

# Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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## Minutes of the SARA Meeting September 14, 2011

### Call to order:

7:35PM

Ray Calkins N0RBT presiding.

18 members present.

### Introductions:

Casper Huang KF5GZL

### Announcements:

Bear Albrecht's Disclaimer: "For a full disclaimer go to  
<http://www.taosnet.com/ebear/disclaimer.html>"

Jim Boswell went to burning man and gave a report. He says he had a great time despite some mishaps.

Ray Calkins reports that coming out in October is a credit card sized ARM board running Linux. <http://www.raspberrypi.org/>

### Minutes:

**Dave Johnson made the motion to approve the August minutes as posted on the website. The motion was seconded and passed.**

### Treasurer:

Treasury: by Jim Lommen KC7QY

	<u>SARA Account</u>	<u>TARA Account</u>	<u>checkbook balance</u>
8/1/2011 balance:	<b>\$7,986.98</b>	\$320.08	\$8,124.98
Debits:	\$250.00	-	-\$250.00
Deposits:	\$15.00	-	\$15.00
9/1/2011 balance:	\$7,751.98	\$320.08	<b>\$7,431.90</b>

### Membership renewals due:

Finley Dave - N1IRZ

Past due:

Price, Seth - N3MRA  
Lilie, Paul - KE5UCI

ARES:

Vern Leavitt KD5UHB reports that Ares Members are still having their 8:00PM Wednesday night nets on the SARA repeater. HF nets are still being held on the second and fourth Sunday evenings at 7:30pm.

The state ARES people are looking for net control volunteers. They want to run a net every Sunday night.

They also have a trailer that Fred Hollis would like to have the equipment moved from to the Ambulance.

LEPC:

Doug May KF5AVG reports that the LEPC has a new chair, Jerry Ford. Doug will continue working with LEPC to work with independent businesses to try to make it possible for businesses to continue to serve the community even during an emergency and even if their primary location is destroyed. Businesses that he has in mind are important services such as pharmacies, grocery stores, electricians, and plumbers. LEPC meets on the third Thursdays of each month.

Charter School:

Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports that things are going extremely well. There are six students and 2 adults. The new ham shack is beginning to take shape. The books and study guides have arrived and the class has started. Jon explained the equipment that was to be set up, including a G5RV, and transceivers. He explained some of the logistics of installing the HF antenna and he is asking for volunteers and supplies.

TARA:

Bear Albrecht W5VZB, Kalman Oravec AJ5B and Brad Smith KD5JNI all report that there has been little or no TARA activity. Seth Price has been too busy to be active with TARA. There is a new club president, Wyatt Walker. Brad knows Wyatt and will try to have more information from him by the next meeting.

Old Business:

Hamfest:

Dave Johnson KB5YIW has done quite a bit of work. He has posted a calendar of what needs to be done. There is a link to the calendar from the SARA webpage. He says that he has received an email from Tom Frawley KA0YYP confirming the hall for the banquet. He says that Grab-n-Gourmet will be the vendor.

Jon Spargo KC5NTW reports that the fire academy had recruited Ed Wood KD5MF5 to run the event.

Penny Lommen reports that dinner has been reserved for Friday night. The menu will include brisket, beans, red and green chile, salad, rolls, and ice tea. It will cost \$8.95 a person and we will charge \$10.

Jim Boswell says that he will take care of coffee. The club has decided by consensus that ten dozen donuts should be enough.

New Business:

Dave Johnson KB5YIW says that in June of 2006 SARA raised it's annual dues from \$10 individual and \$15 for families to \$15 and \$20 respectively. He says that the fee was originally raised to compensate for the mailing of the newsletter and since that is no longer occurring and the Treasury is as healthy as it has ever been.

**Dave Johnson made the motion that we reduce the membership fees to the old rate of 10 individual and 15 for family. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Doug May KF5AV is asking for a for a 2 meter mobile rig for purchase or donation to his personal use.

Ray Calkins N0RBT suggests a club project. He suggest a balloon carrying an amateur radio package.

Other suggestions are a model rocket or plane, or a HF propagation beacon.

Adjournment: 8:42PM

Brad Smith KD5JNI  
Secretary