



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



July 6th, 2015

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Vice-President KG7RFX, Treasurer NJ7C, and Member at Large KF7PDV were present. Secretary KD7OED and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

Program: No program was presented this month.

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

- a. The fall swapfest will be held November 7th – we need a chairperson to organize the event.
- b. The board is working to get engineering recertification of all of the towers by October and will ask a support contractor for a bid.
- c. The V-beam and G5RV on the center tower are operational.
- d. The 146.76 has a new antenna installed by EPG.
- e. There are no leaks in the Morgan Manor trailer, but a small spot near the north end needs additional attention.

Vice-President's Report: N5OV reported that the EAARS group has started a Women's Only net on Mondays at 1930 hours local. N5OV asked folks to stay away from the base of the north tower because there is rust at the base and the tower is no longer safe. Caution tape will be placed around it to remind folks to stay away.

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C 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. NJ7C has also volunteered to be this year's Paradise Coordinator.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED was absent so no report was given.

Technical Report: AA7RH reported in addition to the new 146.76 antenna, we have a new set of cavity resonators for the MULE digipeater. He wants to have a meeting to discuss status and maintenance of repeaters. The county shelter continues to have a rat problem and needs to be cleaned up and sealed to prevent further problems. He would like to do more to help with the issue, but due to family commitments will be out of town much of July and August, so needs help.

Member at Large Report: KF7PDV had nothing significant to report.

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

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on recent RACES/ARES activity:

- a. 6/6 San Pedro House Search/Rescue – The Sheriff's Office was alerted that there were two persons lost somewhere south of the San Pedro House along the San Pedro River. The subjects were located and brought back to their vehicle. The County MCU was cancelled just as they were prepared to leave the Radio Club facility.
- b. 6/6 Dry Canyon Search – Just as the San Pedro House Search was closing down, the Sheriff's Office was alerted to a possible injured child near milepost 305 on Highway 90 north of Whetstone. We deployed the MCU to the area. After about three hours there was no sign of any child or other person in the designated area. It may have been a "Spoof" mission designed to tie up law enforcement resources.
- c. 6/14 Ramsey Canyon Search/Rescue – The Sheriff's Office was alerted of a possible injured subject in Ramsey Canyon. The SAR Team was deployed and eventually located a 64 year-old man with an open fracture above his ankle. He was located in a very treacherous crevasse off the trail. He was extracted from the crevasse and moved to a location where he could then be airlifted by the Pima County Sheriff's Office helicopter.
- d. 6/19 Brown Canyon Search/Rescue – The Sheriff's Office was alerted to an 80 year-old male who was dehydrated and believed to be in the vicinity of the Brown Canyon Trail. RACES responded with two personnel to the CP and one to serve as Home Unit. The subject was located by the SAR team and walked out to a vehicle and then driven to the CP for evaluation.
- e. 6/19 Copper Glance Search – The Sheriff's Office received a 911 call for a person who had reportedly been without water for a couple days and lost. Cell phone ping located him southeast of Sierra Vista near Copper Glance and Hereford Rd, but an extended ground and aerial search in the area of the Cell phone ping produced no positive results. The RACES Team deployed the County Mobile Communications Unit for support.

- f. 6/26 St. David Search – The RACES Team responded with the county Mobile Communications Unit to St. David for a missing person. The person was located by a deputy before we arrived.
- g. The county also purchased an \$850 replacement camera for the MCU mast. The camera was installed on July 6th and will be tested in the coming weeks.
- h. The Bisbee Coaster RACES scheduled for July 4th were canceled due to inclement weather. A reschedule of the race is likely to be held on Labor Day or Columbus Day weekend.

ARCA Report: KC7GTY did not go to the White Mountain Hamfest in Show Low last month, but will be attending the ARCA annual meeting in Williams from 23-25 July.

Field Day Report: KG7DJY reported that CARA had another successful Field Day activity this year. He noted that there were quite a few Class F (EOC) stations on the air and will provide a complete report next month.

CARA NET Report: KG7IHO reported that we still need additional volunteers to serve as NCS stations – it is a great way for new hams to get more comfortable and hone their operating procedures.

Old Business: 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 charge for this activity.

New Business:

- a. The club requested a grant through the county for a new Log Periodic Antenna that would allow us to work on MARS/SHARES frequencies, but the county did not forward the request due to a change in rules by the granting agency.
- b. KE4ZZS reported that the Saguaro 2-meter traffic net meets nightly on the EAARS network at 6:30 PM, followed by the Arizona Traffic and Emergency Net on 3.986 Khz at 7:00 PM.

50/50 Raffle: ???? won \$13.50, with the other \$13.50 going to the HF antenna improvement fund.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be August 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary