

VVARA Meeting 18 March 2015, Nate's Cowboy Cafe, Cottonwood

The meeting was called to order by president Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 6:59pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors and recent upgrades: Ten visitors from Green Valley attended the meeting. 21 Club members present. Also in attendance: Xyl Kathy Boreham and special guest Leana Dutton. No new Licensees or upgrades.

Secretary Report: Minutes from the 18 February 2015 meeting read by Mike Covey KF7KXL in the absence of secretary KF7KXH Leo. Motion to accept by KA7LKW, second by W7BNW Bryan, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: The treasurer's report was given by Mike Covey KF7KXL. Beginning balance at Credit Union West checking 1Feb 2015: \$6250.29, ending balance 28 Feb: \$6195.96. Savings account beginning balance: \$1790.19. Ending balance 28 Feb: \$2905.22. Ending Total: \$9104.18. Move to accept subject to audit by W7BNW Bryan, second by N6BDC Mel, passed.

Repeater Technical Committee Report: KC8BOB Bob Thompson reported for Mike Wingate, who is recovering from surgery, that both the Mingus Mountain and Squaw Peak repeaters are performing normally, but the roads are rutted and mucky.

Membership: KC8BOB Bob reported no new members, total membership: 160, 58% ARRL members.

Old Business: Agreed at the last meeting: three meetings on the Pacific side,

Jan Prescott Apr Cottonwood Jul Cottonwood Oct Cottonwood

Feb Cottonwood May Prescott Aug None Nov Cottonwood

Mar Cottonwood Jun Cottonwood Sep Prescott Dec Christmas Party

Suggested – Dinner at the golf club Manzanita Grill for summer meetings at Embry Riddle.

The board has initiated purchase of three Yeasu DR-1X repeaters, one for each site and a back-up. This will provide us with full digital and analog capability, and common equipment sets for ease of maintenance, and to replace our ancient and much repaired equipment now in use.

The Forest Service has agreed to three RVs during field day to improve safety and security. Volunteers solicited to fill the positions, and man the equipment: June 25, 26 and 27.

Discussion of digital signal sound on analog FM.

New Business: Saturday May 2, two events: Whiskey Row Marathon and Chino Grinder bike race, plus technician class. Support needed.

Sept 26, two events on the same day: Bradshaw Grinder and the Groom Creek Classic. More later.

Three Silent Keys: N7NII Tom Schrun; KA7NBQ Eleanor Mulhorn, 14 Mar; AB7KE Joan Tremper, 17 Mar. The club made a \$50.00 donation in each name to designated charity.

Break at 7:37pm. The 50/50 drawing netted \$17.00. Break ended at 7:45pm.

Program: Greg Allen gave a presentation on aircraft structure and materials.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Submitted by Leo A. Zuercher KF7KXH, Secretary.