

## **Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 04/14/2020**

DICK (W0PZD) – Net Control for our first ever RST Club meeting on repeater 145.25 MHz (PL tone 156.7).

### **Board Members that Checked In:**

President: Gary Keck, KE7DX  
Vice-President: Michael Perrett, K7HIL  
Secretary: Rosie Paszkiet, KG7QWR  
Treasurer: Shari Presnell, KJ7ADI  
Dick Jones, W0ZPD  
Brenda Holman, N3QVK  
Don Ernle, KD7UIZ  
Joe Statkevicius, K3TYE  
Bruce Betterley, WA1BZQ

Public Information Officer (PIO): Max Presnell, KI7TIG  
John K7PUM new RST member

### **Additional Check Ins:**

N7HND - Henry  
AG7JG - Dave  
KB7KZ - AJ  
WG9FRD - Fred  
KRISS - Kris  
KJ7DSE - Lynne  
KD7ZZY – Jack (Vail)  
KJ7JFE - Dan  
KJ7JFF - Jim  
KJ7GSG - Gary  
KB7AZ - Carl  
KJ7HHG – Bill (Vail)  
W9GRG - Greg  
AC7DS - Dave  
W7IJ - Mike  
KC7LIN - Doug  
K6QZL - Don  
KG7STK – Jacklynn  
KG7STL - Logan

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS:**

Chair Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting and looking forward to our first on the air meeting. 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Area 7 is our home area and the world wants to make contact with us. You might consider using the Club call sign for the 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party. Field Day is coming up this year and RST is the lead Club with partnership with the Catalina Radio

Club. We are still in need of a Field Day Chairman. Plans for Field Day includes a mountain top Field Day with backup plan/option of working from our home stations.

Vice Chair Michael (K7HIL) – There are 3 presentations coming up with Jeff being next month, Carl (KB7AZ) then Alan. We encouraged Club members to participate at 7pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in the semiannual ARRL Frequency Measurement test. Carl will do a presentation at the U of A Radio Club next month on this test.

Secretary Rosie (KG7QWR) – Minutes are on the RST website. The last page of the Club minutes does have the Treasurers report.

Treasurer Shari (KJ7ADI) – The March Treasurer's report can be found in the Club minutes on our website.

PIO Max (KI7TIG) - As of today we have 39 members who have not paid their dues; Please call Max or Shari to see if you are on the list of 39 people who have not paid.

#### **SIG REPORTS:**

Laurel VE Liaison Testing – Dick Jones (WOPZD) –no testing because of COVID virus quarantine.

Repeaters – Don (KD7UIZ) – The 449.300 MHz repeater at the Racquetball Club has been out of service and has been removed from the facility. It will be replaced with an upgraded unit provided by Henry (N7HND). All other repeaters are good; no other outages known at this time.

Donation – Don (KD7UIZ) – Very slow, nothing in the last 30 days.

Day in the Park (DIP) – Don (KD7UIZ) – Cancelled due to COVID virus quarantine. The June, July and August DIP will be at Radio Ridge on MT Bigelow.

Interclub Liaison – Bruce (WA1BZQ) – Information on two clubs that are still active. U of A has a weekly net. Everyone is welcome to check into it on Monday night at 8pm on 146.96 MHz (PL of 127.3). Meetings are held on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. Their presentations are being done on Zoom. The Oro Valley Radio Club has its meeting held on the third Friday of the month at 7:00pm. It will be a zoom presentation as well. If you want to get onto that presentation contact Carl (KB7AZ); it will be on solar topics and propagation.

Information on Zoom - Carl (KB7AZ) – Zoom is planned to be used by the Oro Valley Radio Club. Load the Zoom software onto the computer. You will get the meeting ID and password. Then at the appropriate time, go log into the meeting and the host will let you in. If you have your video & microphone on, you will be able to see everyone. Meeting is accessible on tablet, cell phone or computer. This will be an experiment. Up until now, he has used with small group meetings. This will be the first time with this many people. If it works RST could possibly do it next month.

Public Information Officer – Max (K17TIG) is our new PIO. The Board approved Max (K17TIG) to hold the position at this evenings meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Chair Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Every year, ARRL solicits nominations for Ham of the Year, Young Ham of the Year, and scholarships. We do have a nomination for Young Ham of the Year which will be submitted shortly. We have no nominations for Ham of the Year or educational scholarships. Are there any thoughts for nominations? Nothing heard.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chair Gary Keck (KE7DX) – We are looking for a leadership position (Chairman) for Field Day. This position coordinates all the efforts on the mountain and individual stations. We are asking for someone to volunteer for the position at this time. Hearing nothing, discussion was opened for not having Field Day this year or each individual have their own Field Day. Max (K17TIG) will put up a post on RST website and on the RST list server asking for volunteers to man that position. Joe (K3YTE) suggested that the information on the post contain the job duties for the position. Kristyn (KR1SS) will pass on any information she has that might help someone taking on this position. AJ (KB7KZ) – point of information-received his Oro Valley Radio Club newsletter that states they are not having a group Field Day this year due to the COVID virus. Chair Gary Keck (KE7DX) – stated that we would have the room on the mountain to self-distance, but it will be up to the Field Day Chairman to set that up and come up with a plan as we do every year, or an alternative in case the Mountain is not an option.

Chair Gary Keck (KE7DX) – RST does rely on the monthly raffle for income. Donations can be made on the RST website (RST.org). All donations will be greatly appreciated. Talk to your tax preparer to see if the donation is tax deductible.

Dick (WOPZD) – Net Control – Thanked everyone for checking in and participating. The repeater was placed back into operation at 20:04.

We had 30 check-ins for this meeting. Thank you all for your patience and checking in. Please remember it is always faster to check-in using phonetics!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosie Paszkiet KG7QWR  
RST Secretary

RADIO SOCIETY OF TUCSON

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2020

**Chase Bank:**

Beginning Balance	3/1/2020	\$10,202.53	
State Farm	\$ 325.00		insurance
Target gift cards	\$ 275.00		\$125 for Hamfest meal reimbursement -
Carl Foster	\$ 19.28		raffle
AZ Corp Comm	\$ 10.00		annual filing fee
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	\$ 629.28		

Deposits:

Amazon deposit	\$ 9.41		
Membership dues	\$ 90.00		
Donated equip sales	\$ 450.00		
March raffle	\$ 109.00		net proceeds = \$16.66
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	\$ 658.41		

Ending Balance      3.31.20      **\$10,231.66**

**PayPal:**

Beginning Balance	3.1.20	\$878.53
Membership		
March	\$ 240.00	
fees	\$ (6.94)	
Transfer to checking		
Ending Balance	3.31.20	<b>\$1,111.59</b>

**Cash on Hand:**      3.31.20      **\$ 200.00**

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**Total Cash Assets as of March 31, 2020      \$11,543.25**