

Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

VVARA General Monthly Membership Meeting

Location: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Arizona

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Attendance: 14

The meeting was held at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) in Prescott. The meeting was confirmed the day before but doors to the building were locked. We called Security and they unlocked the door long enough for us to station someone there to let people in. We had some social time from 6:30 to 7:00 and the meeting was opened at 7:07 PM.

Board members in attendance were President Don Sears N7PLL and Treasure Bob Thompson KC8BOB.

The guest speaker said he would be a few minutes late so the business reports were done first. The minutes of the last meeting are posted on the club website. There were no objections or corrections so the minutes were accepted.

Bob Thompson KC8BOB gave the Treasures report. It was decided in the past not to post the financial reports on the internet. The full report will be in the print version of the minutes and available by request.

Membership Chair Starla Thompson KE7DTS reported 16 new members so far in 2021. This gives the club 152 paid, family, lifetime or complimentary members.

Bob Thompson KC8BOB gave the Technical Committee report. An update was given on the purchase of the Cell on Wheels (COW) that will replace the current repeater building on Mingus Mountain. It is hoped to have the new building on site before the snow falls. Then the swap of location and equipment with the old building can be started in the spring.

Next up was the presentation "Physics of Thunderstorms" by Dr. Curtis James, Professor of Meteorology at ERAU. A very interesting discussion of how thunderstorms are formed and why they are so difficult to predict. He also talked about the power and danger of lightning.

For old business: Although not a VVARA function, several club members helped with radio communications for the Chino Grinder bike race on September 25th and were thanked for their participation.

New business: The Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at 3:00 PM at Randal's Restaurant in Cottonwood

Next meeting will be a daytime gathering at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 20th, hopefully back at the Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church in Clarkdale. There is no meeting scheduled in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

A video recording was made of the meeting and a link sent to VVARA members.

Submitted by
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