

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 09/10/2019

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Sheet was sent around for signing by attendees.

Meeting Business

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting, and explained that our President is up in Alaska doing Salmon fishing! Gary thanked everyone for coming and asked for new hams, first time visitors. We had Anthony K7ILH who is on 900 and stated that resistance is futile; Ron KK6TKE; Kevin KJ7ILF is a new General and Robert KJ7FMR is also a new General.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Our presentation was by Dr. Don Cox K6QZL the first slide read Protecting Amateur Radio Equipment from Electromagnetic Pulse; however, the title of the presentation was How I Learned to Stop Worrying & Love the Bomb. Dr. Cox has worked 18 years at Raytheon Systems Engineer, and did his Doctorate on EMP background. One of the myths that he mentioned was that if you have multiple bombs going off there is more destruction, once the air is ionized you can't re-ionize it.

SIG REPORTS:

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report – We have \$9,857 in the treasury, with more expenses to come for the Hamfest. We have 120 members in the Club of which 110 are paid members and 10 are Life Members; 4 Advanced class, 27 Technicians, 25 Generals and 50 Amateur Extra class.

Dick Jones (WOPZD) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 6 applicants with a result of 1 Technician, 4 new Generals and zero new Extras. We will also have VE testing at our Hamfest on September 28th.

Alan Komenski AC2K – ARCA – No agenda yet for October meeting. We need to be getting our Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year nominations submitted soon. Any concerns for ARCA let him know and keep in mind ARCA also has grants and scholarships. Hamfest Calendar: Oct 5th Tara Swapmeet by Tonto Amateur Radio Assoc. in Payson; Oct 26th Copafest 2019 by Maricopa Amateur Radio Assoc. in Maricopa; Nov 2nd Harkfest by Hassayampa Amateur Radio Club in Congress; Nov 9th Oro Vally ARC Hamfest in Marana and Dec 7th Superstition Superfest in Mesa.

David Holman AC7DS – Repeaters DStar & Analog. 146.800 works, 448.325 works, couldn't get into 449.300 racquet ball court(analog). The 146.800 and 448.325 are Fusion repeaters that are up and no one is using them, DSTAR is up both the 2meter and 440 up and working. David has a net every Saturday at 1900 on all the RST repeaters.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Hamfest – It is on September 28th at the Target on 22nd and Harrison. There is no charge for buyers and we do have sellers' spots available for \$10 per spot.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Days in the Park (DIP)–This Saturday the 14th DIP will be at Morris Udall Park from 10-2, there will be a digital and analog radio to try out and get on the air. Everyone is welcome. 146.52 is the voice!

Brenda Holman (N3QVK) – Christmas Party/Dinner 2019 December 10th at 6:30 at the El Corral with regular menu and no reservations needed. There will be a white elephant exchange after dinner.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Community Service – El Tour will be happening this November, weekend before Thanksgiving.

Bill Clark (K6WSC) – Contests-QSO Party is October 12 & 13th. There were 12,136 QSOs last year with 3,945 stations participating and 100 DX stations. See Bill if you have any questions.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – RST Listserv disclaimers have been on the bottom of the emails since 2011 regarding privacy and confidentiality. If you disagree with the disclaimer you have a choice to not send email to the listserv or let the Board of Directors know so that they can address the issue. Any member can send email to the listserv to notify the other members regarding anything ham radio related.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Elections next month-There are several open positions and we need people to step up to the plate. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and 5 Directors at large (just approved by the Board tonight) are the positions that need to be filled. President Richard Schmidt K7NSW was thanked for his fine job as was Treasurer Don KD7UIZ. Nominations are President Gary Keck KE7DX; Vice President Michael Perrett K7HIL; Treasurer Shari Ingraham KJ7ADI. We have 5 Directors at large positions open and the nominees are Joe Statkevics K3TYE, Dick Jones W0PZD, Max Presnell Jr KI7TIG, Brenda Holman N3QVK, Bruce Betterly WA1BZQ and Don Ernle KD7UIZ.

Raffle was held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm, and 30 people were in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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