

Verde Valley Amateur Radio Association

VVARA General Monthly Membership Meeting

Location: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

Attendance: 19

Board members present were, President Don Sears N7PLL and Secretary Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH.

The meetings was called to order earlier than normal at 6:30pm.

This month's presentation was by Dr. Curtis James WX7DOC on part 2 of talks on Physics of Thunderstorms. This is the second of his presentations on Thunderstorms.

First on the agenda was the Treasurer's Report from Bob Thompson KC8BOB. (Specifics of the report follow the minutes in the printed version.)

Membership Report by Starla Thompson KE7DTS. We have added 8 new members since November. James Cox KK7BUF, Matt Fields KJ7WLO, Jack French WK7J, Laura Flood KJ7SQM, Tom Foley KK7BLX, Dennis Schlegel KC5KCA, Lenard Grossman N2UJ. For a total of 159 paid, family and life time members.

Technical Committee Report. At the present time there are no issues. We will not be able to move forward with the new building until spring due to weather conditions. We will have more information once we are able to start that project.

Old Business. Don discussed the Christmas Luncheon. We had 38 people and everyone enjoyed their lunch and good times.

New Business. Don discussed the new Forest Service Land Use Fee of \$1,400.00. We are hoping the ARRL will get involved and fight for the thousands of Amateur Repeaters on Forest Service land.

Dues are due, \$24.00 per year.

Discussed Field Day and hopefully we can do it again in the Mingus parking lot.

Meeting Schedule. Most meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, February 12th at the Spirit of Joy Church Lutheran Church in Clarkdale. The Christmas luncheon to be determined near the end of the year.

Greg Allen N6WCD brought some new technology for us to see. An NCM LiPoly battery pack by Delta Flow with 58 cells. Very similar to a Tesla type battery. It will power your go kit, great for camping or around the house. And much smaller than conventional batteries. Greg did a nice presentation of his battery pack, it's well worth watching the video.

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

Submitted by
Rod Rosenbarger KI6FH, Secretary