

VVARA Meeting 16 April 2014,
King Engineering Bldg, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

The meeting was called to order by president Eric Lash at 7:03 pm, followed by Pledge Of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: Ham operators present but not on club roster: Russ AD6ZL; Rex N7NGM; Jerry KG7IUT; Chris Carter, license pending; Mike KG7JVO; Chris KG7GTZ; Clayton KJ6QJS, Embry-Riddle student; Forrest WH6EAL; Gregg KF7VER; Jack AI1K, visitor; John N0MOE.

Secretary Report: Leo Zuercher KF7KXH read the minutes from the 19 March 2014 meeting. After some discussion on the cost and capabilities of Software Defined Radios. Correction to spelling of Dine College Motion to accept as corrected by Bryan W7BNW, second by Walter KF6SPS, passed.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL, beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1 March 2014: \$6089.43. Ending balance 31 March: \$6787.75. Savings account beginning balance: \$1128.04. Ending balance: \$1128.07. Ending Total: \$7915.82. Move to accept subject to audit by Marny KF7QVK, second by Carol KA7LKW, passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: Mike Wingate WA6LSE reported repeater operational, planned building and grounds maintenance – spring cleaning – and get MARS back on the air. Remuneration offered to technical committee to defray costs incurred, refused by committee. Members: Mike WA6LSE; Steve KC7TIL; Bob KC8BOB; Tim KF7GCO. Noted that computer like tones heard at times on the repeater most likely originate from a link through someone's transmitter.

Membership: Bob Thompson KC8BOB reported 171 members, 99 (59%) are members of ARRL. Bill Burkett KE7IXS was reported as doing well.

Old Business: Field Day plans: YARC to be invited. Bob KC8BOB coordinating permits, etc with Forest Service. MS150 bicycle event in Verde Valley, volunteers needed. And for Chino Valley Grinder on 3 May.

New Business: Desert Storm Rally report: Steve KC7TIL, Stan KF7BHN and Bob WB7RRQ attended, assisted – received \$100 donation to club. Six or Seven operators needed for a session. Jack W7JLC reported four balloon flights in the last five weeks. Embry-Riddle, Dine college, total six colleges/universities, academy in Flagstaff. Coming Saturday, University Of Texas, ?? Academy in Tucson and Not Gifted Academy, p/o Chandler School District. Ends semester. Next flight will be a summer camp project in June. Over 800 students have participated, many new Hams recruited. Discussion of beacon transmitters used and problems encountered.

Break 8:40 until 8:50. 50/50 winner: Jack Szelka AI1K.

Program: Slide show with personalized narration and discussion fire fighting aircraft and associated radio communications.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.