

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
March 21, 2014

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on March 21, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road, Oro Valley, Arizona. Today, the Meeting was held in Grace Hall due to scheduling issues.

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

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR -- President
Ron Herring, W7HD -- Vice President
David Beauchesne, AK2L -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
Tim Brown, KF7SYU
Scott Boone, K7ADX

49 Members present per the Roster, 5 Visitors or persons who did not sign the Roster; with a total of 54 persons present.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

AK2L talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentations:

APRS - What and Why

Presented by Bob Stephens AF9W

APRS the Automatic Position Reporting System is more than just a way to track your vehicle or report weather. In this presentation Bob will talk about how APRS can be used to provide tactical information during public service events and the hardware and

software available for implementing APRS - from used TNC's to today's Smartphones and tablets.

About Bob

Bob was licensed in 1978 after a short stint as a CB'er. His primary interests are HF CW both "ragchewing" and contesting, QRP radios, and public service. He is the ARRL Emergency Coordinator for Oro Valley. He is part of the PC OEM Communications Team and the communications coordinator for the Tucson American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure Bike Ride. He participates as a communicator at the 24 Hours of the Old Pueblo, El Tour de Tucson, and Old Pueblo 50 Run and other events as they come up. During the summer in Washington state he participates in Summits on the Air which combines ham radio with hiking.

Besides operating amateur radio Bob enjoys "elmering" new hams and helping experienced hams with new technologies. As a member of the CW Operators Club he is a CW Academy Advisor for beginning CW operators.

Handyman Corner

"HOA's and Antennas"

by David, AD6KI

Those of us who live in HOA-regulated houses have a number of choices to make about our antennas:

COMPROMISE - Operate mobile, portable, or remotely
CONFORM - Follow the HOA Rules
CHEAT - Hide your antennas either surreptitiously or in plain sight

David showed how we can have a usable antenna in a regulated environment.

Business section of meeting

The First Order of Business was approval of the Minutes of the Members Meeting for February 21, 2014.

Upon Motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Reading of said Minutes were waived and the Minutes were approved, without objection. The Minutes were signed and the President directed that the Minutes be posted to the Club Website. The Club Secretary will transmit the approved minutes to Webmaster Bob Stephens, AF9W.

Officer Reports

AK2L reported we have approximately \$3,300 in the bank.
KC7AC reported we have 126 Active paying Club members.
KT7AZ gave a report on the status of the repeaters.

Additional Reports

AE7GP gave an ARCA report. We are on the event calendar for November 8 for the Hamfest.

KF7LV put out a call for volunteers for the upcoming Mt. Lemmon Marathon on April 27.

Spring 2014 OVARC Technician License Class

This class will prepare you to take the FCC's entry level amateur radio license examination. At the end of the class, American Radio Relay League certified examiners will administer the test.

When: 6 consecutive Thursdays commencing March 27, 2014 and ending on May 1, 2014. Each meeting is from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The test will be administered at 10:30am on Saturday, May 3 at the OVPD Emergency Operations Center.

Where: Oro Valley PD Emergency Operations Center, 1920 E Tangerine Rd., Oro Valley, AZ. This is in the Oro Valley Marketplace on the corner of Tangerine and North Oracle Rd in Oro Valley. Go to the rear of the building just west of Wal-Mart.

Class Fee: \$25 class fee - Payable at the first class session. This includes a free 1-year OVARC membership (\$20 value) for class members who pass the license exam at the end of the class. At the end of the class, the ARRL exam fee is \$15.

Required Course Book: Technician Class 2010-2014 License Preparation by Gordon West, WB6NOA. Buy now from Amazon.

To enroll in the course contact David AK2L, ak2l@arrl.net, and let him know that you have the book or have ordered it to arrive before the start of class. In order to be successful in the course you will need to read and study outside of the normal class hours.

Field Day Meeting

We are having a Field Day Planning Meeting tomorrow morning, March 22, 0900 EOC – The Meeting will be conducted by Tom, W8TK, the OVARC Field Day Chairman.

RST Hamfest

The RST Hamfest is next Saturday. The Club will be participating. We are looking for donations so we can sell items at the RST Hamfest.

DSTAR repeater relocation

The President reported that OVARC Founder Randy Malick, KF0X, has relocated his DStar repeater to the site near the Tucson Mountains previously occupied by the OVARC 444.100 repeater. The DStar Repeater Callsign is W7NFL. The frequency is 445.73750 DV. The repeater is open for use by all Radio Amateurs.

Proposed Amended Bylaws

The final order of business this evening was to present the proposed Amended Bylaws for review, comment, and for action at the next regular Meeting on April 18, 2014. The President discussed the proposed Amended Bylaws and the revisions therein. Copies of the current and proposed Amended Bylaws are available on the Club Website at www.tucsonhamradio.org and were also available in the back of the Meeting room with the Secretary. The Secretary reports that copies of same were also e-mailed today to all Members who have provided their e-mail address to the Club. Comments were made by AK2L and KC7AC concerning the proposed Amended Bylaws.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by Steve, N7AZT and seconded by Gary, AE7GP, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Approved:

Attest:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary