

Minutes for VVARA Meeting, May 14, 2008

Meeting was held at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building Conference Room and opened at 7:03 p.m.

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by: Bob - KC8BOB.

Acknowledge guests, new members, recent upgrades, new hams and visitors

A friend of Norman Vandiver, N7VF, Ian Watson, VK3BGE, from Australia, here visiting his son and daughter-in-law in Clarkdale this week, visited us tonight.

James Elkin, KC0OGY, from Cornville was with us this evening.

Secretary's Report

Tom Schrum, K7NII, read the minutes of the April 16th meeting.

Motion to approve by: Mel - N6BDC. Second by: Bob - KC8BOB. Passed.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Martens, K7YKN, resigned as Treasurer in May as he will be moving out of state. All files have been turned over to Mel - N6BDC and he will carry out this work until we find someone to assist the club. We want to thank Bill for the excellent job he did for the club. Current Checkbook balance is \$5,510.62 after paying \$113.60 to the Mingus Mountain Improvement Assn. for the annual assessment for our repeater and for the Army Mars repeater on Mingus.

Presentation #1

Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, presented a slide show on the recent Quad expedition to the Vultee Air Crash site on the rim above Sedona. This crash occurred back in January 1938.

Presentation #2

Ernie Cummings, K6XF, presented a Power Point show as a Tribute to the "A-Team" (Niel Vince, KA7JAS, and Bob Budin, KJ7SJ, and Norman Vandiver, N7VF,). Showing the installation of a tall tower and beam antenna at the Camp Verde residence of Dick Glover, W4AOP. Dick added comments on the antenna and tower as the photos were shown.

Presentation #3

Ian Watson, VK3BGE, our visitor from Australia, talked about some of his background and his experiences being a ham operator "down under" in the land of kangaroos and koala bears.

10 minute BREAK

Coffee/Cookies provided by Peggy Funk, N7DDR. 50/50 raffle tickets were purchased from Al Barber, AA7OV. Mel's wife, Kathy, had membership forms for anyone wishing to join the club and accepted dues from those who still needed to pay them.

Meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

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(50/50 Raffle Drawing)

Winner was Ken Severance - WA6AQK = \$19.00.

Old Business

(Upcoming 2nd Annual Prescott Ham Fest)

The 2nd Annual Prescott Ham Fest will be held at the Granite Mountain Middle School outside ball courts on Sat. May 31st. Set up will be at 6 a.m. on Sat. morning and continue through 2 p.m. Open to Public and table sales at 8 a.m. No cars will be allowed on ball court area after 8 a.m.!! Arrangements for disabled persons will be made.

This is a joint swap meet between the Verde Valley Amateur Radio Assn. and the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club. Steve Pearson had our vinyl sign modified and it will be up at the VVARA sales table where we will have a variety of HF and VHF radios and other ham gear available. The club will have 28 items for sale.

VEE Amateur Radio License exams will take place for all classes of license at 9 a.m. sharp. Be sure to let Mary Vince, AB7NK, know if you plan to take one of the License exams well in advance of the Ham Fest.

Check our club website www.vvara.org for further details on this joint swap meet.

(Ft. Tuthill after Williams Ham Fest (picnic and tailgate get-together))

Ted Hartson, WA8ULG, said there is interest in other AZ ham clubs getting together at Ft. Tuthill at one of the ramadas for a picnic and tail-gate swap session at noon on July 20th.

(HB-2721 Amateur Radio, Structures, Accommodations)

This Bill passed the House and was sent to the AZ Senate, however the bill has been held up again by Sen. Harper, Chairman of the Govt. Committee, with little hope of passage this year. Rep. Nancy McLain, the sponsor of the bill has done all she could to assist in getting this bill passed and we thank her for her efforts.

(Field Day 2008)

Field Day will take place at Watson Lake June 28-29 (11 a.m. Sat. through noon Sunday). YARC has asked the VVARA to join with them. The big ramada overlooking Watson Lake has been reserved. Side-activities are planned including: a "fox hunt" to find a hidden 2 meter station, GPS Geo-caching will be demonstrated 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

(VVARA website)

We want to thank Paul Compton, WA7US, for the excellent job he is doing with the VVARA website. Be sure to go there (www.vvara.org) and check out the new updates and new list of links that Paul has added.

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(Club Treasurer)

We need someone to assist as acting Treasurer until elections can be held in November. Please contact Mel, N6BDC, if you can assist with this.

(Donation)

Weather net Wildflower repeater \$100.00 Donation.

Motion by: Gary Mazey - KB7TRC, Second by: Unknown. Passed by unanimous vote.

Call for Motion to Close Meeting

Motion by: Al Barber - AA7OV, Second by: Bob - KC8BOB, Passed.

Meeting closed at 8:50 p.m.

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 September 17th, 2008. Jack Crabtree is scheduled to talk to us about Ham Radio Deluxe and some of its many features.

Tom Schrum, K7NII, Secretary VVARA

Robert G Thompson, K7RGT, acting Secretary VVARA Signed: _____