



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



Minutes of the CARA Membership Meeting  
October 3, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Treasurer NJ7C, Secretary KD7OED, and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were also present. Vice-President KG7IHO and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

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

**President's report:** KX6X reported that KI7EKT had agreed to serve as club Vice-President due to the resignation of KG7IHO. Motion by NJ7C seconded by W7OL to have KI7EKT serve the remaining portion of KG7IHO's term. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously. KX6X then reported that the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club had challenged CARA and the Coconino club to a Field Day completion – with a traveling trophy to be funded by the Oro Valley Club. After brief discussion, a motion by N7INK seconded by AF7HZ to accept the challenge passed unanimously! KX6X also reminded members of the upcoming Swapfest and CW Communication Exercise to be held on November 7th from 7 A.M. to noon at Green Acres.

**Vice-President's Report:** KI7ECT reported that he is looking forward to helping the club in his new capacity.

**Treasurer's Report:** NJ7C reported due to declining health, he was resigning as treasurer. The club regretfully accepted his resignation, and will seek nominations for a new treasurer to be elected at the January annual meeting. In the interim KD7OED will serve as acting treasurer and reported on September income from membership and 50/50 drawing of \$103 – a copy of the report is posted at the back of the hall.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED reported that the minutes from the September meetings were posted on the club website and in the back of Larson Hall. A motion by AF7HZ seconded by N7INK to approve the minutes passed on a voice vote. KD7OED reported that the club is now in good standing with the Arizona Corporation Commission as a result of the annual report being accepted. He also reported that long-time club member KF7CX has relocated to Houston to be near family – his presence as a CW operator during Field Day will be sorely missed. Congratulations to new members Jerry/KB5IM, Jeannie/KD5BSH and Dick/KI7GZY!

**Member at Large Report:** KE7ZZS reported that he and some other members are looking for some WF-16 field wire to make wire antennas.

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

**Technical Report:** AA7JB reported that the Vertex repeater will be sent to Tucson for repair, and the Yaesu repeater will be configured at the CARA site (447.95) for both analog and digital input, with analog output only. After some period of testing in both modes, a decision will be made on whether to place this on Mule Mountain (likely to replace the 449.535 repeater).

**Public Service Report:** N7INK reported on activity since August. Two RACES net training sessions and one AUXCOM class were conducted for a total of 41 volunteer hours. The ARES team also supported the National Alliance for Mental Illness bicycle ride on October 1<sup>st</sup> which raised about \$6,000 for that organization. We also received a thank-you letter from the organizers requesting our support again next year on September 30, 2017. A motion by N7BIL to support next year's race was seconded by AF7HZ and passed unanimously. N7INK reported that the MCU has been returned from service with the stabilizing jacks repaired and a new air conditioner installed. Finally, he reported that the Sherriff's Office machine for creating volunteer badges has been repaired – if you need replacement badge please contact him for details. Upcoming events include:

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| 10/04/2016 | National Night Out – Sierra Vista            |
| 10/08/2016 | Cochise County Cycling Classic (4C), Douglas |
| 1015/2016  | Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb, Bisbee              |

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| 10/15/2016 | Jamboree On The Air                         |
| 10/15/2016 | American Equestrian Endurance Ride, Sonoita |
| 11/12/2016 | Colossal Cave/Vail 50/50 Run, Vail          |
| 12/03/2016 | Sierra Vista Christmas Parade               |

**Emergency Responses:** There were no call-outs in September – this was fortunate because the MCU vehicle was down for maintenance for much of the month.

**ARCA Report:** KC7GTU was absent so no report was given.

**CARA NET Report:** The club always welcomes new net control stations as it is a great way for hams to hone their operating procedures.

#### **Old Business:**

- Repeater Linking: No update due to priority of repairing the existing repeaters.
- The design for new CARA T-shirts is complete, but requires a minimum order of 25 before they can be printed. The price is \$15 without pocket or \$17 with pocket. If you are interested in buying one, contact KD7OED via email at [kd7oed@arrl.net](mailto:kd7oed@arrl.net)
- Saturday Activities: The club is still soliciting volunteers to help members with Saturday projects.
- Insurance Status: A question was raised at last month's meeting about the status of club liability insurance. KD7OED reported that the policy had been paid in December and was currently in force.

**New Business:** None raised by members.

**50/50 Raffle:** KI7FRU won the 50/50 raffle, with \$28 going to her and \$28 going to the club.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next meeting will be November 7th at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary