

May Club Events  
Club Breakfast  
Saturday May, 5th  
Pastry Pub 9AM  
Regular Club Meeting  
Tuesday May, 8  
7PM  
Cedar City Senior Center  
489 E. 200 South

# Rainbow Canyons Amatuer Radio Club

April 2018

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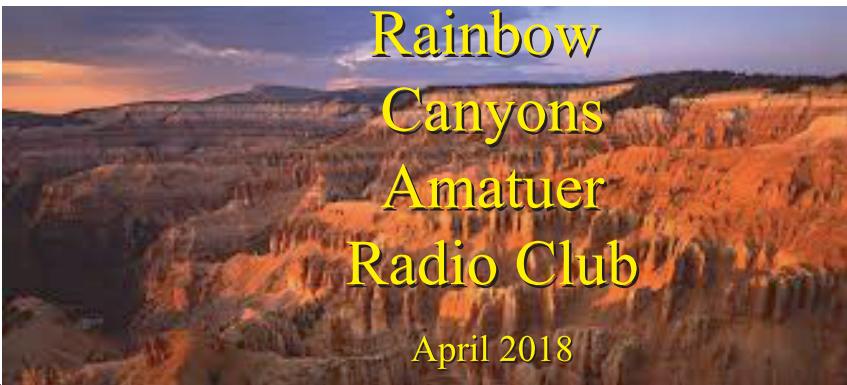
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## April Monthly Meeting Minutes

Welcome: Brad Gunderson KI6SFS opened the meeting at 7:03 pm

Minutes: Secretary Tammy KI7LVB. Changes: Call sign of John Higby was corrected to KI7SCX. Brody Johnson K7VXV motioned to accept, Ed Padgett KK7ZL seconded.

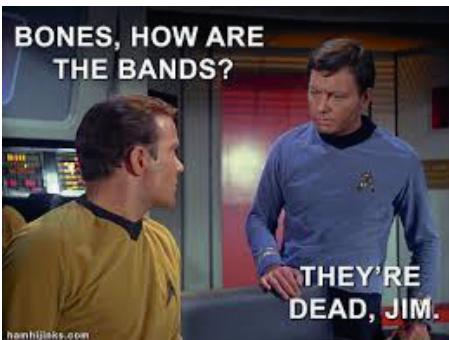
Treasurer's report: Larry N7SND: As of Friday, \$2247.60. This includes the \$300 check for insurance. Tony Bennett KA7HGX motioned to accept, Wayne Holcomb KI7QZA seconded.

Repeater Status: Don Blanchard WA7GTU reported everything but 94 is up and running. 94 has just a minor problem (it got too hot and melted the solder connection) that requires soldering but we can't get up there yet because of the snow and Don is beginning a 2 week trip. He will try to fix it the first part of May.

Don had a small complaint: Those who control connecting repeaters for the Net NEED to ID both before and after the connections are made or separated.

Q & A: Terry Lee KD7TTT:

1. Do I need to be a club member to be on the Net? No. Nets are just a way to make contacts with others at the same time. O Miss (Old Man International Side Band Society) is a Net across America. First time callers will be bombarded with hams wanted to connect. But to join the society you need to make 2 verified contacts and get their membership numbers then can apply for



membership. It costs \$10 for life time membership. Then you'll get a membership number and you can help others to join.

2. Can I submit QSL for my digital contacts for All States? Yes. Any contact is valid.

If you get a SSTV picture from Kansas that counts as a contact for the State of Kansas.

3. SSTV works best with an interface with what computer connection. The answer will be like asking for the best flavor of ice cream. There is no right answer.

Everyone has their own favorite connection. The EASIEST that I have found would be the one from Tiger Tronics: signal link USB. It costs about \$100. Or you could make your own. George Gallis and Ken Richter just got one that was built into a sound card for \$20.

4. If I have memory channels on my radio already, what is the VFO mode for? VFO is for all the other frequencies that you don't have in memory. As Linda travels in her camp trailer and comes to a new area, she looks in her Repeater Book for USA and looks up her new local repeaters. With VFO she can connect with them. VFO stands for Variable Frequency Oscillator.

#### Announcements:

1. Participation Ribbons for Net. 1st place Fred Govedich KI7TPD, 2nd place goes to both Ronald Shelley K7HDX, and Sylvia Clements KB7UMU. 3rd place goes to Lance Jackson KA7J.

2. We could easily hold a General License Class in the fall if there are at least 5 interested parties.

3. Sylvia has some equipment for sale.

4. Don has meters available for sale.

5. Riki Kline told about a contest on the weekend after next. It's called the Holy Land Contest. If participate you can achieve a 1 foot by 2 foot map of

Holy Land in grid squares. It would include Palestine. Israelis are really motivated to get it. Last year I got this plaque.

6. Brad wanted to remind us that tomorrow at 9 am the South West Health Department will be conducting a drill. Roll call for ECOMM members will begin at 9 am others will be allowed to follow. Five counties will be connected.

7. The back tables have power supplies for sale or give away.

8. George has two groups of things on the back tables: things for free and an old 2 meter radio with SDR converter.

#### Old Business: None

#### New Business:

1. May 10 we will be holding an Elmer's Night at 7 pm at the Cedar City Visitor's Center. All are welcome to attend. We are asking for volunteers to sign up and bring equipment.

2. Scout-a-Rama will be May 19. We are asking for volunteers willing to man the table and answer questions.

3. Dick Parker K7ZI told of another activity coming up. May 5 a 7QP Contest. There

are 8 states in the 7th call district involved.

4. Riki Kline K7NJ said that there are other QSL contests that can be done simultaneously.

5. Monti Rugebregt KG7WEN volunteered to bring snacks for next month. Michelle Arnold KG7YID will bring water. (A week after this meeting we were told that Monti will NOT be able to bring the refreshments.)

This part of the meeting concluded at 7:43 pm

Presentation: Linda (& George) gave a

presentation on the very basics of Radio Etiquette. She showed a You Tube Video that was cute and to the point. The information she presented is available on the RCARC Web site.

Close: Linda concluded her presentation and we concluded our meeting at 8:50 pm

Members in attendance: Attendance: Tom Adams KI7LUI, Brad Anderson KI6SFS, Michelle Arnold KG7YID, Bonnie Bain KI7WEX, Carolyn Bauer KG7YIB, Larry Bell N7SND, Tony Bennett KA7HGX, Brad Beidermann WA7HHE, Bruce Bishop KI7LUM, Don Blanchard WA7GTU, Daniel Carlson KI7LUR, Russ Chaffee N7BO, Shirleen Chaffee KB7QXB, Sylvia Clements KB7UMU, David Fuentes, George Gallis AL7BX, Fred Govedich KI7TPD, Brad Gunderson KD6SFS, Dave Harris N7NKK, Leo Harrison KC7RKU, Wayne Holcomb KI7QZA, Lance Jackson KA7J, Brody Johnson K7VXV, Jerel Johnson KI7SDA, Riki Kline K7NJ, Terry Lee KD7TTT, Bruce McDonald KI7DRB, Volney Morin KI7WEW, Tammy Nesmith KI7LVB, Tim Nesmith LI7LVC, Burton Nichols KI7DRA, Ed Padgett KK7ZL, Dick Parker K7ZI, Dennis Porter KA7QJN, Kevin Raines KG7HZZ, Monti Rugebregt KG7WEN, Fred Sheffield KF7GPZ, Darlene Shelley KI7WEZ, Ronald Shelley K7HDX, Linda Shokrian KG7PBX, Bill Stenger K6QOG, Scott Stephens KI7WFB, Kevin Truman KA7SWA.

#### Visitors / New Members:

Kevin Johnson, from Salt Lake area, working on a repeater site. Dave (introduced by Don Blanchard) served for 4 years, down from Panguitch. Scott Stephens KI7WFB, Dave Harris N7NKK Volney Morin KI7WEW

### **Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Communication Test Set for Saturday, May 12**

The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) will sponsor the traditional military/amateur

radio communication tests to mark the 67th annual Armed Forces Day (AFD) on Saturday, May 12. Armed Forces Day is May 19, but the AFD Crossband Military-Amateur Radio event traditionally takes place 1 week earlier in order to avoid conflicting with Hamvention. Complete information, including military stations, modes, and frequencies, is available on the US Army Mars website. The annual celebration is a unique opportunity to test two-way communication between radio amateurs and military stations (authorized under §97.111 of the Amateur Service rules). It features traditional military-to-amateur crossband SSB voice, CW, practice using legacy interoperability waveforms, and the opportunity for participating hams to utilize more modern military modes, such as MIL-STD Serial PSK and Automatic Link Establishment (ALE). Military stations and Amateur Radio stations are authorized to communicate directly on certain 60-meter interoperability channels. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and shortwave listeners (SWLs) a chance and a challenge to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly-controlled exercise scenario, and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station. QSL cards will be available for stations successfully contacting participating military stations. Military stations will transmit (USB, unless otherwise noted on the schedule) on selected military frequencies and will announce the specific amateur frequencies they are monitoring. MARS stressed that frequencies used for the test will not impact any public or private communications and will not stray outside the confines of the exercise.

#### **Have An Article?**

Read or have something interesting you want to share with the club? Send your ideas and links to Tim, KI7LVC at [bigkickincountry@gmail.com](mailto:bigkickincountry@gmail.com) or Tammy, KI7LVB at [msnezzy@gmail.com](mailto:msnezzy@gmail.com) 73 until next month!