

## Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 07/10/2018

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX called Meeting to order at 6:46 pm and passed the microphone around the room so that we could introduce ourselves and tell everyone what our favorite part of Ham Radio is.

Richard Jones W0PZD - conducted the presentation on the National Traffic System. It is a way to handle traffic in a structured means. We have NTS and ATEN nets available. When sending messages, the two most widely used formats are the AARL Radiogram and the ICS 213 that OEM uses. One good reason to know how to handle traffic is if you are somewhere where you have no phone or cell phone service and need to get a message out, you can access a radio net. When you check in using your call sign, name and location Net Control will ask if you have traffic. You can say yes and send yours. We will be having a drill on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> with OEM on ICS 213 traffic handling. Radio traffic started with Texas Baptist Men and the Salvation Army, the NTS started in Arizona in 2009 and has been on the air ever since. IF you want to learn more you can google NTS An Introduction-ARRL and check out the power point slide presentation.

### Meeting Business

Vice President Gail Peterson N7BXX – Gail informed everyone of the discussions from our Board Meeting. He explained that we are looking at making Plan A for Field Day 2019 at the PECOC building and Plan B will be on Mount Lemmon. He then asked for a show of hands as to who would be in favor of this change. There were two votes for MT Lemmon. The main purpose for Field Day is Emergency Preparedness and to have fun. Gail also made everyone aware of the new AZQSOparty.org website that is easily accessible from RSTClub.org website. We will be able to buy RST Club related products on the RSTClub.org website once everything is set up with Zazzle.com. It was also noted that the Presidents' gavel has made its way back home to our possession.

Diane Zimmerman AA3OF - Laurel VE Liaison Testing- We had 5 applicants, 1 Tech to General; 1 unlicensed to General; 2 Generals to Extras, 1 UA engineer went to Tech to Extra. It was mentioned that AARL charges \$15 to take tests and it takes 2 weeks to get the results back. The Laurel VE Testing session that we have been providing is free and you get results the next day!!

Gary Keck KE7TDX – ARCA Liaison – Gary made a presentation to Joe Statkevics (K3TYE) for his HAM OF THE YEAR 2018 AWARD plaque. We are so proud of all the work that Joe does and thrilled that he was recipient of this year's award! Well deserved. Note: If you need vacuum tubes please contact Joe.

Bill Wilson AE7YQ - Days in Park will be held next weekend at Kennedy Park, Mission and Ajo, bring your own chairs.

We had an attendance of 38 people. Meeting was closed at 8:12pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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