



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



CARA Membership Meeting Minutes

November 3rd, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President KX6X. Vice President AA7RH, Treasurer K4AFN, and Secretary KD7OED were also present. Past President WB6OTS and Member at Large KF7PDV were absent.

President's report: President KX6X provided an overview of tonight's board of directors meeting:

- a. The fall swapfest was a minor event with very few people attending. A bit of club equipment was sold, and three individuals brought other items for sale (all sales inside due to weather).
- b. The club will hold it's annual Holiday party in lieu of the December meeting. The pot luck lunch will begin at noon on 13 DEC with the club providing the turkey. A sign-up sheet was passed around and KD7OED will also post the list on the club web page. Please try not to bring duplicate items that others have already signed up for.
- c. K4AFN, K7DTB and others have completed running electrical power in to Jean's Shed in preparation to set up both a workshop and an additional operating station. Volunteers to help with projects of this type are welcome every Saturday and most Mondays beginning at about 0800.
- d. Now that the monsoon weather is over it is time to start thinking about tower maintenance again. K4AFN has an individual in mind who is part of the construction crew building the new hospital – he will contact the gentleman and ask for a quote.
- e. The start date of the Technician license class has been delayed until November 15th due to a family emergency. Classes will run every Saturday from 0800 to 1100. The VE session will be held on Saturday December 6th. It is recommended that students acquire the Ham Radio License Manual 3rd edition available from the ARRL, Amazon.com, or any number of ham radio stores.

- f. If anyone is interested in working the November Sweepstakes phone contest it will be held November 15-17. Please contact KD7OED if you are interested in participating at the club.

Vice-President's Report: AA7RH reported that the 447.95 repeater which is still down for maintenance. The Kendecom (76) repeater is not yet ready for service due to lack of a programming cable (the Vertex backup repeater remains in service). The new DB-224 antenna has been tested and tuned, but cannot be installed back on Mule Mountain until a standoff bracket is acquired that will allow the top of the 24' antenna to be stabilized in the high winds that occur on Mule Mountain. Due to the fact that it is late in the year and the weather on Mule Mountain is deteriorating, this repair will likely not occur until spring.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reviewed the minutes from the October meeting that are posted on the web and in the back of Larson Hall. Motion from W7OL seconded by KG7IHO to accept the minutes as published – the motion passed on a voice vote. KD7OED also reported that the Arizona Corporation Commission had received our annual report, but had not yet processed and posted it. Finally, he reported that he will delete the old business items on CAR bylaws update and number of VE sessions annually from future meeting minutes as there are no longer any anticipated changes to the status quo.

Treasurer's Report: K4AFN reported that a copy of the current treasurer's report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board for review, and provided a brief summary of recent activity. The only significant expenses this month were about \$150 for materials required to install power in Jean's Shed (the future tech shop)

Member at Large Report: KF7PDV was absent so no report was given

Past President's Report: WB6OTS was absent so no report was given.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on RACES/ARES activity since the last club meeting:

- a. National Night Out: The ARES/RACES team set up a display with the County Mobile Communications Unit at the city park in Sierra Vista along with many other Public Safety Organizations as a “Meet & Greet” with the public on October 7th. Attendance this year was excellent despite a short rain shower.
- b. Cochise County Cycling Classic - This charity bike race takes place every year starting at the County Fair Ground in Douglas and includes 165-mile, 95-mile, 47-mile, & 27-mile events. The ARES/RACES team provided assistance on October 11th at the start/finish line and at 10 highway checkpoints, as well as providing a sweep vehicle ensuring all riders are accounted for. A total of 25 volunteers supporting the event this year.
- c. Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb - The Great Stair Climb Fundraiser is the only outdoor stair climb in the U.S. and arguably one of the most unique and challenging events in the world. The 4.5 mile course features nine staircases connected by winding roads that take participants through some of the most scenic parts of Old Bisbee. The event was initiated as a fundraiser to raise money for the many underfunded health programs in the schools, and the vast number of small non-profits whose services fostered a healthy lifestyle. The ARES/RACES unit fielded eight volunteers along the course to assist in traffic control and reporting of any issues. Fortunately, there were no serious issues to contend with. This is the first event for our ARES/RACES unit supporting this event after a hiatus of 10 years. We have been invited back for next year’s event.
- d. Sierra Vista Christmas Parade – this annual event will take place on Saturday December 6th. More volunteers are always welcome and make the event go smoothly – please see N7INK if you are able to assist.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported on the ARCA meeting held on October 11th at the Kingman Hamfest. The 2014-2015 board was seated as a result of elections held at the Williams Hamfest in July. WB7RFY remains the ARCA chair, N7PVL remains treasurer, and KD7OED remains the past chair. New members installed include KF0X as the first vice-chair, KW7LH

as the second vice-chair, and KD7RCJ as the new Secretary. The only two remaining hamfests in Arizona this year are in Congress (November 15th) and Mesa (December 6th). A list of upcoming Arizona Hamfests is maintained on the ARCA web page (www.arca-az.org) and ARCA will sponsor both the DeVry hamfest in April and the Williams Hamfest in July.

CARA NET Report: KC7GNM was absent so no report was presented.

Old Business:

- a. The club will continue to offer used equipment for sale at every monthly club meeting - members in good standing receive a 25% discount for items purchased the night of the meeting. Members are also encouraged to bring items for sale to or swap with other club members 30 minutes prior to every club meeting (from 6:30 to 7:00 PM). There is no club fee for this monthly sale/swap event.
- b. HF improvement plan: No movement pending availability of the commercial tower contractor.
- c. Club badges: our two local Sierra Vista badge vendors are no longer in business. KD7OED will contact Badgemanaz.com in Tucson to inquire about new club badges.

New Business: None raised by members.

50/50 Raffle: Jack/KG7NEL won \$16.50; the other \$16.50 goes to the club.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be January 5th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary