

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 06/11/2019

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

Meeting Business

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Welcomed everyone to the Radio Society of Tucson meeting, thanked them for coming, and began the passing of the attendance roster for everyone to sign.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – Our Program director is a presenter tonight. Gary is looking for presenters. He has asked if anyone is doing anything new with radio that they would like to share with the Club.

Program for this evening is Gary's trip to Columbus Ohio and then to Dayton, Ohio Hamfest for the Hamvention 2019. There were 40,000 people in attendance. Local QRM K7HIL, KB7AZ, KR7RK.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – We had a couple of visitors in attendance; N0HQ, KJ7FTH.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report – We have \$10,200 in the account. We will be buying Hamfest prizes. The Treasurers report will be updated to reflect that next month. We will also begin Hamfest raffle ticket sales next month.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Gary Keck (KE7DX) has been elected Secretary of ARCA. This is an organization of radio clubs in the State of Arizona. We are now looking for a new delegate to attend the ARCA meetings to represent RST along with our President. Elections are coming up in October so start thinking now about how you would like to be involved with RST. As we get closer to time, we will know for sure which positions will be open.

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – ARCA report- We do need a new delegate to replace him as representative of RST, which means traveling to the Hamfests and attending the meeting following, which involves traveling. The last meeting was held at the Prescott Hamfest. They received zero nominations for Ham of the Year and Youth Ham of the Year for 2019, so they are not making presentations this year.

Rosie (KG7QWR) spoke up and reminded Gary that we do know that there were nominations submitted for both categories from Tucson. ARCA did not receive them and it is being looked into. We need to start now looking for application for these awards.

We also have an opportunity to nominate hams for scholarships, there is no age limit for these scholarships. Cochise county had the only nomination and she received \$2,000 scholarship.

ARCA gets money from the Ham radio license plates and redistributes cash to the Clubs once a year. We can also submit grants to ARCA as well. Grants have to be sponsored by a club that is an ARCA member. RST received a \$500 grant from ARCA a few years ago for our Mesh network. Arizona is one of the fastest growing states for licensed Ham radio operators.

Dick Jones (W0PZD) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 18 applicants. There were 23 issued resulting in 9 Technicians, 5 Generals and 1 Extra.

Bill Wilson (AE7YQ) – Days in the Park – Radio Loaner person- Days in the Park this Saturday at Udall Park from 10-2, come practice for Field Day and test your equipment.

Alan Komenski (AC2K) – QRP – He is from Redmond Washington and had regular QRP events 4 times a year as a field event, and one of them would coincide with an annual event in May, (QRP To the Field). It provided a great opportunity for members of the club to bring out their experimental antennas, as well as their KX1s, KX2s, KX3s, Altoid box radios and have fun in the morning or afternoon. It was a fun event to attract new Hams. The events are held at a local park. Fliers are passed out to let people know about it.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – He has been approached a few times about alternating our meeting place every year between the Golden Corral here and the Golden Corral on the west side (near N Thornydale and Costco Drive). It was mentioned that the one on Thornydale is cleaner and has better food. It is being brought up now so that at our next meeting in July we can have more discussion. It was also suggested that we find something that is more centrally located for everyone. If someone has a more centralized location in mind please bring it up at the next meeting. It was suggested that we try it out and just see what happens. We will be talking about it again next month to give those that are concerned about this issue a chance to speak up. We will be voting on it at a later date.

Randy Burcham (KD7KEQ) – Transmitter/Hunting coordinator - is heading up a T hunt at Field Day and he will have a variety of equipment for people to use. He would greatly appreciate getting help.

President Richard Schmidt (K7NSW) – Questions/Comments from the audience. Field Day will be on the mountain. The Forest Service hasn't closed it this year. Raffle was held.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28pm, and 30 people were in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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