

Minutes for VVARA Meeting April 16, 2008

Meeting was held at Pete's Family Restaurant, in Prescott. The meeting opened at 6:26 p.m.

Welcome - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by Al - KD7MT.

Acknowledge guests - Jim-WB7UZV - Dennis Stopher - no call. We ask members to make an effort to introduce themselves to visitors, new members and guests at each meeting.

We want to recognize Dick - AD7TF who just passed his Extra Class exam. Congratulations to new General Class operators, Ernie - KE7TDS and to Bruce KE7TDR.

Health updates for members: Dick W4AOP is recovering well.

Secretary's Report - Tom-K7NTI read the minutes of March 19th meeting. Motion to approve by Pete-K6VVR- seconded by Bob-K7RGT.

Treasurer's Report: Bill, K7YKN, Treasurer. Current Checkbook balance: \$5,460.92.

Introduction of Speaker: Al, KD7MTJ, will present the History of the American Flag and show a series of his photos from Alaska.

BREAK - 10 minutes: Purchase of 50/50 raffle tickets. Erika-KI7JZ provided many prizes for the raffle. The cash prize was drawn first and the winner was Dennis Stopher.

Old Business:

Second Annual Joint VVARA/YARC Prescott Ham Fest: Will be held on May 31st Info available on VVARA Website. Handicap parking is available.

Ft. Tuthill after Williams Hamfest: Ted Hartson, WA8ULG, said there is interest in other AZ ham clubs getting together at Ft. Tuthill at one of the armadas for a picnic and tail-gate swap session at noon on Sunday July 20th. A picnic with ham gear swapping will follow.

FIB-272 1 -Amateur Radio, Structures, Accommodations: This Bill has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate. At this time, it appears that the Bill may be stopped by Senator

Harper once again.

Ham classes and Testing: Jack, W7JLC and assistants conducted classes for Extra Class License on March 22nd and 29th. A Prescott VE Test session was held on April 22nd and several upgrades took place. We especially commend Jack and his instructors for their time and efforts in providing these classes. There will be VE testing for all license classes at the Prescott Ham Fest on May 31st Presented by Mary AB7NK.

Field Day 2008: Field Day will take place at Watson Lake June 28-29. YARC has asked VVARA to join with them. The big ramada overlooking Watson Lake has been reserved. Side activities include: transmitter locating (Fox hunt), Geo cache hunting and several kayaks will be available. A joint picnic is scheduled for Saturday afternoon. The VVARA will split costs with YARC for food, drinks and ice.

New Business: Paul, WA7US, our new Webmaster, has come up with a new Club database using Microsoft Access. Several fields have been added to assist the club members including: expiration dates for their licenses, birthdays and anniversary date have also been added. The software will be helpful for use by our Treasurer and club officers.

Bob, WB6ODR, presented a motion to make Dale, N7XFD an honorary life member. Motion by Bob, WB6ODR, seconded by Terry, KB7TRE. Motion passes unanimously.

The next meeting on May14th, (note new date) one week before our normally scheduled date. We will have the entire conference room for the meeting. The Public Safety Building is located at 6th St. and Aspen in Cottonwood. We have a donated ICOM 706 (2 meter and HF) Transceiver from the widow of Steve, AB7NT which we will auction at the May meeting.

Motion to close meeting by Terry, KB7TRE and Seconded by Gary, KB7TRC.
Meeting closed at 8:01

Signed: _____. Tom Schrum, K7NII Secretary, VVARA