

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 01/08/2019

President Richard Schmidt K7NSW – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, guests or new Hams in attendance were Gray (K17OWZ) with his wife Jo, Ron WM9Q and Bryce (KROCKT). There were two presentations; one on 24 Hours in Old Pueblo, and the other about AUXCOMM.

Meeting Business

Owen Watson (AK7W) – Recruiting for 24 Hours in Old Pueblo – It is an international mountain bike event, that occurs the 2nd weekend of February. Owen had a slide presentation of the 17-mile track North of Oracle from last year's event that had 600 bikes! He is recruiting Hams for First Responders. He needs 20 for skeleton crew, working 4 hour shifts and it runs from noon Saturday to noon on Sunday.

George James (KD7XP) – AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications) is a step above amateur radio operators when it comes to public safety or emergency communications. This requires special training on-line and George had a hand out that significantly explained how to receive the training. Jim Fisher K7ADW was introduced. He is Pima County OEM and AUXCOMM Manager. This program is voluntary. It will help you be a better ham radio operator in case of emergency. The next class is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 2019, which will be two 10-hour days or 20 hours of classwork. Greg Peters KC5ZGG and George will conduct the classes that will hold 10 to 30 people.

Joe Statkevicius (K3TYE) – Jamboree On The Air BSA was in October. RST had 4 Club members that earned patches for working with the Scouts. David K7KYP, Bill AE7YQ, Richard K7NWS and Don KD7UIZ were presented patches at the meeting.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Quarterly Report was given; membership dues \$355, \$4,000 income from sale of generator, \$125 in donations, \$327 from monthly raffles and expenses were \$3,612 for a total of \$1,195. If you have any questions ask Don.

- Don will be reinstalling 1449 300 repeater at the racquet ball club. He needs a volunteer to help push up 30-foot pole. Also, he needs a volunteer to help reinstall the 10-meter repeater on Radio Ridge.
- We have a fan meter for sale for \$75 if anyone wants to get onto 10 meters.

Dick Jones (WOPZD) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing - Testing will be conducted on January 14th. New licenses won't be processed due to the government shutdown, delaying the issuing of call signs.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ – Day in the Park - will be from 10 to 2 at Reid Park Ramada 22, set up at 9am, on January 12th.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Check out the Club webpage (K7RST.org). The web page encourages all Technicians to get their Generals so they can get into HF operation and experience contesting!! Bill Clark (K6WSC) is the Club's Contesting Guru. His email is on the website too.

Richard attended the Superstition Hamfest and the ARCA meeting, which is a club of ham radio clubs.

- There have been 12 interference complaints from Mexico up on 2 meters and 440, the FCC is actively involved.
- ARRL SW division Convention will be held in Yuma this year not California.
- ARCA tent for sale medium sized Military Tent 16' x 34' tent for \$500.
- Yavapai Radio Club have remote areas that they monitor, some too remote to get to. ARCA is discussing giving them a 50% grant of \$2500. This will enable them to purchase APRS gear and portable repeaters so they will be in real time tracking for safety issues.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – ARCA – 2019 Ham Radio Operator of the Year and 2019 Youth Ham Radio Operator of the Year nominations are due in April or May. There is a letter of justification and a nomination letter that needs to be submitted by the Board.

There were 31 people in attendance; Meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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