

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

Minutes of Members Meeting
May 15, 2015

A Regular meeting of the Membership of the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc., was held on May 15, 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
Gary Schmitz, KT7AZ
Steve Wood, W1SR -- Program Manager

50 Members present with 2 Visitors.

The Meeting was called to Order by President Bob Molczan KA7VPR.

New Members were introduced.

The Board and Officers were introduced.

K7ADX talked about prizes and the raffle drawing.

Presentation:

International Global HF Beacons

Presented by Charlie Mason – W4NJK

Questions answered in the presentation:

Are the HF bands dead?

Which bands might be usable at my location?

How do rare DX stations use the beacons?

How can we determine the optimal bands in about 3 minutes?

Charlie discussed the International Global HF Beacons network- its origins, features and how you can use it from anywhere (with either an HF receiver or only an internet connection). Once you learn this, you can try several Beacon Monitoring programs or smart phone apps and be equipped to try that next “quest” for DX, higher scores in any contest or portable HF operations. Charlie also discussed some true happenings at beacon stations from high winds, theft and tropical ants.

About Charlie Mason – W4NJK

Charlie Mason Former calls: K4BFA, W6NHG, W3HSZ, FP8BE, G5DGR, 8P9EW

Portable in –P4, PJ4,J3, PJ2, FO;

NORCAL QRP, HI-QRP; NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB (NCCC), NCDXF BEACONS Advisory Committee; entrepreneur and management consultant, wireless, spectrum strategy, license bidding, new services; rollout in 17 countries; BOD VC joint ventures; Tri-Sentinel founder; jointly hold 4 patents; First Responder tracking/location; Naval Aviator - Air medal

****Ten Minute Break****

Handyman Corner — Tom, W8TK

Tom talked about the necessity of planning as the key to success at Field Day.

Tom announced Field Day signups.

Business section of Meeting:

The First Order of Business was approval of the following Minutes: April 17, 2015.

Upon Motion duly made by k7ADX seconded by W7HD, 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: W7HD — Fldigi

K7ADX gaver a Treasurers Report.

KC7AC gave the Secretary Report.

Board Member Reports:

Steve, W1SR — Steve talked about next month's presentation

Gary, KT7AZ — Repeater update. Gary took a survey of who in the Membership uses the Golder Ranch UHF Analog repeater. Not a single person raised their hand. Gary gave a short presentation about restored Echolink service along with W5ZIT and KC7AC.

Dave, N7AKC — Field Day Dinner and Ticket sales for dinner.

OVARC Hamfest 2015 – reminder Date is November 7, 2015 Marana Middle School.

KA7VPR Polled the membership about antennas as a Special Raffle Prize. By a show of hands the vast majority of members present were in favor of a transceiver prize and not an antenna prize.

KA7VPR announced the next Special Raffle Prize – ICOM IC-718 HF Rig.

Keystone Trip — Information and sign-up. Slide show by N7AZT.

Free Baofeng Drawing;

Raffle Drawing;

Special Raffle Drawing for Alinco DX-SR8T — Prize won by K7ADX.

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