



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



CARA Meeting Minutes October 2nd, 2017

President KX6X called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Vice President N7FMJ, Treasurer KI7FRU, Secretary KD7OED and Member-at-Large KE4ZZS were also present. Past President WB6OTS was absent.

Program: AF7HZ provided a briefing on great circles, illustrating that a Mercator projection is a flat display of the globe and will not show the most direct azimuth to the DX station you are trying to contact. He also demonstrated software that will display the true azimuth, including the NS6T map generator available at www.NS6T.net/azimuth/azimuth.html.

President's Report: KX6X reminded members that WB6OTS will be conducting a Technician license class from October 21st to November 18th. Classes will normally run in the mornings, with the exception that the November 4th class will be in the afternoon due to the annual CARA Swapfest that morning. He also asked the membership whether anyone would be interested in a class to build a low-cost 40M receiver, and circulated literature about the potential group project.

Vice-President's Report: N7FMJ noted that although we received one part required to repair the club riding lawnmower, another small problem has been noted and it is still out of service. He also reported that the board feels there is interest in digital classes, and we will schedule presentations on APRS, PSK-31, RTTY, and JT-65 throughout the coming months.

Treasurer's Report: KI7FRU gave an update on the club financial accounts, including a report that our two CDs earned a total of 19 cents interest over the past month! A copy of the monthly report is posted on the Larson Hall bulletin board.

Secretary's Report: KD7OED reported that the draft September meeting minutes were posted for review on the website and at the back of Larson

Hall. A motion by KC7GTY seconded by AF7HZ to approve the minutes passed on a voice vote. KD7OED also reminded members that membership dues renewal was due by the end of July, and thanked K7YSV, KD7PCE, and KC7GTY for renewing this evening, and KG7IHO for becoming a life member. A copy of the current roster (highlighting in yellow those who are delinquent in dues) is posted on the club website. He also reminded members about the November 4th CARA fall Swapfest.

Member at Large Report: KE4ZZS had no significant info to report.

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

Technical report: AA7JB was absent so no report was given.

Public Service Report: N7INK reported on ARES/RACES activity during September. (Note: the annual Labor Day Paradise DXpedition was covered in the September minutes).

9/15 Palominas National Night Out: Two members conducted a display of the Mobile Communications Unity (MCU).

9/22 Douglas Alzheimer Search: RACES was asked to deploy the County MCU to assist the Search and Rescue unit in locating an elderly Alzheimer patient. Unfortunately, the information provided to the Sheriff's Office was insufficient to provide a good start point and other critical information. The search was suspended until additional information was provided, and the subject was eventually located in a local hospital.

09/30 National Association of Mentally Impaired (NAMI) Bicycle Event: Fifteen members assisted in keeping track of riders on the course of this charity bicycle ride.

Upcoming Events:

10/3/2017 National Night Out in Sierra Vista Veteran's Park.
This is a public display by a variety of first responder organizations.

10/07/2017 Cochise County Cycling Classic, Douglas
This course will also remain the same as last year, but was moved up one week on the calendar due to a schedule conflict at the County Fairgrounds.

10/18/2017 Statewide Emergency Exercise. This will include activation of emergency communications at local hospitals and count as our annual ARRL Simulated Emergency Test.

10/21/2017 Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb

11/11/2017 Colossal Cave Footrace (Tucson)

ARCA Report: KC7GTY reported that on upcoming hamfests, including the fact that they Yuma hamfest will increase its prize total to \$25K this February. The next ARCA meeting will be on 28 OCT at Maricopa.

CARA NET Report: AF7HZ reported that the Thursday night net on the 146.76 repeater is going well. Volunteers for NCS duty are always welcome as it is great training for new hams.

Old Business:

- Repeater Linking: No update pending Mule Mountain tower upgrades.
- CARA T-shirts: KG7ITC reported that she has a quote from a vendor for men's polo shirts for \$33 or \$35 with pocket, and for T-shirts at \$17 or \$21 with pocket. Women's sizes are not available at this time. If you are interested – please give your order to her.
- South Tower Guy repair: AA7JB and W7WRJ will work the issue.
- Battery replacement: KI7FRU is still trying to resolve the issue with vendor representative Mr. Jack Daniels. A member suggested that if the batteries were purchased through Amazon or Ebay that the problem with the vendor should be reported to them.

New Business: None raised by members.

50/50 Raffle: KK4ZZS won the 50/50 drawing, but donated his winnings back for a total of \$30 going to the club.

Next Club Meeting: The next meeting will be November 6th at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ilse/KD7OED
CARA Secretary