last night, Don was able to hit 146.800 from the dock and also the 146.82 repeater.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Last week a Board Member asked about moving our meeting location. We were asked to discuss this further and possibly vote on it tonight. However, per the RST Constitution the President is not authorized to conduct a vote. Moving our meeting location is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All business for the RST Club is conducted through the Board of Directors and not the President. If you have suggestions about a location, i.e., when and where to meet, please get in touch with one of the Board Members.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Requested comments about Field Day. Cindy KJ7FMU and Robert KJ7FMV were able to get on the air but did not know what the campground rules were. Richard suggested that we need to have our policies better advertised.

Alan AC2K had a great time and was able to help out others. He stated that we owe a debt of gratitude to the organizers as they did a tremendous job. It was noted that we will need a second outhouse next year.

The reunification of CRC/RST was successful with 68 people on the hill. David Holman did an excellent job.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Winter Field Day – The Board voted to increase the number of cabins available from 4 cabins last year to 5. There has been lots of interest so you will have to get your name in early for a bed as they will go fast. There will be more information available as we get closer to the event.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Sam Walton Special Event Contest – He made this up to get everyone's attention. On July 2, 1972 Sam Walton opened his very first Walmart store. Somebody back east has come up with Walmart Parking lots on the Air. Every year on the weekend closest to July 2, Ham radio folks go to a Walmart parking lot and they track satellites. You need a transceiver of some kind, and a hand held antenna, and when the satellite comes up and crosses the sky in your window you try to make as many contacts, QSOs as you can. This contest is over at noon and is published nationally. This is something that Technicians can do! Bryce has done this, and it was suggested that YouTube has information about it as well.

Raffle was held, using a large box that a speaker came in. It worked!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm, and 39 people were in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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