

ORO VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.
an Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

Minutes of Members Meeting
May 17, 2013

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on May 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the Resurrection Lutheran Church, 11575 N 1st Ave., Oro Valley, Arizona

In attendance at said meeting were the following Board Officers and Directors:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR -- President
Gary Pierce, AE7GP -- Vice President
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Dave Coccio, N7AKC
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
David Branson, KC0LL
Tim Brown, KF7SYU
Bob Stephens, AF9W - Not present

49 Members present per the Roster;
7 Visitors or persons who did not sign the Roster;
Total 56 persons present, 57 if we count Bart Hasz, K7HAZ, who joined us via Skype.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

Visitors and new Members recognized.
Board Members introduced.

Tom W8TK, our Field Day Chairman, rolled out the Field Day sign-up procedure, operations, volunteer assignments, and GOTA Coach volunteer and operator requests. Tom suggested that we read the latest issue of QST which is devoted to Field Day. Participants should be familiar with the N1MM Logging software. Tom suggested that participants bring their own headphones and keyers for CW operation. Steve, N7AZT, will do the photography.

Vice President Gary Pierce, AE7GP, introduced the live presentation via Skype by Bart Hasz, K7HAZ. Bart is the Inside Sales Product Specialist for SteppIR Antenna Systems in Bellevue WA. Bart outlined the history of SteppIR as well as some of their innovative high performance antenna systems for Amateur Radio. The presentation lasted approximately 45 minutes and was very informative. Thanks to Matt, NX7AZ for his work with the camera during the presentation.

Before the break, President KA7VPR put out a call for media contacts to promote our Field Day event.

AK2L talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

****Ten Minute Break****

Business section of meeting

Treasurer's Report: Approximately \$3,000 in the bank.

Secretary's Report: Minutes are posted on the web site.

Field Day Steak Dinner tickets went on sale this evening. Tickets cost \$12 each and are available for three seatings at 4:00, 4:30, & 5:00 PM on a first come first served basis. There are only 75 tickets available and are sold in person only by Dave N7AKC and David AK2L at this meeting and at the weekly breakfast. The last change to purchase tickets will be June 15 at the Saturday Breakfast, if tickets are still available. So get your tickets now... they will go fast. Payment is accepted by cash, check, and credit. The Club will be renting a high performance grill for the event. Thanks to N7AKC for getting us a great deal on the grill.

Reading minutes waived.

Upon Motion Duly Made, Seconded and Carried, RESOLVED Approving the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

New Business –

Hamfest – Looking for a source of an affordable tent.

June General Session meeting is cancelled due to FD activities.

July Meeting Presentation by David KF7MZY – Ham Radio & Ballooning.

KA7VPR announced that frequent visitor to the meetings, Vaughan Thompson, KE7OLI, has become a Member of the Club. The Membership congratulated Vaughan on his decision to join the Club.

Mark Carter, KD7PHW, talked about his thesis for NAU regarding a hardware and software based invention he's working on which is an Artificial Intelligence notch filter. Mark is an avionics technician.

Ron, W7HD, did a show and tell regarding satellite communications.

AK2L talked about the new Yahoo Group website. Radio-Tradio will be addressed.

Old Business –

Repeater network update by Gary KT7AZ.

General Class License seminar begins on June 4 – seats still open, Instructors are David AK2I, Bob KA7VPR, and Dave AE7CI.

Reminders:

Field Day Planning Meeting tomorrow morning, May 18th 9:30 AM at the EOC.

Saturday breakfast 7:30 at the Village Inn on Oracle and Rudasill Road.

VE Sessions. Held the First Saturday of every month. The next session is June 1st at the Tangerine EOC.

Sunday Night NET – 1900 hours. This week is Radio-Tradio.

The Raffle Drawing was held.

Jim, WA1KFI donated two dinner tickets for the 4:30 slot.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by W7HD and seconded by N7AKC, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary