



COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 1855, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636



CARA General Membership Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President NJ7C. Other officers present where Vice President AD7HZ and Member at Large KD7OED. Treasurer KD7TDL and Secretary KE7JNB had excused absences.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by KD7HAB to accept the minutes of February meeting as published in the Smoke. The motion was seconded by KC7GTY and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: President NJ7C read the Treasurer's report as provided by KD7TDL. The current account balances are as follows:

Current Balance: Checking	\$10,293.60
Current Balance Savings	\$ 4,125.20
Current Balance: CDs	\$ 8,274.05
Total Funds:	\$22,692.85

This total includes \$3,713.09 in the HF antenna improvement fund, \$2,750.00 in the Life Member Fund, and \$1,772.12 in the EMCOM fund leaving a total operating balance of \$14,502.64. A motion to accept the report was made by AA7RH. The motion was seconded by KC7GNM and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

President's report: NJ7C began with discussion of the upcoming Old Pueblo 50 race that will be held in the Santa Rita mountains on March 7th. CARA Members supporting this event should participate in a practice net on Wednesday March 4th at 7:30 PM on the Red Mountain repeater - the Mule Mountain repeater will serve as the backup repeater for this event. We still need many additional volunteers for the CARA spring hamfest, and all individuals who are handling food will be required to have a food handler's permit issued by the county this year. The next hamfest meeting

will be on Saturday, March 21st and will include bundling of hamfest tickets for distribution at the April meeting.

Vice President's Report: AD7HZ reported that he has begun shipping equipment that has been purchased from the gear listed on the club web page. The club is still seeking equipment donations for the spring hamfest.

Member at Large Report: KD7OED reported that the county is in the process of appealing the water pumping moratorium to the state BLM office, and is also submitting the temporary use agreement to the BLM as part of the Green Acres lease renewal process. The county facilities director will arrange for an inspection of all facilities to identify any problems that need to be addressed to bring them up to code, and CARA will begin work to correct all deficiencies noted. No action will be taken to fence the property until the water issue is resolved. CARA will participate in the ARRL International DX contest March 6th thru 8th.

Amateur Radio Council of Arizona Report: KD7OED reported that he attended the Yuma Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Expo in February. Although it was a nice event, attendance seemed to be down from last year (particularly the tailgaters). The next ARCA hamfest will be on March 14th in Scottsdale, but the event will not have overnight camping this year due to new restrictions at the grounds. ARCA will host the 2009 summer hamfest and Arizona ARRL convention on July 17th and 18th at Williams. Icom has agreed to display again this year, and more information about the event will be on the ARCA web page in the coming weeks.

Membership Report: WB6OTS was absent and no report was given.

Technical Report: AA7RH reported that the new 440 repeater antenna was installed on Mule Mountain and appears to be working well. His search for a new UHF repeater for Bernadino Peak has turned up a \$1600 Motorola unit, but is not yet prepared to recommend purchase of that unit.

RACES Report: N7INK reported that the RACES group had a rather busy month. The RACES team participated in a search for a possible downed aircraft near the San Pedro river and assisted in the rescue of three teenagers near the Carr Canyon falls. The team also conducted two refresher training sessions on MCU setup and teardown procedures, and participated in the Cochise County Health Department exercise Cochise

Smiles. The goal of the event was to exercise procedures and protocols that would be used in the event of a major health event that might require medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile to be distributed locally. The RACES team tested its ability to assist with communications, command and control between the health department command post and the point of distribution at Buena High School. The exercise also provided an opportunity for RACES operators to gain experience operating communications equipment in the City of Sierra Vista's mobile command post. Total volunteer hours for the month of February: 166.

La Vuelta de Bisbee Bicycle Races: K7HVV reported that the 31st annual event will be held April 25th and 26th. Anyone who would like to volunteer for ARES support to this event should contact K7HVV.

CARA NET Report: K4AFN solicited for volunteers as NCS for the Thursday night CARA net. AB4LE and KC7GNM both volunteered to help.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

50/50 Drawing: KC7GTY won the drawing this month, and donated \$18.50 (his winnings minus his \$5 investment) back to the club. Total club revenue from the drawing was \$42 (\$18.50 + \$23.50).

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be April 6th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lee F. Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Past President