



## MINUTES March 11, 2015

W5AQA

### Call to order

7:30 PM, President Dave Johnson, KB5YIW, presiding  
14 members, 3 guests present (see attachment 1)

### Introductions

Tom Hyden, Robin Harrison, JR Seeger

### Program

Tom Hyden and Robin Harrison: *Walking tour of the Camino de Santiago*

### Business Meeting

Minutes for February 11, 2015 approved (as emailed to the membership and posted at [www.socorroara.org](http://www.socorroara.org))

### Reports

- Smith's Rewards – Jim Lommen, KC7QY
  - Register online at [www.smithscommunityrewards.com](http://www.smithscommunityrewards.com) (Customers must have a registered Smith's rewards card account to link to your organization. If you do not yet have a Smith's rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Smith's.
  - If you have not previously established your online Smith's account:
  - Click "Register" in the upper right corner on [website](#). Sign up for a Smith's Rewards Account by entering your email address, creating a password. Enter your zip code in the "Your location", selecting your favorite store, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
  - A message to check your email inbox will appear, Check your email account, you must click on the link within the body of the email.
  - Click on "Sign in" located in the upper right corner and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
  - After logging into your online Smith's account, click on "My Account" (this will appear when you are signed into your account replacing the sign in box).
  - In Account Summary click on "Edit" rewards Card and input your Smith's rewards card number if it is not already entered. Confirm your information.
  - Click on "Edit" Community Rewards (last selection on Account Summary)
  - Enter a NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number (**24302**) or a few letters of the organizations name, select organization from list and click on "Enroll".
  - To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the Account Summary page.

- Treasury  
See attachment 2 (as submitted)

Jim Lommen, KC7QY

- ARES  
See attachment 3

Al Braun, AC5BX

- Charter School  
Jon currently has four students.

Jon Spargo, KC5NTW

- **Report of the 2/25/15 Board Mtg. Dave Johnson, KB5YIW**  
Dave noted that during the Board meeting of 2/25/15 (see the minutes appended to the 2/11/15 regular minutes) the Board concluded that it should take prime responsibility for organizing events such as Field Day and Hamfest, and to that end would hold monthly meetings that all members are welcomed to attend.

## Old Business

- **2015 Hamfest and Prize Allocation Prescott, Grey, W1PCG**  
Bodega will once again be the venue for the banquet. The Fire Academy remains the venue for the Hamfest itself. The Hamfest has been sanctioned. A motion was made and approved that Jim Lommen be allowed a budget of up to \$1500.00 for Hamfest prizes. Seminars over & beyond ARES & ARRL need to be identified. Whatever event schedule is developed needs several sets of eyes to assure readability. Access to Tech's frank needs confirmation. Dave Johnson will arrange for flier labels. Members are urged to attend Board meetings that deal with Hamfest minutia. The task list is available at SARA's web site: <http://www.socorroara.org/temp/Task%20List-2015.pdf>.

- **NM QSO Party to the Field Jim Lommen, KC7QY**  
New Mexico QSO party is held each year the second Saturday of April, 8AM to 8PM MDT. The objective is for stations in New Mexico to work as many stations as possible. Stations outside work only New Mexico stations in as many counties as possible. The organizers, this year hosted by Rocky Ham Radio - New Mexico, encourage activating all 33 New Mexico counties. Activations are from home stations, mobile stations generally moving from county to county, and by Expedition stations set up field day style specifically for the contest period. This year SARA will activate Catron county from Datil Well campground. All members and visitors are welcome to come out and, if they wish, take a turn at operating.

Full rules and information are available at: <http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/> The group site is reserved for both Friday and Saturday nights.

## New Business

- **Labor Day Car Rally JR Seeger**  
A 2-day car rally is being organized for Labor Day weekend, 2015. The organizers believe that communications along the route would be beneficial. SARA will consider feasibility.
- **Nominating Committee Dave Johnson, KB5YIW**  
Doug May, Clarence Seagraves, Jon Spargo volunteered to be on the nominating committee; the new slate is due at our April meeting.
- **Proposed change to the Bylaws (see Appendix A) Dave Johnson, KB5YIW**  
Changes as appended to the 2/11/15 regular minutes:  
"The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of members and directors, and all other notices required by law or by these Bylaws, and in case of his or her absence, or refusal or neglect to do so, any such notice may be given by any person thereunto directed by the President, or by the directors, or members, upon whose requisition the meeting is called as provided by these Bylaws. He or she shall record all of the meetings of the corporation and of directors and these records shall be held in printed or digital form as a record of association actions in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall affix the seal to all instruments requiring it, when authorized by the directors or the President, and attest the same. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the Bylaws up to date, and to make available to those who request these a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws."

Grey moved, and Boswell seconded, that the changes as presented shall be brought to our May meeting for approval. Motion passed.

- Next VE session?

Jon Spargo, KC5NTW

A VE session is scheduled for 1:00 pm, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Charter School.

**Adjournment**

9:16 PM

Prescott Grey, W1PCG

Secretary, Socorro Amateur Radio Association





# Net/Meeting Participation Report

## from 2015.02.01 to 2015.02.28

			SARA only	SARA & ARES	ARES only	Total
145	2015.02.26	NM ARES Simplex Net	1	1	2	7
144	2015.02.26	Tri-County ARES Net	3	3	4	17
143	2015.02.25	Socorro County ARES Net	10	8	8	11
141	2015.02.21	MARS/ARES National Exercise	3	3	3	9
140	2015.02.18	Socorro County ARES Net	9	7	7	12
139	2015.02.15	New Mexico ARES/EMCOM Net	4	4	6	23
138	2015.02.12	Tri-county ARES net	6	6	8	22
142	2015.02.11	SARA Meeting	13	7	7	14
137	2015.02.05	Tri-County ARES Net	5	5	6	17
136	2015.02.04	Socorro County ARES Net	6	5	5	7
135	2015.02.01	New Mexico ARES/EMCOM Net	4	4	6	14
Participation Totals			64	53	62	153

Monthly DEC/EC Report

Jurisdiction: Socorro County Month: February Year: 2015

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE

Total number of ARES members: 18 Change since last month: 0 (+, -, or same)

Local Net Name: Socorro County ARES Net Total sessions 3

NTS liaison is maintained with the NM ARES HF Net

Number of drills, tests and training sessions this month 10 Person hours 31

Number of public service events this month: 0 Person hours ?

Number of emergency operations this month: Person hours

Total number of ARES operations this month: 10 Total Person hours 22

Comments:

Signature: Al Braun Title: (EC or DEC) DEC Call sign: AC5BX

Please send to your SEC or DEC as appropriate by 2nd 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.