



W5AQA

## MINUTES April 9, 2014

### Call to order

7:30 PM, Vice-President Brad Smith, KD5JNI, presiding  
16 members, no guests present (see attachment 1)

### Introductions

The group welcomed Tom Rehnert, N5PLX

### Program

James Lommen, KC7QY, "Radiosport"

### Business Meeting

Minutes for March 2014 approved (as emailed to the membership and posted at [www.socorroara.org](http://www.socorroara.org))

### Announcements

NM QSO Party: April 12, 2014; 8am – 8pm  
Rotary wine tasting, Friday 4/25 at the Bodega  
ARES Tuesday 4/15 EOC; ARES members need to get ICS courses  
Total eclipse of the moon, 4/14, ~11:30pm

**Reports** (5 minutes each; detailed written reports must be submitted to newsletter editor on or before the first of each month)

- **Treasury** **Jim Lommen, KC7QY**  
See attachment 2 (as submitted); note that the money approved from Lodger's Tax has been received.
- **ARES** **Doug May, KF5AVG**  
See attachments 3 & 3A. Doug reiterates the need for better communication with Valencia County, including the need for reciprocal coverage of multi-shift events.
- **Emergency Management** **Eric Albrecht, W5VZB**  
No report
- **Charter School** **Jon Spargo, KC5NTW**  
Charter School held its last session for the school year today. The two students are ready for the VE session on Saturday the 12th. We have one going for Technician and one going for General; Jon notes that the General candidate just took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the State Science Fair, Junior Division. Jon notes that this coming year there are some challenges, including a new Technician exam pool and a new Charter School Principal.
- **TARA** **Billy Valliant, KF5IVN**  
A ham test has been organized for this coming weekend, 4/12, 9am in Speer 15.

- **2014 Hamfest** **Prescott Grey, W1PCG**  
Jim Boswell has agreed to run the silent auction. If there is a lot of junk, perhaps it could have a table out in the tailgate area. Penny Lommen has talked with the Bodega about their Texas Barbeque, which includes Brisket, Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Ranch Beans and Cole Slaw. A vegetarian option is available: Pasta with mushrooms or Pasta with eggplant. The per-person charge is \$15. A 20% gratuity is charged, and there is a \$100 fee for room setup. This means we should charge our guests \$20/head. We can provide our own dessert if we wish. A cash bar will be available with beer, wine, and a few liquors. There is no projector, but there is a screen; the speaker system apparently leaves a lot to be desired. Up to 5 additional can be accommodated at the door. We will try to implement an online reservation prepay system. A motion was passed to approve this venue and menu. We still need to find a reasonably high-profile key speaker.

### **Old Business**

- **Nominations (Nominating Committee)**  
All five current directors have agreed to accept nominations to their current positions: Dave Johnson, President; Brad Smith, Vice-President; Jim Lommen, Treasurer; Prescott Grey, Secretary; Ray Calkins, Past President. Henry Newton has agreed to be the News Letter editor starting with the June issue, with the caveat that he expects people to contribute.
- **Spring Fling Special Event Station (Jim Lommen, KC7QY)**  
Saturday & Sunday 4/26-27, 9 to 6. Jim would like volunteer operators.
- **Other**  
D-STAR updates (including Heartbleed patch when available) & backups require trip to mountain.

### **New Business**

- **Other**  
Need to investigate status of battery for 146.68 machine. Trip scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Good of the Organization/Other**

- **Input from the floor**  
Grey pointed out that all Extras not having VE credentials should consider getting them. There was some discussion about having a joint Field Day with Valencia County; A motion was approved to have Jon Spargo and Doug May investigate field day options and report back.

### **Adjournment**

8:55 PM  
Prescott Grey, W1PCG  
Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association



## Socorro Amateur Radio Association Treasurer's Report March 31, 2014

Transactions			Debits	Deposits	Balance
mo - yr					
March-14	Opening Balance				8,660.82
<b>Debits</b>					
12-Mar	585	J Lommen - W5AQA renewal	16.10		
<b>Total Debits</b>			<b>16.10</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>					
14-Mar	Dues: Spargo (2yrs), May (2yrs), Grey (2yrs)			80.00	
	Peavy, Hughes				
21-Mar	Dues: Caldwell; Lodgers Tax Refund (\$1,000)			1010.00	
<b>Total Deposits</b>				<b>1090.00</b>	
31-Mar	Statement		9,734.72		
<b>Outstanding</b>					
Total Outstanding checks			-		
31-Mar	Checkbook balance		9,734.72		9,734.72
	Adjusted CB Balance		9,734.72		
	Statement - Adj CB Bal		-		
31-Mar	TARA Balance			Current	441.08
31-Mar	<b>SARA Balance less TARA</b>				<b>9,293.64</b>

Renewals Due -April		
Aguilar	Luis	WB5JMD - PAID
Mauger	Glenn	WB5OAF

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 March, 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. The following served as net control: Dave Johnson KB5YIW, Al Braun AC5BX and Jon Spargo KC5NTW.

Al Braun AC5BX handled Winlink messages during the month.

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

Event	Socorro ARES	Others	Total
3 Wednesday Socorro ARES Nets	25	9	34
Mar. 6 NM DOA Exercise	6		6
1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday NM ARES Nets	6		6
Mar. 12 SARA meeting	7	7	14
Mar. 14 unannounced simplex exercise	9		9
Mar. 18 Training Session	6		6
Mar. 20 County LEPC meeting	3		3
Mar. 20, 22 Simplex Exercise	6	4	10
2nd & 4th Sundays WinLink net	1		1
4 Thursday Tri-County ARES Nets	9		9

March 4-7 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.

On March 14 we checked simplex contacts between home bases and the hospital and the Youth Center shelter. The following participated: Luis Aguilar WB5JMD, Bear Albrecht W5VZB, Bill

Brundage NM5WB, Dave Johnson KB5YIW, Vern Leavitt KD5UHB, Jim Lommen KC7QY, Doug May KF5AVG, Brad Smith KD5JNI and Eric Stargardt KF5RCN.

Every Thursday we participate in 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. 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. Dave Johnson WB5YIW made a presentation on using Google Earth maps to create elevation profiles to determine line of sight capability between two points.

On Thursday, March 20 and Saturday, March 22 the following from Socorro participated with Valencia County ARES in simple exercises: Al Braun AC5BX, Dave Johnson KB5YIW, Luis Aguilar WB5JMD, Bill Brundage NM5WB, Eric Stargardt KF5RCN and Doug May KF5AVG.

Doug May KF5AVG  
Socorro DEC

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Socorro County      Month: March      Year: 2014

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

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

Local Net Name: Socorro County ARES Net      Total sessions 16 ,

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

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month: 16      Person hours 76

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 76

Comments:    See attachement

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.