

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
April 17, 2015

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on April 17, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Ascension Lutheran Church 1220 W. Magee Road, Tucson, Arizona.

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

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR -- President
Ron Herring, W7HD -- Vice President
Scott Boone, K7ADX -- Treasurer
Howard Chorost, KC7AC -- Secretary
Dave Coccio, N7AKC
Carl Foster, KB7AZ
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ

49 Members present with 7 Visitors.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR

New Members and guests were introduced; The Board and Officers were introduced.

Scott, K7ADX, talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation:

Amateur Satellites, Presented by Patrick Stoddard, WD9EWK

Patrick Stoddard WD9EWK/VA7EWK is the Director of Field Operations and an Area Coordinator for AMSAT. Between 2011 and 2013, Patrick was an alternate member of AMSAT's Board of Directors. After many years trying different aspects of amateur radio, Patrick began working amateur satellites in 2005. Since then, he has worked stations in all 50 US states and 20 other countries from Arizona. Patrick has worked satellites from locations in all 15 Arizona counties, 17 other US states plus Washington DC, and 3 other countries (Canada, Mexico, Australia).

Patrick obtained his initial amateur radio license in 1977, and now holds the top classes of license in the USA (Amateur Extra) and Canada (Basic, Advanced, and Morse qualifications). Although mostly active on satellites, he enjoys working HF, 6m, and other bands and modes.

Professionally, Patrick is an I.T. systems administrator for an insurance company in the Phoenix area, with 20 years experience in the I.T. field.

** 15 Minute Break **

- Handyman Corner — W8TK — "Building a Coaxial Dipole" and "A 6 Meter SSB Transceiver for a \$1".

Business section of Meeting:

The First Order of Business was approval of the following Minutes: March 20, 2015 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.

- In addition to the normal monthly raffle, the "Special Raffle" prize is an Alinco DX-SR8THF. More than half of the tickets were sold at tonights meeting.
- The "Free Baofeng HT Give-Away" raffle starts this month! We will be giving 1 pre-programmed Baofeng HT away per month for the next three club meetings. Free HT's will be raffled to club members in a special drawing that takes place following the usual monthly raffle. Programming courtesy of David, KC0LL.
- Spring Technician Class.

When: Six consecutive Tuesdays commencing April 14, 2015 and ending on May 19, 2015.

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Where: Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W Civic Center Drive, Marana, AZ

This is in the administration building. Go to the 2nd floor conference center.

Class Fee: Tuition is free to members of OVARC. Membership in OVARC is \$25 per year and those wishing to join may do so at the first class. At the end of the class, the ARRL examination fee is \$15.

Required Course Book: Technician Class 2014-2018 License Preparation by Gordon West, WB6NOA. The ISBN is 978-0-945053-79-8.

Enrollment: To enroll in the course contact David, AK2L: AK2L@ARRL.NET at least one week before the class starts.

- Hamfest. We voted on a new name for the Hamfest this evening. A Vote by show of hands was overwhelming for "Oro Valley ARC Hamfest".
- The Oro Valley ARC Hamfest will take place on November 17, 2015 at the Marana Middle School, 11285 West Grier Road, Marana Arizona 85653. Further information can be found on the website at <http://tucsonhamradio.org/hamfest>.

Board Member Reports:

- W7HD -- The Vice President Talked about using NBEMS through the analog repeater system;
- K7ADX -- The Treasurer reported we \$6,000 in the bank after recent purchase cat devices for Echolink;
- KC7AC -- The Secretary reported Raffle Ticket sales on the Special Raffle are going fast. Be here early next month or you will miss your chance;
- KT7AZ -- Gary talked about Echolink -- He also talked about the Rookie Roundup on Sunday at the EOC -- Gary also discussed the status of the Repeater Network;
- KA7VPR -- The President talked about the Keystone Day Trip which will take place in May;
- N7AKC -- Dave Talked about the dinner at Field Day. We will have dinner catered this year.

REMINDERS:

- Club Meetings are on the Third Friday of every month. Board Meetings are on the First Saturday of every month at 9:00 at the Oro Valley Emergency Operations Center.
- At the May meeting we will have a Skype presentation on the International Beacon Project by Charlie Mason W4NJK. The Beacon project administers beacons around the world and is a great tool for determining HF propagation characteristics.
- Our Sponsors:

We have a new section on the web site for sponsorship. This can be viewed on the home page of the Club's website at <http://tucsonhamradio.org/>.

The Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club would like to thank these organizations and individuals for their generous donations:



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- Newsletter. The OVARC newsletter is published quarterly by Ron, W7HD. If you have articles you would like to contribute to the newsletter or suggestions for topics you would like to see covered, contact Ron, W7HD — email: newsletter@tucsonhamradio.org.
- Field Day. Field Day will be held on June 27-28 at the Oro Valley Emergency Operations Center.
- 7th Area QSO Party at the EOC

We had the regular Raffle Drawing and the Baofeng Radio Drawing.

There being no further business for the Membership, upon by Motion duly made by N7AKC and seconded by KC7AC, and carried-- and without objections, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved:

Bob Molczan, KA7VPR
President

Attest:

Howard A. Chorost, KC7AC
Secretary