



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



January 4, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Vice-President N5OV, Treasurer NJ7C, Secretary KD7OED and Member at Large KF7PDV were present. Past President WB6OTS was absent.

**Program:** There was no program this month.

**President's report:** KX6X reported on the board of director's meeting:

a. The old north tower (the first tower erected at CARA in 1985) was successfully dropped on November 21<sup>st</sup> with no incident. There are four 20' tower sections available for members if anyone is interested, but the old Wilson tri-bander is in pieces on the south lawn.. The board is still working on long-term plans for the other two large HF towers.

b. The board is in the planning stages for clearing out old debris from Morgan Manor in preparation for either major rehabilitation or disposal in accordance with the club's 5-year plan.

c. The club is in desperate need of a volunteer to coordinate activities for the annual May hamfest. If no volunteer is found before the March meeting, the event will have to be canceled because of a lack of time to coordinate all activities. KD7OED will post a notice soliciting volunteers on the K7RDG.ORG web page.

**Vice President's Report:** N5OV reported that he has been tasked to plan an additional 4000 trees and install drip irrigation on an additional 200 acres at the pecan orchard that he manages. As a result, he will be unable to continue serving as Vice-President of the club. A replacement will be elected during the January meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** NJ7C reported that a copy of the current treasurer's report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board. Major expenses since November included \$200 for our annual insurance and other miscellaneous expenses for P.O. Box rental, QSL card postage, and holiday party food.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED reported on the minutes from the November meeting. Motion by N7INK seconded by KF7PDV to accept the minutes as published; the motion passed on a voice vote.

**Member At Large:** KF7PDV reported that he will be giving a Technician license class in Wilcox through the month of March. The club has not offered training for General or Extra class licenses for many years, and this is something that should be investigated. He also has a "how to" checklist and lessons learned file from last year's hamfest event that he will be happy to share with anyone who volunteers to coordinate this year's event.

**Technical Report:** AA7RH was absent so no report was given.

**Public Service Report:** N7INK reported on activity since November:

**11/6 Statewide Communications Exercise:** Several RACES members participated in the Arizona statewide communications exercise from multiple locations including the County Sherriff's Office Emergency Operations Center in Bisbee. Operation was primarily on public service channels including the DEMA radio network, but a variety of HF and VHF amateur communications links were also employed, and this event counts as our 2015 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). State officials declared the event successful and expect to include additional amateur participation in the next statewide exercise.

**12/5 Sierra Vista Christmas Parade:** The ARES/RACES unit supported the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce in the lineup and staging of the entrants for the 57th annual Sierra Vista Christmas Parade. A few problems were encountered with MCU setup, but all in all the activity was successful, and he received a nice thank you letter from the chamber.

Otherwise the holidays were quiet without requiring any call-outs of the RACES unit (other than one that was terminated before we departed Green Acres, and a couple N7INK was able to support from home).

Upcoming public service events include the Old Pueblo 50-mile race on March 5<sup>th</sup> (which will have a different course layout this year), the Sierra Vista Thunder Mountain Games bike race on April 17<sup>th</sup>, the traditional Jly 4<sup>th</sup> Bisbee Coaster Races, and the 4C's bike race on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ARCA Report:** KC7GTY was absent, so KD7OED reported on the December 5th ARCA meeting, but there was no significant ARCA news since the October meeting in Maricopa. Upcoming events include the Thunderbird Hamfest in Glendale on January 9<sup>th</sup> and the next ARCA meeting at the Scottsdale hamfest on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations for scholarships, ham of the year, and young ham of the year are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> – applications and further information is available at [www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org).

**CARA NET Report:** KG7IHO reported that additional net control stations for the CARA net are always welcome – contact him for further information.

**Old Business:** Last summer KG7DJY led CARA's participation in the ARRL Field Day event where CARA placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation in class 3F with a score of 5,906. The membership expressed interest in participating from Veteran's Memorial Park this year, and KG7IHO took an action to reserve Ramada #2 for this year's event. Further coordination will take place later in the spring and after the hamfest.

**New Business:** The two-year terms of CARA President KX6X, Secretary KD7OED and member-at-large KF7PDV expired this month, and Vice-President N5OV had to resign due to personal commitments. KX6X and KD7OED indicated a willingness to serve for another term, but KF7PDV declined due to other commitments. KG7IHO volunteered to serve as Vice-President, and KE4ZZS volunteered to serve as Member-At-Large. N7INK moved to nominate all four volunteers by acclamation, the move was seconded by KF7PDV and carried on a unanimous voice vote. Many thanks to N5OV and KF7PDV for their past service, and to KX6X, KD7OED, KG7IHO, and KE4ZZS for their continuing and new service to the club!

**50/50 Raffle:** No raffle was conducted this month.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next club meeting will be held Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary