

The General Membership Meeting of the Radio Society of Tucson was called to order by the President at 1910 hours on August 13, 2013.

The evenings presentation was given by Bob Zimmerman, KB3IWD, "Space, the Final Frontier"

News and Announcement:

- The local model rocket association has provided flyer's for their upcoming launch times.
- Join the Facebook Group.
- Use the repeaters, we have that are doing nothing!
- D-Star Sunday evening net on Reflector 1C.
- Hamfest in Kingman, AZ on 12 October 2013.
- Elections upcoming: Losing all 5 board members and the secretary due to term limits or resignation. Those that want to run, notify the President or the Secretary.

Board Member Reports:

Secretary: Due to the absence of the Secretary and a failure of the recording device, there are no recorded minutes of the July meeting.

Treasurer: Current member count is at 111. Checking account has \$3000 and Paypal is at \$600. Have very few expenditures at the present time.

President Report: Working on getting the second D-Star stack in place. Need to build up power and interconnect cables. More to follow.

Vice-President: Inventory is currently up to date and new items have been added.

Special Interest Groups:

Contest: Contest chairman was absent, but it was reported by Gary KE7EK that a new tower and antenna system will be installed at the contest site by the end of the year for the upcoming 2014 contest season.

Repeaters: Chris, N7JND, reported the 1.2 GHz is back up and running and thanks all of the volunteers that helped with the antenna install. All of the analog repeaters are functional at this time. He is working on a linking system to tie the 146.80 repeater with the 448.325 repeater located at Corona de Tucson. Echo link will be installed on the 146.80 machine in the very near future. The antenna for the 146.80 repeater will be moved to a higher location on the tower at approximately 70 feet on the tower. The coax needs to be terminated. The UHF APRS digi-repeater located on Mt. Lemmon is now functional and will cover most of the southern part of AZ.

Volunteer Examiner: Diane, AA3OF, reported over the past weekend, 9 August 2013, as special test session was held at the Boy Scout Troop 157. 8 people tested and 7 passed. Regular session was held on Monday night. 6 earned new licenses or upgraded.

Public Service: Cary, WB2BSJ briefed the club on the state of Public Service. There have been very little request for public service because of the effects of cell phones. He has sent out an email looking for volunteers for El Tour de Tucson. He will send a request to the reflector. 20 – 30 operators will be

needed for Tucson Duo Sport. Tucson Classic Car event on 19 Oct 2013 will also require operators. Contract Cary if you are interested.

Operations in the Park: Matt, reported that activities will resume in October for the Ham Picnic.

ARCA; Gary, KE7EX, reported on the annual meeting that occurred at the Williams Hamfest. ARCA will have a presence at all Arizona Hamfest starting in 2014. ARCA is looking into collecting club history for all affiliated clubs. Jeff, K2VNT has historical material he is looking to part with. The secretary also reported there is historical documents in the file. ARCA is accepting nominations for Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year for 2014. ARCA is now accepting PDF files with a real signature. Gary will email all hamfest dates to the secretary for inclusion on the web site.

ARES/RACES: Tim KF7SYU reported on ARES activities and the recent elections inside of Pima County Emergency Management.

AMSAT: No report.

Other Club News: No pertinent news to report.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Constitution: The president had some changes to the draft constitution, but those have not been received by the Secretary as of yet. Voting on the constitution will take place at the September Meeting.

Classes: We have a number of individuals that want a class. The president will coordinate to establish dates and a location.

JOTA: Jamboree on the Air for the Boy Scouts. Looking for volunteers to organize and exercise. Matt has volunteered to do that along with a Days in the Park exercise.

New Members: 4 new members were voted in.

With no other business before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2055.

Respectfully Submitted
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Secretary, Radio Society of Tucson.

