



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



October 5, 2015

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Vice-President N5OV, Treasurer NJ7C, and Secretary KD7OED were present. Member at Large KF7PDV and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

Program: AB7AA and AB7BB presented a demonstration of RMS Express, a message client software tool that permits amateur operators to connect to the Winlink 2000 (WL2K) system to send and receive messages either by radio or via telnet over the internet. The software presents itself in a fashion similar to email clients, with familiar folders such as an Inbox, Outbox, Sent Items, Deleted Items and Draft Folders. Operators connect to one of many Remote Message Servers (RMS) and traffic is then passed via the internet to and from one of 5 Common Message Servers (CMS) in the USA, Canada Europe, or Australia. The 5 CMS systems all mirror each other to provide redundancy for the system, and in the event that the internet or the CMS servers are out of service, RMS Express also permits person to person (P2P) communications via radio. AB7AA demonstrated passing email traffic not only to and from client software running on his laptop, but also via text message to a number of CARA members' cell phones. More information about the RMS software can be found at <http://www.winlink.org/RMSExpress>.

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

a. The board held a meeting with the Cochise County Emergency Services Coordinator (Mr. Norm Sturm) earlier this evening. Three actions are required to ensure compliance with terms of the CARA lease.

- 1) Inspect the Green Acres septic system and leach field.
- 2) Provide a copy of the CARA training schedule to the County so they can forward it to the BLM.

3) Conduct inspection of the towers to ensure they comply with the ANS/TAI-222 Rev. G specification. The board is trying to locate and borrow a copy of the document because the purchase price of a copy is nearly \$700.

b. Demolition of the north tower as approved during last month's membership meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM on October 31st.

Vice President's Report: N5OV had no additional comments.

Treasurer's Report: NJ7C reported that a copy of the current treasurer's report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported that the CARA fall swapfest will be held on Saturday November 7th. Outside tailgating fees are \$5 and inside tables are \$10. There is no fee for admission – coffee and donuts will be available. The Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club hamfest will have an impact on our local event, but will not be scheduled on the same day next year.

Technical Report: Nor report this month.

Member At Large: Nor report this month.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on September activity:

9/4-6 Paradise Deployment (Training): The team conducted our Annual Trek to Paradise for training with the Mobile Communications Unit and to operate our Special Event Station. We operated approximately 12 hours each day, but tore down after about 5 hours on Sunday morning to return to Sierra Vista. Total of 244 contacts including 44 states and six countries.

9/7 Bisbee Coaster Run (Public Service): The ARES/RACES unit deployed 25 persons to assist the Bisbee Coaster Race during the run down Tombstone Canyon. This was the race originally scheduled for July 4 but rescheduled to do heavy monsoon rain.

9/19 National Afternoon Out (Public Service): The ARES/RACES team set up a display with the County Mobile Communications Unit at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sierra Vista along with many other Public Safety Organizations as a "Meet & Greet" with the public. Attendance this year was poor due heavy downpour and was curtailed early due to lightning.

9/20 High Knoll Recovery Mission (Emergency Services): The ARES/RACES team deployed the County Mobile Communications Unit to support a recovery mission for a woman who was caught in a flash flood east of Sierra Vista. Helicopter assets from Arizona Department of Public Safety and ground search teams from Pima and Graham County assisted. Both sides of the wash running into the San Pedro River and river itself were searched to north of the Charleston Rd Bridge, but unfortunately the subject has not been recovered.

ARCA Report: No report this month.

CARA NET Report: No report this month.

Old Business: See President's report.

New Business: See President's report.

50/50 Raffle: KG7TPI won \$16.50 with the remaining \$16.50 going to the HF antenna improvement fund.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be November 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary