

VVARA Meeting October 18,, 2017, Embry- Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, AZ.

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Gilbertson, WA7IGI at 7:00p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS AND RECENT UPGRADES:

There were twenty one members present and two guests, Martin, KG7OIY, and Maureen Rhodes, XYL of Mike, KG7LMJ
One new upgrade.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Bob Shipton, K8EQC read the minutes of the September, 2017 meeting. Motion to accept by Carol, KA7LKW seconded by Bob, WB6ODR Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report ending 9/30/2017 was given by Bob, K8EQC.

Savings \$3,990.11. Withdrawals \$0. Deposits
\$.11 ending balance \$3,990.22

Checking beginning balance \$3,150.54. Withdrawals \$61.48. Deposits \$0. Ending balance
\$3,089.06

Total checking and savings, \$7,079.28

Motion to accept by Mike, KG7LMJ, Seconded by Dottie, WF7DS. Motion passed.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB stated that the 147.220 repeater was working normally. Bob reported that the gate up to the Mingus site will closed by the third week of December unless heavy snow forces an earlier closure.

Bob, stated the Winlink project for the Squaw Peak site is on hold for further technical review and protocols. Licenses for both repeaters have been transferred from Mike, WA6LSE into the clubs name. The FCC licenses at both sites for the two aprs digipeater have not been transferred yet.

Jack, W7JLC reported that John, KJ7ON was unable to open a hole in his companies firewall to accept an Echolink node. Jack said that Steve, KC7TIL has everything on Wi-Fi, and was unable to supply an Ethernet cable with port forwarding for Echolink. Jack stated were still looking for a new home to house the Echolink node, and all you need is an antenna and a Ethernet port.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Bob, KC8BOB reported that we did not add any new members since our last meeting and total membership is at 163

OLD BUSINESS:

Carol, KA7LKW gave a report on our upcoming Christmas Party, which will be on December 9th at Stoneridge. Prices are \$22.00 per person. New items have been added to the menu with a wide choice of items. Stoneridge has an attractive setting and is nicely decorated for Christmas. Last year 45 members attended. The membership thanked Carol for all the work organizing the party for the last several years.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wayne, WA7IGI stated that we need to form a nominating committee for election of club officers to serve next year. The election will take place at our November meeting. There was a discussion by Bob, K8EQC and Bob, KC8BOB of the need for new volunteers, since many of the same people have served repeatedly for several years. Bob, WB6ODR mentioned that a request for volunteers could be mailed to the membership at large. Carol, KA7LKW said she would head up the nominating committee, and Leo, KF7KXH said he would also be on the committee.

Bob, K8EQC reported he had received an article from the National Corvair Club magazine on former club member Tom Schrum, K7NII, now a silent key that detailed his racing career, and Ham radio activities regarding his EME setup. It included photos of his Earth Moon Earth dish antennas. BOB mentioned that Judy his XYL had given his call sign to a close friend K1GRL. Bob, KC8BOB forwarded the article to club members.

50/50 Drawing winner, Bob, WB6ODR

A very interesting slide and dramatic video presentation was given by Embry Riddle student Dakota, KI7JTE on the recent trip last August by Embry- Riddle students, VVARA, and ANSR members to Glendo State Park, WY for the total Eclipse of the sun high altitude balloon flight.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Robert Shipton, K8EQC

VVARA Secretary