



W5AQA

**Minutes  
January 09, 2013**

Call to order

7:30 PM, President Ray Calkins, N0RBT presiding  
15 members, 2 guests present (see attachment 1)

Introductions

Sterling Coffey, N0SSC; Henry Newton, KC5WYA

Announcements

- It was noted that SARA was spotlighted in the Chamber news; that the Socorro fly-in got good press; and that KYRN would give us air time for a "Keeping Informed" spot. Jon Spargo, KC5NTW will look into that.

Approval of minutes for November 2012

(as posted at [www.socorroara.org](http://www.socorroara.org))

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 2012; motion passed.

Reports

- Treasury: Jim Lommen, KC7QY  
(see attachment 2, as submitted)
- ARES: Vern Leavitt, KD5UHB  
Nets operated as usual, with the exception that there was an issue with power in the radio room. Ray requested a membership form. Doug May, KFAVG, expressed a desire that ARES be more active, that drills be conducted and that an independent operating group be established.
- LEPC: Doug May, KFAVG  
Doug notes that the LEPC is planning on upgrading its emergency response capability, and that the State DHS is pushing for better and up to date plans. Jim Lommen made note of the recent QST article about interacting with LEPCs.
- Charter School: Jon Spargo, KC5NTW  
Jon says of his 6 to 7 students that one who has his technician license is now studying for General; he notes that the antenna system at the school needs some work.
- D-STAR: Prescott Grey, W1PCG  
Prescott made note of the Icom special deal for a 1.2 GHz system that was recently ordered, and that Ray & Anne had been working with DRATS

- TARA Billy Valliant, KF5IVN  
Billy notes that an upcoming renovation to Presidents Hall will likely force a relocation of TARA. Several alternatives appear to be under consideration, including the old KTEK facility. The suggestion was made that Bob Tacker be approached.

#### Old Business

- 'Blitz' license session(s)  
Jim Boswell states that the plan is for him to teach the theory and for Grey to cover the rules. Grey will send a press release to Ray Calkins for distribution.
- Radio Room technical considerations  
A white paper was circulated to solicit comments. Bear notes that a second Icom 718 & 706 (with RIGblaster Advantage) have been added to the radio room.
- Hamfest committee  
Grey was appointed as Chair

#### New Business

- Input from the floor  
None
- Field Day committee  
Jim Boswell was appointed Chair; wants sub-chair to be in charge of food. Will be fourth full weekend in June (22nd, 23rd).

#### Good of the Organization/Other

- Input from the floor  
Grey suggested these two new chairs be added to list of reports, and that all reports be written and presented to the secretary before the meeting, the object being to get "more ham" and less business at our meetings.

#### Adjournment

8:17 PM  
Prescott Grey, W1PCG  
Secretary

Attachment 1

SARA sign-in 9 January 2013

Grey	W1PC6	HERE!
N/A	LANNEN	KC7QY
Ray	Calhoun	NØRBT
Bear	Albrecht	W5VZB
Jon	Spang	KC5NTW
Doug	M88	KP5AVG
Brad	Smith	KD5JNI
Vern	Pearitt	KD5UHB
James	Buswell	KAS5IW
HENRY	NEWTON	KC5WYA
STERLING	COFFEY	NØSSC@arrl.net
William	Valliant	KFSINN
Clarence	Seagraves	AA5RH
PAULA	RILEY	MORAL SUPPORT
Kalman	Oravec	AJ5B
Al	Brauer	AC5BX
Glenn	MAAGER	WB5OAF

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**Socorro Amateur Radio Association  
Treasurer's Report  
December 31, 2012**

<b>Transactions</b>			<b>Debits</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Balance</b>
mo - yr					
December-12		Opening Balance			<b>8,304.53</b>
<b>Debits</b>					
	Check				
19-Dec	565	Socorro Chamber of Commerce	80.00		
<b>Total Debits</b>			<b>80.00</b>		
Note: HF = Hamfest related					
<b>Deposits</b>					
<b>Total Deposits</b>				0.00	
31-Dec		Statement	8,304.53		
<b>Outstanding</b>					
19-Dec	565	Socorro Chamber of Commerce	80.00		
Total Outstanding checks			80.00		
31-Dec		Checkbook balance	<b>8,224.53</b>		<b>8,224.53</b>
		Adjusted CB Balance	8,304.53		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Dec		TARA Balance			<b>376.08</b>
31-Dec		<b>SARA Balance less TARA</b>			<b>7,848.45</b>

**Renewals Due -**

Leavitt	Vern	KD5UHB

**Renewal Past Due**

Giles	Bear	KB5VIE
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Huang	Casper	KF5GVL
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP
Rader	Al	WA5POL

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**Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer**