The Villages Amateur Radio Club

General Membership Meeting

June 15, 2017
TVARC Business Meeting
Reports by Activity Leads

CHANGING REFLECTORS

Activity Lead: George Briggs (K2DM)
& Reflector’s moderator/support provider

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What is a reflector?

- An email forwarding application with archival capability
- Send an email to a central address, and it gets forwarded to everyone who has signed up for the list
- Provides subscribers with an easy way to communicate
  - Band openings
  - Items for sale
  - Upcoming events
  - Etc.

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OUR CURRENT REFLECTOR

- Is a Yahoo Group administered by K2DM
- Prospective members ask K2DM to add them to the Group
- A Yahoo Groups account is required

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WHY CHANGE?

• Inconsistent service from Yahoo Groups
  – A number of club members have complained about delayed messages and lost messages
• Yahoo has been taken over by Verizon, and the future quality of Yahoo Groups is in doubt
• Some club members simply have not wanted to join Yahoo Groups
• The procedures for joining the group are somewhat cumbersome

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WHERE WE GOING?

- MailList, hosted by QSL.net, utilizing mailman.qth.net
- Some club members have experienced MailList through other clubs
- The TVARC Board of Directors, plus a handful of others have been testing MailList for weeks
  - After tweaking some parameters, we have found the service to be reliable and consistent

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HOW WE GETTING THERE?

• It’s easy – K2DM will do all the up front work.
• He will transfer everyone’s email addresses from Yahoo Groups to the new ‘Mailman’ list.
• Everyone will receive a ‘Welcome’ email from ‘Mailman’ with a default password (toward the bottom of the email) AND instructions on how to administer your preferences.
• K2DM will also send a message via the Yahoo Groups reflector announcing that the new list is ready and explaining how to utilize it.
• There is nothing to join, just start sending messages to the new email address.
• All of this information will simultaneously be posted on the TVARC website.
• The Yahoo Groups reflector will be taken down shortly thereafter.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFO?

• Send questions to K2DM@ATT.NET
• Get general information about our new ‘Mailman’ list at:
  http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/tvarc

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