

## Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 04/09/2019

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

### Meeting Business

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting and thanked them for coming. Program – Curt K7ZOO, a current U of A member, gave a very informative presentation. One Day of Weak Signal Propagation Reporting. WSPR is a total system, and designed and written by Joe Taylor K1JT. The Ultimate 35 QRSS/WSPR is the name of the kit that Curt suggested and the website for more information is [wspnnet.org/drupal](http://wspnnet.org/drupal).

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – A special presentation for this evening by Bill Clark K6CSW, Chairman of AZQSO, website [AZQSOPARTY.ORG](http://AZQSOPARTY.ORG). Gary Keck (KE7DX) was presented with a plaque for his participation in the Multi-Power Category. Congratulations Gary! Bill stated that there are 16 entry categories. In 2018 there were 5 Arizona categories with no entrants at all. The only other contest that occurs before our next meeting is the 7<sup>th</sup> Area QSO Party on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – He explained that the slide presentation during break will be of Winter Field Day last year. After break, we had introduction of visitors, and new Hams. Dick AD7AF was with us, he moved here from southern Oregon last June.

- a) Richard introduced Rick Paquette W7RAP, AZ ARRL Section Manager. Rick talked with us about the Arizona distracted driving law (SB 1165), that exempts Hams. The bill goes to third and final reading today. Also, they are working on declaring the month of June Ham Radio Month.
- b) Jeff Harmon AD6T - informed us that his wife passed away March 31<sup>st</sup>. Condolences to him and the family.
- c) Fred Ferguson WW6F - informed us that Ruth KG6VO has been admitted to an assisted living home, My Family at 3708 W Gaily Drive. She is able to receive visitors and Fred will be looking into getting her set up with a radio.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report – The Hamfest gave us a lot of activity this month, we had \$2,254 in expenses, and \$2,531 of income giving us \$277 that was made at the event. We did upgrade our coffee makers for \$349. We have \$3,076 cash on hand, Pay Pal account \$2,480, and Chase checking \$3,748, with more expenses in the future. Presently our club has 4 Advanced members (½%), 22 Technicians (23%), 21 Generals (22%), and Amateur Extras 48 (50%) of membership! The figures were taken from the current RST membership roster!

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – As head of the Club he wanted to make a statement regarding all the work that was put into the Hamfest and the return of \$277. Hamfest is a social experience that is worth more than any \$\$ profit. We made money, didn't go into the red, and as long as we break even, we are ready to go on to the next one.

Dick Jones W0PZD) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 24 applicants, 28 tests given out, generated 15 new Technicians, 6 new Generals, and no new Extras. The youngest was 8 years old and he took the Technician tests twice. He was not discouraged and will be back to try it again! Dick suggested to test on line and Shari KJ7ADI, a new General agreed with him.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ – Days in the Park - will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday at Christopher Columbus Park, 4600 N Silverbell Road, which is also the Spring Picnic. He needs a little help with a radio, he has a FT 3R and needs a book so he can program it. It is a 220 machine.

David Holman AC7DS – DStar is alive and rolling, more participation from Asia, mainly Korea and Japan getting on 30 Charlie, along with more European stations which is our 2-meter machines on Mt Lemmon and Sahuarita. DStar net meets every Saturday evening at 1900 hours.

- Field Day – We are going up on the Mountain!! Pot luck on Saturday so please come and have fun. We are looking for Band Captains and people that want to operate. There will be a Survey Monkey coming out soon that you can use to sign up with. The dates are June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Richard shared with the membership that the Club raffles will be held a bit differently. So that there is no air of impropriety. The Board has decided that we will be acquiring a large raffle ticket tumbler for all our raffles including Hamfest, and one ticket will be drawn at a time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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