

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 02/12/2019

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, guests or new Hams in attendance were Nick (W8BID) and Tamara (WA8KAV) and Bryce (KROCKT). There is going to be a short program tonight.

Meeting Business

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Announced that after much deliberation our meetings, beginning next month will be at the Golden Corral on 22nd Street as before. Our attendance has fallen off by 50% or more due to location. We have 71 paid members and 37 yet to pay, so the numbers are there, we just need more participation! We will be meeting in the open dining room that is to your left when walking to the restrooms.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report was given; we have \$1,180 cash on hand and expecting more as we are collecting the annual dues with only 37 people left to pay.

Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Program – Guest speaker- Rick W7RAP ARRL AZ Section Manager with updates about Amateur Radio Parity Act, Distracted Driving bill and stated that the Yuma Hamfest is this Thursday thru Sunday. Official Program-equipment check failed repairs need to be made-Presentation will be short due to amount of information being presented this evening, it is on You Tube- CTU 2014 – Session 4-2014 Eyeball Sprint from the Contest University!! We played for 12 minutes and it was a blast!! Diane Zimmerman (AA3OF) won with the most contacts, she had 22!! The average was 11! It was an Operating Event! Looking forward to playing this again!!

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Constitution requires a budget be made every year with the BOD and he reported that; \$300 DStar server for Sahuarita, Summer Field Day \$500, VE Testing \$100, Jamboree On the Air \$720 for patches for participants, AZ QSO party which RST promotes \$570 for plaques, (ARRL will be contributing 6 plaques this year), and these have all been approved.

- a) Repeater 146.80 will be going to new home, we underwrite 5 repeaters.

Joe Statkevics (K3TYE) – Winter Field Day Report: It was held on Mt Bigelow the last weekend of January, with good time had by all with no injuries. Boy Scout Troop 157 was camping in that same area, even had heated bathrooms. Club participants were Dick WOPZD, Richard K7NSW, Joe K3TYE and other hams were K7NBV, Sean KG7RHH, Paul AG7RD, and KD7UUM in warm clean cabins. Improvements for next year were stated to be more participation and better antennas. Cooking facilities were excellent the Scouts even cooked most of the meals, and they had movies each night as well.

Diane Zimmerman (AA3OF) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 7 applicants but they all passed at least one element, Thursday will be a special testing session for the Boy Scouts.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ – Days in the Park - will be this Saturday from 10 to 2 at Kennedy Park, at Ajo and Mission. Also, we will be starting a radio loaning out program for Extra Class, we have 3 radios now, but will be getting more. This will be on our website as well. There are 3 big things going on this weekend, Yuma Hamfest, Days in the Park, and 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Ken Lesniak has 17 signed up for the Technicians Class on February 24, 2019. He was monitoring the gate tonight and was thanked for his help.

- a) Prior to WW2, when our call region was 6 Old Pueblo Radio Club was formed, it is one of the oldest in the US. It had 500 active members at one time, and is now down to 4 members. It was discussed in the Board meeting about creating a merger to save the Grand Dame and maintain her history. There were several past members in attendance, AJ KB7KZ, was a past President for two years. Ron Talish N7SPW is the President of OPRC and they meet four times a year, the second Wednesday of March, June, September and December at 7:15 in the Marshall Conference Center at TMC. He is very encouraged about the possibility of the merge.
- b) Opened up the meeting for discussion-was mentioned that we need to have the topic of the Program on the website to encourage attendance.
- c) Discussion involved the move back to Golden Corral. We did a show of hands of those on the West Side and those on the East Side and it was almost even!!
- d) Thinking about having a QLF contest!!

There were 32 people in attendance; Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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