

VVARA meeting 19th October 2016 - Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

The meeting is called to order by Wayne Gilbertson WA7IGI at 6:58 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS AND RECENT UPGRADES:

22 members present. No new members. No upgrades. 6 guests present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bob K8EQC read the minutes of 21 September 2016 meeting
Motion to accept by Carol KA7LKW Seconded by Bob WB7RRQ Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was given by Wayne WA7IGI.

Savings \$3989.69

Withdrawals \$0

Deposits \$0.11

Ending Balance \$3989.80

Checking beginning balance \$3,263.50

Withdrawals \$55.62

Deposits \$115.00

Ending balance \$3,322.88

Total checking and savings \$7,312.68

Motion to accept by Norm N7VF

Seconded by Leo KF7KXH

Motion carried.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB reported the 147.220 repeater is working fine, and that Mike WA6LSE is having surgery tomorrow, October 20th.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Bob KC8BOB stated that we have 160 club members, of which 62% are ARRL members.

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT:

Wayne WA7IGI stated that the bill is out of committee and to the house, and that a letter has been sent to John McCain.

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR REPORT:

Norm N7VF passed out maps and brochures of several parks that he recently went to on October 11th. The expedition was sponsored by NADXA. The parks were the Petrified Forest National Park, Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, and Canyon De Chelly National Monument. There were three operators with two stations on two bands, using solar power. Antennas used were a 20-meter dipole and a multiband vertical. They had good propagation. Norm made 473 contacts over a three-day period. Jack W7JC reported that he has 272 confirmed contacts with various national entities.

Wayne WA7IGI went over the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2016 and the first half of 2017.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bob WB7RRQ gave a report on the progress of a potential storage shed for club equipment. An enclosed storage shed is approximately \$40 per month in Prescott Valley and is gated. Wayne WA7IGI is currently doing an inventory of Club equipment, and then a decision will be made on whether we move ahead with public storage.

Carol KA7LKW gave a report on The Oath Keepers Sunday night AMRON net on 147.220, and said it is up to the Board to approve of using the repeater for their AMRON net. Allen KI7ALL is a member of Oath Keepers and stated he is on the Com team for them, and checks in at 8:15 p.m. on Sunday. Tony KI7AHH also checks in. Tony told net control about proper protocol for repeater use. Bob K8EQC proposed that the members give a show of support for The Oath Keepers net. Allen KI7All stated that the net is for practice and being able to check in. Loren AE7CG said we should have a written agreement, or statement between the club and The Oath Keepers group. Norm N6VF stated a letter of agreement would be good. Jack W7JLC said a letter is not needed. Jack W7JLC made a motion for no letter of agreement. Marnie KF7QVK seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne WA7IGI stated that a Nominating Committee Chairman is required for election of officers at this coming November meeting for 2017 officers. A board member can only serve for 3 years. No volunteers came forth. Bob K8EQC stated that the President can appoint a member as the Nominating Committee Chairman. The issue was deferred.

Bob KC8BOB asked for a status report on the upcoming Christmas party. Carol KA7LKW stated it will be at Stoneridge. Carol will have details at the November meeting: cost, menu etc. Carol will send an email to Bob KC8BOB for distribution before the party, which will be December 10th, the second Saturday in December.

Bob K8EQC asked if Marnie KF7QK our Sunshine Lady could send a card to Mike WA6LSE. She said a card would be sent.

After the break a short video was shown titled "Ask Dave." Dave Casler explained different setups for your amateur radio station, including antenna tuning, etc. Wayne WA7IGI presented a video detailing ham operation from the (ISS) International Space Station.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Robert Shipton, K8EQC
VVARA Secretary