



## MINUTES March 12, 2014

W5AQA

### Call to order

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

### Introductions

The group welcomed members Bob Hughes, KF5VGX, and Howard Peavey, K9PV

### Demonstration

*Creating and Appreciating Topographic Profiles* (Johnson, KB5YIW)

### Business Meeting

Minutes for February 2014 (as emailed to the membership and posted at [www.socorroara.org](http://www.socorroara.org)) approved with the provision that Vern's Spring Fling & suggestion for a special event station to be added.

### Announcements

- **SB 19**  
Texting while driving bill passed, with provisions to exempt ham radio operators.
- **Member Expiration Notifications**  
Dave, KB5YIW, sent emails to those SARA members whose membership has expired is close to expiring.
- **Steve Welch, SK**  
Prescott, W1PCG, showed some photographs of some equipment that Susie Welch, XYL of SK Steve Welch, KC5YIG, would like to sell. This included a Tristao T354 tower, a Kenwood TS-830S and a Ten-TEC Argosy. She would also appreciate help removing an antenna that has fallen onto the roof of her house.
- **Other**  
Dave, KB5YIW, spoke about the NM emergency communication net, including the '175' machine on Socorro Peak. Dave says that, according to Bill Boedecker, the funds for linking these machines have failed to materialize. Dave remarks that it would be nice to support efforts to link these repeaters. Jon, KC5NTW, and Dave suggest we should approach Don Tripp and other legislators to get support from the state. Brad, KD5JNI, and Howard, K9PV discussed the seismometer equipment at NMT that failed in January. The failure is a function of software in an antiquated GPS receiver. Howard says that new equipment will be installed east of the river in the vicinity of the recent quake. Jim, KC7QY, recently renewed the club license, which required that FRN be changed to belong to the club, not to an individual. Dave reminded report-givers that long reports should be delivered in writing before the end of the month so they could be included in the news letter. The expectation is that this will allow for shorter oral reports during our business meetings.

## Reports

- Treasury Jim Lommen, KC7QY  
See attachment 2 (as submitted).
- ARES Doug May, KF5AVG  
See attachments 3 & 3A.

Report on the Socorro ARES Participation in the "Cascading Events Exercise" in Socorro March 4-7, 2014: The NM Department of Agriculture conducted an emergency training exercise in Socorro. Glenn Mauger WB5OAF operated the radios in the Socorro County mobile command vehicle at the fairgrounds on Thursday and Friday. Jim Lommen KC5QY, Luis Aguilar WD5JMD and Doug May KF5AVG served in the radio room at the County EOC on Thursday. There were always two present from 9:20 AM to 4:50 PM. Bill Brundage NM5WB contacted 6 members as possible backup operators. Charlie Lyon NM5CL from Los Lunas and George Cusack K6GTC from Mountainair had volunteered to come if needed. Our participation could have expanded in at least two ways: 1) if we were needed for a second evening shift or 2) if operators with handhelds were needed in the field. However, it was not necessary to call any of our backups. We handled no emergency traffic, but had regular contact with the mobile command vehicle to confirm that all radios were operational.

Socorro ARES recently received a new member, Eric Stargardt KF5RCN, bringing our total membership to 18. We are looking for new members, licensed radio operators that are willing to train and respond to emergencies when called. There are a variety of ways to serve. We need operators for:

- 2 meter and 70 cm in the field and at base stations
- Simplex traffic should we lose our repeater
- HF traffic to serve in the EOC or at a home base station
- Setting up repeaters in the field
- Handling packet messages

Our primary goal is to provide communication support for Socorro County Emergency Management. We are also preparing to provide communication support for the Red Cross, Salvation Army or any other organizations responding to a disaster. Our desire is to cooperate with New Mexico State ARES and our neighboring counties, Valencia, Torrance, Lincoln, Sierra and Catron. Our regular monthly activities include:

- 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday evening ARES radio net at 8:00 PM on the Socorro repeater
- 146.68 kHz – (100)
- Thursday Tri-County ARES net at 7:30 PM on the Capilla Peak repeater, 146.96 kHz – (100) or the crossband connection at 446.250 kHz (123)
- 1st and 3rd Sundays, New Mexico ARES HF net at 5:00 PM, winter or 7:30 PM summer at 3939 kHz using the HF transceiver at the County Annex or your base station.
- 2nd and 4th Sundays, New Mexico ARES, message handling using ARQ software for digital modes
- Our training sessions are at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the County Annex.

For more information contact:

- Jim Lommen, EC KC7QY at 575-838-0091 or
- Doug May, DEC KF5AVG at 575-835-9648

- Charter School** **Jon Spargo, KC5NTW**  
 We still have two students. One adult, and one from the school. We are at a point where we are taking practice exams and are getting nearer to the point where we will need a VE session. The question is: are there enough others to warrant the club scheduling a spring VE session or should I contact Charles Lyon (NM5CL) of the Valencia County club? Answer required by next meeting.
- TARA** **Billy Valliant, KF5IVN**  
 Experimented with the St. Pius ATV equipment and some HF activities; the school had turned off the TARA web site and it should be back up this week.
- 2014 Hamfest** **Prescott Grey, W1PCG**  
 Time line for VE, ARRL and RACES/ARES same as last year with same room assignments. Task list is a work in progress. Table fee will remain at \$10. Note: Darryl Clutter wants 8 tables. Dave Finley is planning on being MC. Henry will be the official photographer. Dave will do labels once again. Penny will report on Bodega at the next meeting. Timeline will be similar to last year. Special sessions not yet arranged. One technical session might address mesh networking. Suggestions for sessions welcomed. Task list will be circulated. A good speaker is of interest. Suggestions welcome. Harrison Schmitt and Richard Branson were mentioned as possibilities.
- Nominating Committee** **Billy Valliant, KF5IVN**  
 Jim Boswell did all of the leg work for the new club officers and all members have agreed to run another term. Hank Newton has offered to edit the newsletter as long as people send him the information from their respective functions within the club. If Dave Johnson gets re-elected for another term as president, there is still the position of the 'past president' needing to be filled.

## **Old Business**

- SARA Scholarships (Prescott Grey, W1PCG & Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)**  
 Prescott, W1PCG, suggests this should be dropped due to lack of interest.
- Term of Membership – See Appendix A (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)**  
 Moved and accepted to be on agenda for May meeting as written.
- Inventory (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW & Brad Smith, KD5JNI)**  
 Please fill out inventory sheets.
- Generating Funding (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW & Prescott Grey, W1PCG)**  
 No \$ from Amazon yet, although several of us have purchased using 'smile'.
- Spring Fling Special Event Station (Jim Lommen, KC7QY)**  
 Jim will get one up if we have operators, need place to setup.

## **New Business**

- Field Day Committee (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)**  
 Field Day committee required; Jon Spargo volunteers to be chef.

- Summer Family Events (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)  
Dave reminds us the the club expressed an interest in an early fall event, perhaps at Water Canyon.

**Good of the Organization/Other**

- Input from the floor  
Doug May, KF5AVG, was wondering if we could participate at Career day at the High School.

**Adjournment**

9:03 PM

Prescott Grey, W1PCG

Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association

## Appendix A

### BYLAWS Socorro Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

[Proposed changes in blue.](#)

#### ARTICLE I: OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation shall be established and maintained at 722 N. California St. Socorro, in the County of Socorro, State of New Mexico. This location may be amended by the membership or the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE II: MEMBERS

**Section 1 — Eligibility:** All persons with a bona fide interest in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership in the corporation. Dues and privileges of members shall be determined from time to time by the membership or the Board of Directors, provided that changes shall not be effective until at least 30 days after such action.

**Section 2 — Classes of Membership:** Members may be either Individual Members or Family Members. Family members residing at the same address, including nonresident students who maintain legal residence at that address, qualify for Family Membership, but each individual who is to be considered a Family Member must be specified upon joining or renewal.

**Section 3 — Rights of Members:** All members of record (whether individual or family) are eligible to run for office subject to the specified requirements for officers; may vote in elections of the corporation and on all matters of business brought before the membership; and have equal access to the facilities of the corporation.

For the purpose of mailings and announcements of pending corporate election or business, all family members will be regarded as notified by one notice sent to the mail or email address of record for each Family Membership.

**Section 4 — Dues:** Individual Membership is set at \$10 per year. Dues for Family Memberships are \$15 per year and this amount covers all qualified family members. The corporation may, by a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the corporation. [To maintain membership privileges, renewals are due on or before the anniversary date of membership. Lapsed members will be carried on the membership roles for 45 days after which they will be dropped from the membership list and must reapply for membership.](#)

**Deleted:** Nonpayment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for loss of membership in the corporation.

**Section 5 — Transfer of Membership:** Membership shall not be transferable.

**Section 6 — Membership Record Date:** In order that the corporation may determine the members entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of members or any adjournment thereof, or to express consent to corporate action in writing without a meeting, or entitled to receive allotment of any rights, or for the purpose of any other lawful action, a membership must be recorded 30 days prior to the day of such meeting, or other action.



## Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report February 28, 2014

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
February-14		Opening Balance			8,696.40
<b>Debits</b>					
	Check				
12-Feb	583	J Lommen - HF Supplies	85.58		
17-Feb	584	B Milesosky - NM QP Award Sponsorship	30.00		
<b>Total Debits</b>			<b>115.58</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>					
13-Feb		Dues: Rehnert, Leavitt (Fm), Braun (Fm)		80.00	
		E. Stargardt (4 yrs)			
<b>Total Deposits</b>				80.00	
28-Feb		Statement	8,690.82		
<b>Outstanding</b>					
17-Feb	584	B Milesosky - NM QP Award Sponsorship	30.00		
Total Outstanding checks			30.00		
28-Feb		Checkbook balance	<b>8,660.82</b>		<b>8,660.82</b>
		Adjusted CB Balance	8,690.82		
		Statement - Adj CB Bal	-		
28-Feb		TARA Balance		Current	<b>441.08</b>
28-Feb		<b>SARA Balance less TARA</b>			<b>8,219.74</b>

**Renewals Due -February**

Renewal Past Due		
Standefer	Ralph	N5PNG
Frawley	Tom	KA0YYP

**Jim Lommen KC7QY - Treasurer**

To:

Mike Scales K5SCA SEC Dave Johnson KB5YIW SARA President  
Bill Kauffman W5YEJ 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 February, 2014

On 1st and 3rd Sunday evenings we participate in the NM ARES/RACES, 3939 Net from our base station W5AQA in the Socorro County EOC.

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

Al Braun AC5BX handled Winlink messages during the month.

Doug May KF5AVG attended the meeting about Code Red Emergency Alert system for the County

#### Participation of ARES Members and Others in Various Events

Event	Socorro ARES	Others	Total
3 Wednesday Socorro ARES Nets	23	7	30
1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday NM ARES Nets	6		6
Feb. 12 Club meeting	12	7	19
Feb. 18 Training Session	7		7
Feb. 20 County LEPC meeting	4		4
2nd & 4th Sundays WinLink net	2		2
4 Thursday Tri-County ARES Nets	17		17

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 147.060 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 or use the 446.250 crossband repeater to hit the Capilla Peak repeater.

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. Al Braun AC5BX made a presentation on Winlink.

The Feb. 20 LEPC meeting heard a presentation by Kerry Jones NOAA meteorologist about possible 2014 long range weather patterns.

We welcomed Eric Stargardt KF5RCN as a new member of ARES.

Doug May KF5AVG  
Socorro DEC

Attachment 3A

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Socorro County      Month: February      Year: 2014

**AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE**

Total number of ARES members: 18      Change since last month: + 1 (+,-, or same)

Local Net Name: Socorro County ARES Net      Total sessions 14

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

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 14      Person hours 46

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 46

Comments:

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

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

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**SESSIONS** are training meetings, drills or other times that the team gets together to practice their skills.

**EVENTS** are planned actions (fairs, rally, races, etc) that the team participates in for communications.

**OPERATIONS** are emergency activations by the EOC or Emergency Manger or other official requesting assistance from ARES for communications.