

Radio Society of Tucson Club Meeting 03/12/2019

Vice President Gary Keck(KE7DX) – called Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Meeting Topics

Vice President Gary Keck (KE7DX) – PROGRAM- Announced that we were going to start off the meeting with a presentation by Carl Foster KB7AZ about Stealth Antennas complete with exhibits! Carl is very active in the Ham community and serves as a technical advisor in ARRL.

Carl Foster (KB7AZ) – Stealth Antenna presentation was about 45 minutes in length with great information. My favorite antenna he showed was a birdhouse disguised as an antenna. His email address is KB7AZ@arrl.net.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Treasurer's Report was given; we have \$1,120 cash on hand, 34 members still have not paid their dues. We had 30 people attend last month's meeting and 50 at this meeting. If you wear your RST name badge you will qualify for free drinks at Golden Corral. The 146.8 repeater has been reinstalled on the east side of Tucson at a higher elevation which will increase the coverage. Repeater 146.820 has been turned over to RST and is located in central Tucson and will have "autopatch" feature. Days in the Park this weekend, Saturday at 10 am, using frequency 146.520 in Jacobs Park at 3300 N Fairview Ave. RST selling one of our donations, an ICOM AH-4 Antenna Tuner (used) for \$100, was sold as he announced it!

Vice President Gary Keck(KE7DX) – SIG Reports – ARCA, Yuma Hamfest – ARCA receives money from the Ham Radio license plates fund each year, but not received as of yet for 2018, expected any time now. The Ham of the Year and Young Ham of the Year and scholarship nominations are due by May 1st in writing. ARCA elections are coming up in July, Gary is interested in becoming Secretary for the organization. The ARCA military tent has been given to a local charity organization in the Yuma area, a Red Cross like organization as a tax deduction! It was given as a motion made by Gary himself, so now we can stop talking about it! ARCA is also trying to find a place to meet besides the Yuma Hamfest to have an ARRL Southwest Division Convention. It is a larger scale, two-day event, having seminars and conferences, commercial vendors and the regular swap. Randy (KD7KEQ) asked if this could be something that we might get several clubs together to work on, and the response was, certainly possible. The RST Tucson free and Fall Hamfest is on the ARCA calendar, the link to the website is now correct on the ARCA website. He requested that the AZQSO Party October 13th and 14th be put on the calendar. OVRC is having their Hamfest on November 9th, and the ARCA meeting in April will be at DeVry College in Phoenix. RST Hamfest is March 30th from 7 to 11 at the Target Shopping Center on 22nd and Harrison, free admission and \$10 for a table to sell from. There are more spaces and will be free VE testing as well.

Diane Zimmerman (AA3OF) – Laurel VE Liaison Testing – We had 15 applicants and twenty elements given out with 9 Technicians and 3 of them upgraded to General and had one upgrade to Extra Class.

Don Ernle (KD7UIZ) – Fox Hunt in the valley on May 4th sponsored by the U of A Radio Club, they are looking for community members for fixed stations and mobile people that can help. Their net meets on 146.96 at 9pm on Monday nights K7ZOO

24 Hour Hop was cold and windy

Kristyn Weed (KR1SS)– QuartzFest – was January 20th to 26th and was amazing! Last year had 853 and this year over 1,050 people in attendance. There was a prototype of the IC 9700 at the show and someone received a certificate for the real deal coming out the end of March when they start manufacturing them. Lyn (KJ7DSE) earned her Technician license, congratulations to her!!

David Holman (AC7DS)– Digital repeaters - Sahuarita is up and going, Mt Lemmon up and functioning! He has a DStar net on Saturdays at 19:00 and asked anyone interested to join him!

Bill Clark (K6WSC)- Contest SIG – AZQSO Party plaques are being manufactured. Upcoming contests can be found by checking the Contest Calendar.com for lists.

Raffle was held.

There were 50 people in attendance; Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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