

Minutes for VVARA Meeting February 20, 2008

Meeting held at Cottonwood Public Safety Building Conference Room beginning at 7 p.m.

Welcome – Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Frank Funk

Acknowledge guests, WA3RTU, AB6SV and KB7KMR

Secretary's report – Tom Schrum read the minutes of January 16th meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Bill – K7YKN, Second by Bob – WB6ODR

Treasurer's Report – Bill Martens, K7YKN, Treasurer. Current checkbook balance \$4,514.88

Report from Audit Committee: The Year End Financial Report for 2007 was completed by Dick Courtney, KE7DTX, 2007 Treasurer. Charlie, KC7AJM and Joan Tremper, AB7KE, served on the Audit Committee this year.

A thank you letter and gift certificate was presented to Dick Courtney, KE7DTX and Steve Pearson, KC7TIL for appreciation of contributions to the club.

Introduction of Speaker: Ernie Cummings, K6XF, will be our speaker tonight. Ernie is an experienced sailplane pilot and will be showing us some of the gliders he has flown. He will also cover how Ham radio communications were used to coordinate with the ground crew as to the status of his flights and where he would be landing.

10 minute BREAK for Refreshments/Coffee/Cookies. Purchase of 50/50 raffle tickets from Al Barber, AA7OV. Reconvene meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Old Business:

We are planning to participate in the 2nd Joint Prescott Ham Fest this coming May. This will be a joint swap meet with YARC. It will be held on Saturday morning May 31st outside the Granite Mountain Middle School on the ball courts under Terry Pemberton's direction.

Ted Hartson, WA8ULG, asked that our club might consider getting together at Ft. Tuthill at one of the armadas for an informal picnic and tail-gate swap session around noon on Sunday July 20th.

New Business:

HB-2721 Amateur Radio, structures, accommodations. This new Bill has passed the Homeland Security and Property Rights Committee and goes to the Rules committee. It should pass and will be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Ham License Classes & Testing:

Jack Crabtree and assistants conducted “free” General Class license classes at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on Saturday Feb 9th and Saturday Feb. 16, 2008 and 19 people attended. The next Prescott area VE Test session will be on Feb. 23rd at Embry-Riddle.

Jack is also planning to have Extra Class License classes at the same location on March 22nd and 29th, with the Prescott VE Test session to follow on April 5th.

Field Day 2008:

YARC has asked us to join them at the Watson Lake June 28-29 (11 a.m. Sat. through noon Sunday). Terry Pemberton says that details have been worked out and the city has waived entry fees and will allow overnight camping related to the Field Day activities. The big ramada overlooking Watson Lake has been reserved. Temporary antennas at the site o.k.

All new members will receive a VVARA Name Tag with their Call Sign free. Replacement Tags are \$5.00. Send an e-mail to Bob Thompson, KC8BOB, to get on the list. Patches are given to all new members as an incentive to join. Patches are available from the Treasurer for \$3 each. VVARA club caps with patch are \$10 each.

50/50 Raffle Drawing. Winner Pete – K6VVR, \$18.00

Our next meeting will be at the Public Safety Building conference room at 6th Street and Aspen in Cottonwood, AZ at 7 p.m. on Wednesday March 19th 2008.

Call for Motion to close meeting.

Motion by Al Barber, Second by Tom Schrum

Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

Signed _____ Tom Schrum, K7NII Secretary, VVARA

