

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 08/14/2018

President Mike Boger W7IJ called Meeting to order at 7:07 pm announcing that we have two speakers tonight, Randy Burcham on Direction Finding and Carl speaking about the Hamvention he attended in Ohio.

Randy Burcham KD7KEG - conducted the presentation on Transmitter Hunting, also called T Hunting, Fox Hunting, and Rabbit Hunting. A rose by any other name. When researching for this presentation he found that it is incredibly involved and there are literally hundreds of thousands of websites. He and his wife Marcia (KF7DYW) are falconers, work with birds of prey. They train the birds to work with them as a partnership and sometimes when out hunting something happens, a bird may chase quarry across two hills and a valley and they use this telemetry to find them. If you are interested in the presentation Randy has it on file and also has names of kits that can be purchased. Will be doing a class later constructing a tape measure antenna, so be watching for that. It was a great presentation with lots of information about the different types of antennas and how they are used.

Carl Foster KB7AZ – ARRL Tech Coordinator-Dayton Hamvention 2018-The Dayton location was torn down and they now meet in Xenia Ohio which is like Vail to Tucson, very close. Couple of years ago tornado wiped out fairgrounds so all the buildings are fairly new. The population is 25,000 and then at convention time there is about 29,000 people that come to town, more then doubles the population. Last year they had a few growing pains and this year they got it all figured out. It was \$25 for all 3 days, lots of food and suppliers. They had seminars that you could attend as well. MFJ – everything they make was there, Ameritron was there, DX Engineering and ICOM as well. There were 1,000 IC7610s sold for over \$3 million dollars. He rented a blue car so that he could find it easily in the humongous parking lot. He gets to go every year as his wife's brother lives in Indianapolis which is 2 hours away and visiting in May is better then fall.

Meeting Business

President Mike Boger W7IJ – Mike read the two Amendments to the Constitution to the membership. The first pertains to Article II Section 4 of the Constitution & Bylaws (Term Limits); removal of term limits for Secretary and/or Treasurer, more to ensure consistency for the Treasurer position so that we have consistent reporting and not go thru a mess every couple of years. The second pertains to Article I Membership; regarding Life Memberships, not something that we have had in the past; we will now have Honorary Life Memberships and purchase of Life Memberships with the dues fee set by the Board; and then under Article V Dues Fees & Assessments Section 1 Paragraph 4 is *eliminated*- it states "Members who are terminated either by resignation or expulsion will not receive a refund of dues paid. There will be a copy of these on the email reflector and we be voting on them at our next meeting.

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF - Laurel VE Liaison Testing- We had 14 applicants, 8 new Techs; 1 General; 5 Extras tested and 3 made it.

Bill Clark K6WSC – QSO Party.org – thanked everyone for taking survey. Fliers at back of room for details of the event on October 13 and 14th. Also mentioned Southern Arizona DX Assoc., of which he is President, their next meeting is this Thursday and they will meet at Pinnacle Peak and will have presentation on IOTA, Islands on the Air. All are welcome.

Joe Statkevicius K3TYE – Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air- is in need of two CW people, the volunteers need to have a good sense of humor and be able to work with 11 year olds.

President Mike Boger7IJ –ARCA- attended the Kachina Hamfest in the White Mountains also attended the ARCA meeting that was right after the Hamfest. Couple of items of note – ARRL is working on redoing ARES, the entire Amateur Radio Emergency Services structure and the certification. The other is the Official Observer program, FCC and ARRL working on it and have completely gutted it, no longer under ARRL but FCC so will have a bit more authority. Will still be voluntary, have to apply, no pay, have to start from scratch in the program, no tenure, everybody gets recertified. Repeater Coordination has to be done every 3 years, have been laxed in past, no longer paper repeaters so if not on air for 3 years and not coordinated then you will use it. Spreading the wealth around the State and RST selected to host the ARCA meeting in September 2019, will be having more discussion about this. Proposed budget for 2019 accounts for \$18,000 in anticipated license plate fees of which will \$4,500 will be redistributed amongst the Clubs

Bill Wilson AE7YQ - Days in Park held last Saturday. Dave and Bill were at Jacobs Park. Next one is not on the website. Will be September 15th at Lincoln Park.

We had 3 visitors with us:

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KC7ZON Frank

AF6OH new to Tucson

Meeting was closed at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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