

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

Minutes of Members Meeting  
June 20, 2014

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on June 20, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road, Oro Valley, Arizona.

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  
Dave Coccio, N7AKC  
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ  
Scott Boone, K7ADX

34 Members present per the Roster.

The Meeting was called to Order by Vice President Ron Herring, W7HD

7:00 Welcome statements, Raffle Prize Summary, Announced Presentation via Skype; Field Day Dinner Ticket Reminder, as this is the last chance to get dinner tickets; Announced Handyman Corner topic.

7:10 Begin Presentation – W. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, via Skype.

"What We Owe the Amateur Service"

--our obligation to make sure it thrives on our watch and to pass on the legacy.

Presented by W. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH

In 1998 Hollingsworth became Special Counsel with the new Enforcement Bureau and rejuvenated enforcement in the Amateur radio service. He also managed the interference resolution programs in the Land Mobile and Public Safety services.

Prior to his joining the Enforcement Bureau, Hollingsworth was Deputy Chief of Licensing, Assistant Bureau Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and legal

advisor to the Compliance and Information Bureau (formerly the Field Operations Bureau).

Hollingsworth managed the FCC's 800 MHz Lottery Task Force in which new 800 MHz spectrum was assigned in 13 cities. He organized the FCC's program in which underutilized radio channels were recovered for reassignment in major cities.

He participated as a Member of the Delegation from the U.S. State Department to Bucharest, Romania to discuss radio licensing in the United States and opening foreign markets to American manufacturers. He also acted as Co-Chairman for the FCC PCS Broadband and Narrowband Licensing Task Force and for that received the Vice President Gore "Hammer Award" for efficiency in government.

Hollingsworth holds a Master's degree from the University of South Carolina, and a Law degree from Wake Forest University. While in law school he worked as a "Nader's Raider" for Ralph Nader's Center for the Study of Responsive Law in Washington, DC, researching Brown Lung Disease among textile workers in the Carolinas.

He is a member of the Quarter Century Wireless, Radio Club of America and FISTS CW associations and has been an Amateur since 1960, with call sign is K4ZDH. He lives in Gettysburg, PA with his wife Pat.

7:50 End Main presentation – Tom W8TK and Handyman Corner; Announce Field Day next week.

8:00 10 Minute Break - Final Reminder about FD Dinner Tickets and Raffle tickets

W8TK, Tom, our Field Day Chairman, demonstrated N1MM the logging software that will be used at Field Day. To get an advance look at the software go to [n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php](http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php). N1MM is a FREE software package that can be used to log virtually any contest or for general logging if needed.

8:10 Resume with Business Meeting – Wave reading of last month's minutes.

The First Order of Business was approval of the Minutes of the previous Members Meeting.

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.

OFFICERS REPORTS – Treasurer: \$3,182.00 in the bank in general funds. \$2,700 donations for DStar SIG. Spent only \$1,700.00 of the sig donations.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – Gary, KT7AZ, talked about the status of the OVARC Repeater system.

#### NEW BUSINESS –

- D-STAR Progress Report

The D-STAR equipment for the new repeater has arrived. The software installation is progressing and a plan is being put in place to test the hardware and software. We are still waiting for a UHF frequency pair from ARCA. The repeater is being installed at the Magee Station. Tentative frequencies pending ARCA approval are 445.800 (offset - 5 MHz) DV.

The Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club "D-STAR Special Interest Group" was formed to support and engineer the addition of Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio to the existing OVARC communications infrastructure. The goal of this group of dedicated Amateur Radio operators is to make the D-STAR communications technology available to OVARC club members as well as the Amateur Radio community. Plans are in place to install a D-STAR UHF Repeater and Controller. Future plans include experimenting with new and exiting D-Star technologies and to learn how D-STAR can contribute to OVARC's public service activities. To join the SIG and provide financial or technical support, contact Bob, KA7VPR, or send an email to [d-star@tucsonhamradio.org](mailto:d-star@tucsonhamradio.org).

The D-Star project is entirely funded by the Special Interest Group; no club funds from the general fund have been used in the project.

- OVARC Hamfest - Steve, W1SR, talked about progress of vendor invitations. Steve is presently in contact with 45 vendors.

The Hamfest will take place on November 8, 2014 at the Marana Middle School, 11279 West Grier Road, Marana Arizona 85653

Gates open at 7:00 AM (5:00am for sellers) and close at 1:00 PM

Admission: \$5.00 includes a bottle of water and 1 free raffle ticket. Children under 12 admitted free; Students free with any school ID; Commercial Vendors \$30.00.

We have a meeting with the School coming up in July to see if they will allow overnight parking, which will be a big draw for the vendors.

- Field Day – Request for Set-Up and Tear Down volunteers. Also remind about operator Sign-up's on the club web site.

OVARC will be operating as a 3F station which means we will operate 3 transmitters from the Oro Valley PD Emergency Operations Center, 1920 E Tangerine Rd., Oro Valley, AZ.. In addition to the 3 primary transmitters we will also operate a Get On The Air (GOTA) station and a VHF station.

Field Day operation starts at 11:00am Saturday, June 28, 2014 and ends at 11:00am Sunday, June 29.

Setup will start at 8:00am Friday, June 27.

- We are looking for suggestions from the membership for new raffle prize selections.

Please contact David AK2L with your suggestions so that we can keep the interest in the raffle going with new ideas for prizes.

- OVARC is now hosting the NBEMS NET on our repeater network. Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS – None

General Membership – Call for any announcements, comments, etc from the floor

8:50 Raffle Drawing

9:00 Motion to adjourn

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

Approved:

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Bob Molczan, KA7VPR  
President

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Ron Herring, W7HD  
Vice President

Attest:

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Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC  
Secretary