



**MINUTES (as amended 13 NOV 2013)
October 9, 2013**

W5AQA

Call to order

7:30 PM, President Dave Johnson, KB5YIW, presiding
12 members, no guests present (see attachment 1)

Introductions

None

Program: David Johnson (KB5YIW): *SARA - Who Are We And What Do We Do?*

Jon Spargo pointed out that awards were/could be given at banquet. Charter school might be useful as club station. Same for TARA station. Results of the survey are available on the SARA website. Penny would like to see more spouse participation. With respect to the Charter School, Jon could use some help getting interest from home schooling and other schools in Socorro. He points out that Elmers assigned early in the training process would be beneficial.

Business Meeting

Minutes for September 2013 approved with no discussion (as emailed to the membership and posted at www.socorroara.org)

Announcements

Many thanks to the labeling party, especially to Al & Sandy. Dave picked up some material from Luis Aguilar that is being donated to the club, including 1) Vertical antenna, 2) Coaxial cable, different lengths, sizes (used and new), 3) MFJ-04 Econo Keyer, 4) GODBOUT, 12V 8A Power Supply and 5) NYE Viking Phone Patch, Model 250-0046-001/3. Items 3, 4 and 5 with schematics and instructions. Jon is going to meet with Stan Bryn to pick up some used equipment for donation to the club.

Reports

- **Treasury** Jim Lommen, KC7QY
See attachment 2 (as submitted).
- **ARES** Doug May, KF5AVG
See attachments 3 & 3A. There was a training exercise of a simulated fire near Hop Canyon. ARES callout was not activated. Don Hinsman sent a note that was forwarded to Doug May and Jim Lommen: "As you are aware, there is now a large and growing number of D-Star repeaters in New Mexico. In Santa Fe, we are particular enthusiastic about the potential D-Star brings to ARES and RACES. The repeaters strengthen our toolbox. The purpose of this email is to seek your agreement that in times of an emergency your repeater could be used by ARES and RACES groups. Given the tremendous linking capability in the D-Star system, state-wide connections and specialized regional and local connections are easily possible. One obvious new capability is to use the built in Multicast to quickly send state-wide alert and other messages."
- **Emergency Management** Bear Albrecht, W5VZB
No report.
- **Charter School** Jon Spargo, KC5NTW
Humming along.
- **TARA** Billy Valliant, KF5IVN

Facilities removed the antennae from the roof of President's Hall, and had begun installing the broken HF antenna on the SAC building before I stopped them and got the antenna. I am working on refurbishing and prepping for another 5 years service. I think that there are some antenna parts in Dave's garage that are for the Alpha Delta that I now have; I would like to come by and riffle through those boxes for chokes and parallel dipole spacers. The student government has approved the TARA budget of \$701 proposed to them and hopefully some Tech students will show up at the ham fest for the VE session. Not a one of them has let me know if they are really going or not, but expect at least 1. KTEK is attempting to get their license back so they can begin to broadcast, and there may be a conflict for real estate on the roof of the SAC if they do, as TARA will be using the old mounting points that KTEK used for their end fed AM broadcast antenna. However, something will be worked if this becomes an issue.

- **Hamfest**
 - **Tasks & Timeline** Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Major tasks not covered: Doug needs help with signs; Icom display and Silent Auction need monitoring.
 - **Mailout** Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Mostly done, thanks to many volunteers, and TARA. Waiting on Post Office.
 - **Banquet** Penny Lommen
All set. Insurance certificate in. Penny could use help starting at 4 Friday afternoon. Notes again, **trash must be taken out.**
 - **Signs** Doug May, KF5AVG
No report.
- **Sevilleta Special Event** Jim Lommen, KC7QY
Canceled. N5B will be operated from home stations. Jim will send some info by email.

Old Business

- **Hamfest**
Grey will buy 5 dozen donuts.

New Business

- **Other**
Two meter '68' repeater needs to be moved.

Good of the Organization/Other

- **Input from the floor**
We need to apply for rebate from Chamber.

Adjournment

8:47 PM
Prescott Grey, W1PCG
Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report August 31, 2013

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
August-13		Opening Balance			8,738.56
Debits					
	Check				
11-Sep	573	D Johnson - HF Labels	39.82		
11-Sep	574	J Lommen - HF Prizes	1669.03		
19-Sep	575	Socorro Chamber of Commerce Dues	80.00		
		Total Debits	1788.85		
Deposits					
18-Sep		Dues - Johnson, Rader, Robert Greiner		30.00	
		Total Deposits		30.00	
31-Aug		Statement	6,979.71		
Outstanding					
		Total Outstanding checks	-		
31-Aug		Checkbook balance	6,979.71		6,979.71
		Adjusted CB Balance	6,979.71		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
31-Aug		TARA Balance		Current	241.24
31-Aug		SARA Balance less TARA			6,738.47

Renewals Due - October		

Renewal Past Due		
Boswell	Jim	KA5SIW
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP
Starhardt	Eric	KF5QLI

Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer

Attachment 3

To:

Mike Scales	K5SCA	SEC	Dave Johnson	KB5YIW	SARA President
Bill Kauffman	W5ATM	Section Manager	Prescott Grey	W1PCG	SARA Secretary
Jay Miller	W5LEF	Traffic Mngr, ASEC	Bear Albrecht	W5VZB	Socorro EOC Mngr
Jim Lommen	KC7QY	Socorro EC	Fred Hollis,		Socorro County EM

Socorro County ARES Report For September, 2013

On Sept. 15 we participate in the NM ARES/RACES, 3939 Net from our base station W5AQA in the Socorro County EOC. The Sept. 1 net was cancelled because of Labor Day.

We participate in the Socorro ARES 146.680 MHz Nets on the first, third and fourth Wednesdays at 8:00 PM.

Al Braun AC5BX and Doug May KF5AVG handled Winlink messages during the month.

Participation of ARES Members and Others in Various Events

Event	Socorro ARES	Others	Total
3 Wednesday ARES Nets	16	4	20
3 rd Sunday NM ARES Net	2		2
Sept. 11 Club meeting	7	8	15
Sept. 17 Training Session	5		5
Sept. 29 SSB contact with Capilla Peak	2		2
WinLink messages passed	3		3
Tri-County ARES Nets	6	-	-

Every Thursday we listen to the tri-county (Valencia, Socorro & Torrance Counties) net at 7:30 PM using the Upper Rio FM Society linked repeaters: Capilla Peak 146,960 MHz, Tapia Mesa 47.060 MHz near Clines Corners, SE Albuquerque 146.90 MHz and Mount Taylor 146.94 MHz. Charlie Lyon NM5CL is net control. In Socorro we can hear Capilla Peak 146.96 clearly and respond on 146.68 because the Capilla Peak repeater does not receive us. We plan to continue this net on a weekly basis, hoping that the Capilla Peak repeater can be examined and adjusted. On Sunday, September 29 Doug May KF5AVG with a hand-held transceiver, on Capilla Peak communicated with Al Braun AC5BX in Socorro on 146.96 SSB. There was some static, but the messages were easily readable.

The Socorro County ARES group continues to meet with the Socorro Amateur Radio Association on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Socorro County Annex. Prescott Grey W1PCG gave a presentation on project management.

Socorro ARES has monthly Training Sessions at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday at the County EOC. On Sept. 17 Al Braun AC5BX led a discussion at our monthly training class on WinLink. 5 attended.

Doug May KF5AVG
Socorro DEC

Attachment 3A

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Socorro County Month: September Year: 2013

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 17 Change since last month: _____ (+, -, or same)

Local Net Name: Socorro County ARES Net Total sessions 4

NTS liaison is maintained with the NM Roadrunner HF Net & NM ARES HF Net

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 3 Person hours 14

Number of public service events this month: _____ Person hours _____

Number of emergency operations this month: _____ Person hours _____

Total number of ARES operations this month: _____ Total Person hours 14

Comments:

Signature: Doug May Title: (EC or DEC) DEC Call sign: KF5AVG

Please send to your SEC or DEC as appropriate by 2nd of the month FSD-212 (1-04)

Mike,

I am not sure I correctly understand a few terms. What is the definition of:

1. a session
2. an event
3. an operation

Thanks,

Doug KF5AVG