

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 10/09/2018

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm at Golden Corral as they are just finishing up the remodeling at Villa Capri. Secretary was informed that there are three interested people running for Office in tonight's Club elections, Owen Watson AK7W, Bill Wilson AE7YQ, and Joe Statkevicius K3TYE.

Meeting Business

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX – Gail informed the Club of the business that transpired during the Board of Directors meeting; the approval for buying the D-Star thing, told David AC7DS that he has permission to purchase the D-Star UPS; Don KD7UIZ did a great job with swap meet(Hamfest), we made \$946, 90% of the work is done by Don and this Hamfest he enlisted the help of Karla KE7OYO and Dale KE7OYN Crockett to sell raffle tickets that helped make the Hamfest a great success; and BOD approved the purchase of requested Boy Scouts of America Patches as agreed upon at an earlier Board meeting. Kristyn Weed KR1SS was congratulated for having gotten married this past weekend.

Joe Statkevicius K3TYE – He asked to talk about his other hobby, BSA!! He wasn't able to be at the Hamfest himself, however, the Scouts sold donuts, tea, coffee, soda, and water earning them a happy profit of \$244 in cash, but also had great family time as well as a chance for their parents to get together and meet each other. October 20th is the Jamboree on the Air and EARRS will be dedicate time for that, as stated in the EARRS Newsletter. There will be a normal campout and then they will be on the Air. This event has been planned since December 2017/January 2018. Approximately 300 youngsters (170 Cub Scouts and about 120 Boy Scouts) signed up as of the cutoff date of September 21. This means about 150 parents will be there. They have a quite few volunteers from our Club that will be helping out. Bill AE7YQ, Richard K7NSW running an HF station, Bill's daughter UHF, and David K7KYP have all volunteered. They can use more volunteers to help with soldering and they are going to be doing old time radio. The Ray Conniff Singers Orchestra from Hollywood will be there on transcription. There will be a Raspberry pi demonstration and 6 of them are setup!!

Bill Clark K6WSC – azqsoparty.org – Radio Society of Tucson is sponsoring the event this Saturday and Sunday, (October 13th and 14th). It is CW, phone, and digital. If anyone needs any help getting started he is available to answer questions. Bob KJ7AXS is a new Tech and asked for more information. We found out that Echo-Link doesn't work for QSO and that you do need a radio. Max KI7TIG asked about logging and N1MM was recommended. We also use it for Field Day. Bill also offered his services for questions and getting N1MM!! 10 meters was open on Sunday. K6LL is a fellow Arizonan, prolific contester out of Yuma, has more than 1,600 QSOs for logged in 2016 and also 2017. Plaques will be awarded for Category winners. He had a sample that he showed the audience. There is a Club category and a second Certificate you can earn through AARL. Rick W7RAP, Section Manager, is going to be on the air from his cabin at Apache Towers. If you contact W7RAP during the QSO party, at the end of the party you will be able to print out a special certificate called "The ARRL Arizona Section Certificate."

Cary Fishman WB2BSJ – Public Service Coordinator- El Tour de Tucson happens every year, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, which will be on the 17th of November. We need lots of operators as this is the biggest public service event for Ham Radio in Tucson. The route will be changed this year. It is a charity and they are trying to maximize the amount of money that they can get. Two of the most expensive things are the Police and the barrier rental. The northern route will be dropped. It will be going into Vail and back up to Old Spanish Trail, which gives them very few intersections that need to be covered by Police. They have added a couple of Aid Stations. There are 18 Aide Stations along the route which we want to cover. Communications are broken up into 4 sectors with Sector Chiefs for each of those. The communications are all coordinated from the PECOC Building. We will have 911, the County, Police, and El Tour personnel participating as well. There will be net controllers for all the nets, and sectors. Last year they had about 46 Ham radio operators and certainly this year we will need at least that many as well. If anybody is available for the 17th of November and would like to participate, please let Cary know.

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX – Presented group of people that have volunteered to be Officers. Richard Schmidt has volunteered to be President, and Gary Keck as Vice President even though he was not there, Rosie Paszkiet our Secretary is going to stay on unless someone else runs, Don Ernle who is our Treasurer is going to stay on, Owen Watson is running again for the Board, Joe has agreed to be on the Board, Bill has agreed to be on the Board. Break was taken so people could buy raffle tickets as this month we are having a 50/50 raffle and right now it is at least \$50.00.

Individuals running for the Board of Directors are:

- Richard Schmidt K7NSW for President;
- Gary Keck KE7DX for Vice President;
- Don Ernle KD7UIZ for Treasurer;
- Rosemary (Rosie) Paszkiet for Secretary;
- Owen Watson AK7W for Officer;
- Joe Statkevics K3TYE for Officer; and
- William (Bill) Wilson AE7YQ for Officer.

Dick Jones W0PZD - Laurel VE Liaison Testing- We had 10 tested at Hamfest, no new techs but 7 people passed. Last night we had 9 that tested and 13 elements resulting in only 1 new Tech 5 new Generals of which three tried for their Extra, and one new Extra. Listen for the Saguaro NTS Net and you will hear them being passed tomorrow night.

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX – Gail said we need to get more of the Boy Scouts licensed at the next Hamfest, Joe K3TYE is working on it!! Gail asked if there were any more nominations for any office in this fine organization! Richard has a poem to be read, but he has to wait until after he has been elected!! Gail said he would accept a motion from the floor, on a voice vote to elect anybody that has been nominated. Bruce WA1BZQ moved and Stan WE7DOG seconded the motion. The motion carried and the new Board of Directors was approved.

President-elect Richard Schmidt K7NSW – First duty was to call for the raffle to begin. Dick WOPZD won \$60 and kept \$30 and gave the other \$30 back into the kitty!! Then Richard read his Limerick, after admitting it was partially why he agreed to be President, it was only 5 lines!

Gail Peterson N7BXX moved and Owen AK7W seconded that we adjourn, it was approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:32. We had 30 people in attendance.

We had 2 visitors with us:

AC2K Alan and D. Evans

Respectfully Submitted,

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