

**COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 1855, SIERRA VISTA. AZ. 85636
CARA MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
1 NOVEMBER 2010**

CALL TO ORDER:

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 19:00 HRS ON 1 NOVEMBER 2010 BY CARA PRESIDENT DALE CHIDESTER NJ7C. MEMBERS PROCEEDED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS. 33 MEMBERS AND VISITORS WERE PRESENT.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: DON SAVILL KE7JNB

DON WAS NOT PRESENT. RICK AA7RH MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER MINUTES AS PRINTED IN SMOKE. CHARLES K4AFN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE.

TREASURER'S REPORT: PAUL ANGELO KD7TDL

CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Current Balance: Checking	\$18,226.12
Current Balance: Savings	\$4,127.40
Current Balance: CDs	\$8,379.13
Total Balance	\$30,732.65
Reserved for Antenna Fund	(\$1,803.24)
Reserved for Life Member Fund	(\$2,705.00)
Reserved for EMCOM Fund	(\$2,565.31)
Reserved for Repeater Fund	(\$2,395.20)
Total Reserves	(\$9,468.75)
Current Operating Balance	\$21,263.90

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: DALE CHIDESTER NJ7C

THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND CLUB LICENSES ARE POSTED ON THE BACK BULLETIN BOARD.

BLM LEASE:

WE HAVE A SIGNED LEASE DATED 18 OCTOBER 2010 FROM BLM!!! IT ONLY TOOK 6 YEARS TO GET IT. LEE KD7OED DESERVES MOST OF THE CREDIT FOR OUR NEW 20-YEAR LEASE.

SWAPFEST:

THE SWAPFEST WILL BE HELD 6 NOVEMBER STARTING AT 7:00 AM. IF YOU CAN HELP, A SIGNUP SHEET IS CIRCULATING.

VE TESTING WILL START AT 9:00 AM. JUANITA KK7WA IS IN CHARGE OF VE TESTING.

A 2-METER FOX HUNT WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM. JEFF KD7UOP IS IN CHARGE OF THE FOX HUNT.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER, AT NOON, AND IS IN LIEU OF OUR FIRST MONDAY MEETING. CARA PROVIDES THE TURKEY AND HAM. EVERYONE BRINGS A DISH TO SHARE. OUR WEBMASTER KEN WA7UIM IS CIRCULATING A SIGNUP SHEET. THE LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE CARA WEBSITE, www.k7rdg.org. TO SIGN UP LATER, EMAIL KEN AT

WA7UIM@kenandlindacarpenter.com.

NOVEMBER, 2009, CW SWEEPSTAKES:

CARA WON MULTI-OPERATOR FIRST PLACE FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA IN THE NOVEMBER, 2009, CW SWEEPSTAKES. KEN ROTH KX6X AND WENDELL CARTER AB4LE ARE MENTIONED ON THE PLAQUE.

BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTERS:

BLM SPECIFIES BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTERS ARE TO BE INSTALLED PER "INDUSTRY STANDARDS." HOWEVER DALE NJ7C CANNOT LOCATE SUCH STANDARDS EITHER FOR DESIGN OR FOR SPACING. CARA BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED WITH A SPACING OF 15 FEET. THEY HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH METAL FATIGUE DUE TO THE CONSTANT WIND IN THIS LOCATION, RESULTING IN SOME OF THEM WEARING THROUGH AND FALLING OFF. ANOTHER DESIGN IS BEING CONSIDERED. BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ON THE VEE BEAM AND TOP GUYS OF THE NORTH TOWER. THE BLM DEADLINE FOR BIRD FLIGHT DIVERTER INSTALLATION IS 17 DECEMBER 2010.

LARSON HALL ROOF:

JEFF MILLER K7JZK AND DOUG KIMBLE N8QEN ARE HEADING THIS PROJECT. THEY HAVE A QUOTE FOR A METAL ROOF WITH ALL THE MATERIALS NEEDED FOR INSTALLATION PLUS DELIVERY TO THE CARA SITE FOR A COST OF \$1,736.51. DALE NJ7C SAID ALSO THE FACIA NEEDS TO BE REPLACED AND PAINTED BEFORE NEW ROOFING IS INSTALLED. THERE IS A 2-WEEK DELIVERY TIME FOR THE ROOFING MATERIALS. CHUCK N7DQS MOVED TO ALLOCATE \$2,000 FOR THIS PROJECT AND BOB N7INK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE. DALE NJ7C PROPOSED SCHEDULING THE FACIA WORK ON 13 & 20 NOVEMBER AND THE METAL ROOF INSTALLATION ON 27 NOVEMBER. APPROXIMATELY 10 MEN PLUS SEVERAL 8 TO 10 FOOT LADDERS, SAWHORSES, SCREWDRIVERS, ETC. WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE INSTALLATION..

STEP IR INSTALLATION IS PROCEEDING.

140 FOOT TOWER AND 40-METER BEAM:

ON HOLD UNTIL ALL LEASE STIPULATIONS ARE COMPLETED.

LATRINE DOORS:

SINCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN USING THE CARA LATRINES WHEN THE WATER IS TURNED OFF (AND LEAVING A MESS,) NEW LATRINE DOORS WITH LOCKS NEED TO BE INSTALLED. METAL DOORS COST APPROXIMATELY \$350. PEGGY KC7LCE MOVED TO APPROPRIATE \$350 FOR THE DOORS AND GREG KC7GNM SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED ON A VOICE VOTE. DALE NJ7C ALSO MENTIONED WATER USAGE FOR THE LAST 3 MONTHS WAS 61 GALLONS, ABOUT 20 GAL/MO. THE BLM LIMIT ON WATER USAGE IS 100 GAL/MO.

DAVE KELLY N7SFP:

DAVE KELLY N7SFP IS HAVING HEALTH PROBLEMS AND WOULD LIKE HELP WITH ERRANDS (GROCERY SHOPPING, ETC.) HE ALSO WOULD LIKE THE CARA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO HOLD HIS DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND BE THE TRUSTEE FOR HIS LIVING WILL. THE MEMBERSHIP WILL PROVIDE HELP BUT DECLINED TRUSTEESHIP, STATING AN ATTORNEY ACTING IN DAVE'S STEAD WOULD BE A BETTER CHOICE.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: MIKE MC NEILL AD7HZ

MIKE WAS NOT PRESENT. DALE NJ7C SAID MIKE'S WIFE NAN IS DOING WELL AND HAS EXCHANGED HER WALKER FOR CRUTCHES.

MEMBER AT LARGE: LEE ILSE KD7OED

LEE WAS NOT PRESENT

ARCA REPORT: BOB HOLLISTER N7INK

BOB ATTENDED THE OCTOBER ARCA MEETING IN TUCSON. THE NEXT ARCA MEETING WILL BE AT THE SUPERSTITION HAMFEST IN MESA ON 4 DECEMBER (THE DATE OF THE SIERRA VISTA CHRISTMAS PARADE.) ARCA IS DISCUSSING HOLDING THEIR MEETINGS QUARTERLY INSTEAD OF EVERY OTHER MONTH AND ALSO WILL BE EXPERIMENTING WITH WEB-BASED MEETINGS. OTHER ARIZONA HAMFESTS MENTIONED INCLUDED: THE KINGMAN HAMFEST, 6 NOVEMBER 2010 WHICH WILL INCLUDE AN INFORMAL ARCA MEETING AND A TEST OF WEB-BASED MEETINGS (THIS MEETING CONFLICTS WITH CARA'S 6 NOVEMBER SWAPFEST;) THE THUNDERBIRD HAMFEST, 8 JANUARY 2011 IN GLENDALE; THE YUMA HAMFEST, 18-19 FEBRUARY 2011; AND THE WILLIAMS HAMFEST, 15-17 JULY 2011.

IN 2011 ARCA WILL START ROTATING THEIR STATE CONVENTION AND WILL HOLD THE 2011 STATE CONVENTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FEBRUARY YUMA HAMFEST (SEE

<http://www.yumahamfest.org>.)

SINCE THE 2010 SOUTHWEST CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO COST \$30,000, THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE COST OF HOSTING SIMILAR EVENTS.

RACES: BOB HOLLISTER N7INK

OCTOBER ACTIVITY: 7 EVENTS WITH A TOTAL OF 278 PERSON HOURS.

TRAINING:

2 NETS WITH 35 PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. 35 PERSON HOURS.

PUBLIC SERVICE:

9 OCTOBER-COCHISE COUNTY CYCLING CLASSIC. 21 VOLUNTEERS. 148 PERSON HOURS.

12 OCTOBER-SIERRA VISTA NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. 5 VOLUNTEERS. 20 PERSON HOURS.

16 OCTOBER-WHETSTONE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY. 5 VOLUNTEERS. 30 PERSON HOURS.

28 OCTOBER-FT. HUACHUCA SAFETY DAY. 6 VOLUNTEERS. 33 PERSON HOURS.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS:

18 OCTOBER-ARIZONA TRAIL SEARCH: AN OVERDUE HIKER WHOSE CELL PHONE CHARGER FAILED SO HE COULDN'T CHECK IN WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND AS PLANNED WAS LOCATED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF BORDER PATROL HELICOPTER OMAHA. WHEN THE HIKER, WHO WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, WAS FOUND, THE RACES TEAM WAS ON THEIR WAY TO PARKER CANYON LAKE. THEY WERE ABLE TO TURN AROUND AND HEAD HOME WHEN THEY REACHED HWY. 83. 3 VOLUNTEERS. 12 PERSON HOURS.

MCU:

THE CAMERA IS OUT FOR REPAIRS
27 OCTOBER AT THE FIRE CHIEFS' MEETING, THE FOREST SERVICE DONATED A NEW GARMIN ETREX-H GPS FOR THE MCU.

COMING IN DECEMBER:

4 DECEMBER-SIERRA VISTA CHRISTMAS PARADE. BOB NEEDS AT LEAST 15 VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH THE PARADE FROM APPROXIMATELY 15:00 HOURS TO 18:30 HOURS.

.PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (PSCC) MEETING:

THE STATE IS ADOPTING STANDARDIZED NAMING CONVENTIONS FOR SOME OF THE AIRS AND VTAC/UTAC CHANNELS.

THERE IS A PLANNED START DATE OF JULY, 2011, FOR NARROW BANDING OF THE AIRS CHANNELS.

A LINKED PUBLIC SAFETY NETWORK IS BEING PLANNED ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF ARIZONA FOR PIMA, SANTA CRUZ AND COCHISE COUNTIES. IT IS ALREADY OPERATIONAL IN YUMA COUNTY AND WILL BE FUNDED WITH \$2.2 MILLION OF RICO (RACKETEERING INFLUENCED CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS) FUNDS.

ARRL: GRANT HAYS WB6OTS

GRANT WAS NOT PRESENT

TECHNICAL REPORT: RICK AA7RH

EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE WORKING WELL.

RICK'S LOOKING FOR A DOS OPERATING SYSTEM COMPUTER TO PROGRAM THE VERTEX REPEATER.

RICK EXPECTS ASSEMBLY OF THE STEP IR ANTENNA TO BE COMPLETED SATURDAY 6 NOV.

CONTESTING: KEN ALLEN KF7IYQ

KEN ROTH KX6X WAS ASKED ABOUT THE NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES CW CONTEST ON 6-8 NOVEMBER. HE SAID SO FAR NO ONE HAD SIGNED UP FOR IT. WEBMASTER KEN WA7UIM ASKED IF THE EVENT SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE WEBSITE CALENDAR. KEN KX6X WANTED GRANT'S (WB6OTS) OPINION BEFORE CANCELING THE EVENT.

CARA NET REPORT: CHARLES CAMPBELL K4AFN

16-18 PEOPLE REGULARLY CHECK INTO THE WEEKLY CARA NET, THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 19:00 HOURS ON THE CARA REPEATER, 146.76. CHARLES CAN ALWAYS USE NEW NET CONTROL OPERATORS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, CONTACT HIM AT K4AFN@arrl.net AA7CU WILL BE NET CONTROL FOR THE 4 NOVEMBER NET.

WEBMASTER REPORT: KEN CARPENTER WA7UIM

THE WEBSITE IS CURRENT AND IS UPDATED REGULARLY. PLEASE VISIT THE CARA WEBSITE, www.k7rdg.org.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

DALE NJ7C THANKED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR HELPING AT THE SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER WORK DAY:

BILL N7BIL, BOB N7INK, KEN NB7ND, KEN KF7IYQ, JOE KF7CX, DANIEL KE4ZZS, DOUG N8QEN, CHARLES K4AFN, LEE KD7OED AND SPECIAL THANKS TO CLIMBERS LARRY WA7GNV AND MATT KI4ODF

JEFF KD7UOP ASKED ABOUT POSTING OF CLUB LICENSES ON THE BACK BULLETIN BOARD.

DALE NJ7C STATED THERE ARE 103 MEMBERS ON THE CARA ROSTER, BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS PAID THEIR DUES.

50/50 DRAWING

KEN KF7IYQ WON A 2010 LARRY WARREN HAMFEST MUG.
WALLY W00GN WON \$23

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE CHRISTMAS PARTY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT NOON

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 20:00 HRS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, NANCY CHIDESTER KE7PCX, ACTING SECRETARY