

Minutes of the October 15, 2008 Meeting of the  
Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

**Meeting was held at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Bldg. 75, in Prescott, AZ.**

**About 30 members and visitors met to have dinner at the Chartwells Cafeteria Bldg. 45, across from the AXFAB Building (#75). The food was excellent.**

**Meeting called to order by President, Mel Boreham, N6BDC, at Jack Crabtree's Satellite design and fabrication lab in the AXFAB Building on the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University campus at 7:00 p.m.**

**Welcome to all for attending, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

**We acknowledge several visitors from other northern Arizona radio clubs.**

**Jane Gray, WB7EDK, Art Bross, KC7GF, Kathy Bross, A7AYR, Judy Piper, WD8BFX, from the Hassayampa Amateur Radio club in Congress, AZ and Joe Hobart, W7LUX, from the Coconino Amateur Radio club. Joe Hobart asked for volunteers for a ham radio event at the Grand Canyon on November 15, 2008. Contact him at [w7lux@arri.net](mailto:w7lux@arri.net) for further details.**

**Secretary's Report – Our Secretary, Tom Schrum, K7NII, is still recuperating from a stroke at his home in Glendale, AZ. Robert G. Thompson, K7RGT, acted as Secretary for the September meeting but was unable to be at tonight's meeting so Steve Pearson, KC7TIL, was asked to read last month's minutes and to take notes for tonight's minutes. Steve read the minutes for September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**Motion to approve minutes as read by: Ernie De Leon, K7IOG. Second by: Bob Smith, WB7ODR. Passed unanimously.**

**We are glad to hear that Tom Schrum is making steady progress in his recovery.**

**Treasurer's Report – The most recent bank statement as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 was \$6,709.39. Our current checkbook balance is approximately \$6,550.23. Some bank charges remain to be reconciled from previous bank statements**

**Mel Boreham, N6BDC, President and Acting Treasurer.**

**Old Business:**

**Christmas Party: We have confirmed our reservation with the Beaver Creek Golf & Country Club at Lake Montezuma for Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas Party at the Ranch House restaurant. The party turned out very well last year and this will allow some of our folks who cannot drive over to Prescott a chance to participate. Arrival would be at 11:30 a.m. and the meal would be served about 12:30 p.m. Suggested entrees: Grilled Salmon, Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Top Sirloin steak. The club will pick up the cost of the dessert. We will tie down the cost of the entrees this Thursday and will advise regarding the cost, which will include both tax and tip. Last year prices ranged from \$14 for the chicken to \$26 for the prime rib.**

**New Business:**

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**Nominating Committee for 2009 VVARA Officers:** Bob Shipton, K8EQC, has agreed to chair this committee and Al Barber and Craig Dible will serve on the committee to come up with a slate of nominees for our VVARA officers by the November meeting.

**Discussion:** None.

**Any further new business?** None.

**50/50 Raffle Drawing. Winner:** Ernie De Leon K7IOG, \$14.00. Ernie donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks Ernie!

Jack, W7JLC, had asked that we complete the business meeting and then take a break for coffee and cookies before his tour and presentation.

Carol Hills, KA7LKW, collected 2009 dues and membership forms during the break and 50/50 raffle tickets were on sale from Bob Rosevear, WB7RRQ.

Our next meeting will be at the Cottonwood Public Safety Building on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Elections of our 2009 officers for the club will take place. We are looking for someone to make a presentation at the meeting and would appreciate any suggestions in this regard.

**Call for Motion to Close Meeting.**

**Motion to Close:** by Bob Shipton, K8EQC, Second by Walter Schuman, KF6SPS. Passed.

**Business Meeting closed at 7:22 p.m.**

Following the break, Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, gave a tour of several labs and fabrication shops in the AXFAB Building before making his presentation. All were impressed at the amazing array of scientific and engineering apparatus and computer controlled lathes and three dimensional fabricators available to the students in designing their electronics and aerospace projects, including wind tunnel studies of models, satellite design and vibration testing in the lab. After the main presentation, Jack also gave a tour of his balloon launch lab where their scientific packages are designed and fabricated before being carried aloft.

**Presentation:** Jack Crabtree, W7JLC, made his hands-on demonstration of the free Ham Radio Deluxe computer program and showed us its many features. This program was used to control the Kenwood 2000 transceiver in his lab as well as for tracking satellites, logging contacts and even recording audio and receiving slow scan TV from the International Space Station.

All thanked Jack for hosting the meeting and for his most informative tour of the University labs and shops as well as his excellent presentation on Ham Radio Deluxe. The program was completed about 8:30 p.m. except for a few members who were still touring the balloon lab.

**Tom Schrum, K7NII, Secretary VVARA**

**Robert G Thompson, K7RGT, acting Secretary VVARA Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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