



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



Minutes of the CARA Membership Meeting  
November 7th, 2016

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Vice-President KI7EKT and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were also present. Secretary KD7OED and Past President WB6OTS were absent.

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

**President's report:** KX6X reported that the Swapfest held this past Saturday was a nice event and raised about \$70 for the club via a combination of tailgate fees and equipment sales. Many thanks to KI7EKT for picking up the coffee and donuts, and to his daughter Katherine for helping sell them! He also reminded members of the upcoming CARA holiday pot luck to be held at noon on December 11<sup>th</sup> at Green Acres. A sign-up sheet for pot luck donations was distributed and is also posted on the club web page.

**Vice-President's Report:** KI7EKT reported that a VE testing session will be held on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at Green Acres. Start time is 6:00 PM. The next CARA Hamfest will be held in May – the club still needs a volunteer to coordinate activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Temporary treasurer KD7OED was absent so no report was given.

**Secretary's Report:** KD7OED was absent, but Vice-President KI7EKT reported that the minutes from the October meetings were posted on the club website and in the back of Larson Hall. A motion by AF7HZ seconded by KG7IHO to approve the minutes passed on a voice vote.

**Member at Large Report:** KE4ZZS has nothing to report.

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

**Technical Report:** AA7JB reported that Cochise County is considering a major rebuild of Mule Mountain facilities that would include replacement of the older (1970's vintage) county tower. If the proposed plan comes to pass, CARA will have temporarily relocate the 147.02, 449.525 repeaters and the Mule digipeater to an alternate site while the rebuild takes place and would require that we find a tower climber to remove several antennas from the tower. A work party will depart Green Acres on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> to assess a potential plan of action, remove some old equipment, and do a general site cleanup.

**Public Service Report:** N7INK reported on activity since September.

10/8 Cochise County Cycling Classic: We deployed a total of 18 amateur operators to the start/finish line at the Cochise County Fairgrounds and thirteen other locations around the county. This included one mobile EMS certified person and two designated sweep vehicles for the 27 & 47 mile courses. A total of 18 operators contributed 76 volunteer hours.

10/15 Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb: We deployed 7 operators to support what is 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. We were tasked to assist the Bisbee Fire and Police in traffic control at six critical race junctures and the Incident Command Post. Our primary responsibility is to ensure the safety of participants and report any critical incidents noted on the course. Seven operators contributed a total of 38.5 volunteer hours.

10/28 - Mobile Communications Unit Training: We conducted initial and refresher training on the County MCU including setup and operation and initial training for three new drivers including 15 hours of training.

Two additional training nets (27 volunteer hours) were also conducted.

Upcoming events include:

11/12/2016 Colossal Cave/Vail 50/50 Run, Vail  
12/03/2016 Sierra Vista Christmas Parade  
03/04/2017 Old Pueblo 50 Endurance Run, Santa Rita Mountains.

Emergency Responses: There were no call-outs in October.

**ARCA Report:** KC7GTY 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 and potential Mule Mountain upgrades.
- Saturday Activities: The club is still soliciting volunteers to help members with Saturday projects.

**New Business:** KG7IHO gave a short demonstration of an antenna and equipment vest he uses for emergency communications.

**50/50 Raffle:** KI7EKT won the 50/50 raffle, and donated his winnings back to the club for a total of \$30.

**Next Club Meeting:** The next meeting will be January 9th at 7:00 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED  
CARA Secretary