



The Cochise **Smoke**

The Cochise Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (K7RDG)

August 2010

**THE CARA AUGUST MEETING
AUGUST 2ND AT GREEN ACRES
7:00 P.M. – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST BOARD MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13TH
BEFORE THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

If you'd like to see the "pretty copy" of this month's Smoke & a world of other club info,

Go to the CARA web pages

<http://www.k7rdg.org>

ED's NOTE: The Sept. QST will show a Special Event at Paradise, AZ for K7RDG on Sept. 4-6 (see Bob's item below) and to all our old friends, nationwide, listen for us and talk back.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE RACES NOTES

Bob Hollister, N7INK

9/4-5-6 Paradise Outing- If you have not made plans yet, this is a good time to start thinking about the annual outing to Paradise over the Labor Day Weekend. For any new folks, we operate a "Special Event Station" from the Ghost Town of Paradise on the east side of the Chiricahua Mountains. We are coming up on number 31. It is always a fun event contacting stations around the country and even DX stations occasionally over that weekend. You get some good operating experience on the MCU as well as just plain good camaraderie with fellow hams and their families. It is a low pressure event, families are invited. Well behaved pets are also invited. Some folks use this as test of their 24 hour deployment kits. We leave on Saturday morning and return on Monday afternoon. If you do not want to stay the whole weekend, that is OK. Just come out on whichever day you would like to. I will want a headcount a little closer to the event. I need to send a letter to the Forest Service.

COCHISE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA

MIN. OF JULY 5, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dale NJ7C at 1900 hrs. June 7, 2010. After the pledge of allegiance we had introductions of the members present. Total membership present: 26.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretaries report was accepted as printed in the Smoke by voice vote of the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Paul KD7TDL Paul was not present but Dale gave the report as follows on June 7, 2010:

Checking	\$22,191.69
Savings	\$4,126.88
CD's	\$8,274.05
Balance	\$34,592.62

Reserve:	
Antenna fund	\$4,491.59
Life member fund	\$2,805.00
EMCOM fund	\$2,612.12
Repeater fund	\$2,433.20
Total reserve	\$12,341.91

Current operating balance \$22,250.71

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dale NJ7C

At the AFJROTC campout in Garden Canyon the evening of June 15 there were about 180 cadets. Thanks for participation to Bob N7INK, Jim WB0VYH, Chuck N7DQS, and Peggy KC7LCE, Ken KF7IYQ, Charles K4AFN, and Chris KU7V. We also had Mike Evans and Elizabeth Philhower from County Emergency Services there.

As for the BLM lease, the county accepted it Tuesday the eighth of June. It now goes to the BLM to be signed. The water meter is to be installed shortly.

The anti-climb shields are installed on the towers. The "bird deflectors" is the next project to be done.

We will be installing a waterless urinal. Mike, KE7WRJ, who seems to be becoming our quartermaster, sold us a Falcon F-2000. We will try to install it next Saturday.

A double climbing “lanyards with hooks” has been ordered for the climbing harness.

The sign-up sheet was made available for the Fox Hunt Saturday 24 July.

Upcoming major projects include removing the 40 m beam, installing the Step IR antenna, and reroofing Larson Hall.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT: No report given

MEMBER AT LARGE : LEE KD7OED The Step IR has not arrived yet. Follow up is being done as to when it will arrive. Bird deflectors have been ordered.

MEMBERSHIP: Pat KD7HAB. Membership dues are due; only 67 have paid so far so please get your dues in.

RACES REPORT: Bob N7INK for this month we had training sessions of 37 hours, public service events 40 hours, emergency response 33 hours, total operation time for this month 110 hours.

Public service

Fort Huachuca JR ROTC ARES/RACES was asked to put on an amateur radio presentation at the leadership camp the idea was to expose them to the hobby and show them different aspects of amateur radio. We set up five demo stations showing public service, portable HF operation, Morse code, digital, and portable VHF/UHF.

Emergency response

The mission was to locate two female riders who were riding in Turkey Creek area of the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. DPS located them approaching Rustlers Park. Our ground crew made contact with them shortly thereafter. They were in good condition. We returned to Sierra Vista.

ARRL Grant WB6OTS

An “Emergency Committee” has been formed. We will have our first meeting Wednesday to come up with a recommendation as to the role amateur radio has in emergency communications.

TECHNICAL REPORT: Rich AA7RH not much to report.

WEBMASTER REPORT: Ken WA7UIM Website is up. If you want anything on it send me an e-mail. If you find any errors let me know. Website is

updated daily. There is a lot of information there. I have posted the pictures from the JR ROTC.

CARA NET REPORT: Charles K4AFN: If anybody would like to act as net control, contact Charles. Check- ins are increasing and thanks to everyone joining us on the net and to the net controllers.

FIELD DAY: Pat KD7HAB We had 90 contacts. Grant set up in Sierra Vista Park working QRP with his group and should make approximately 3900 to 4100 points.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

50/50:

MUG WON BY NU7C

GIFT CERT. WON BY KC7GNM

RB WON THE 50/50

NEXT MEETING : Monday, August 2, at 1900 hrs.

ADJOURN: 1950 HRS

DON SAVILL, KE7JNB, SECRETARY

MORE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE RACES NOTES

Bob Hollister, N7INK

Bisbee Coaster Race – Thank you all for your support. Only a couple minor glitches including another spin out in the shutdown area. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. Sgt. Echave of Bisbee PD wants an antenna like I was using. He couldn't hear much at the overpass and was amazed at our coverage. And next time you want to let a car down the course with a "cupcake" to go to Iron Man, please indicate it is a "Giant Cupcake" art car. We were all puzzled at first what that was about until it showed up and it was described just how big that sucker was. Good Job, Again!!

HOW FIGHTS START (From the Internet)

My wife sat down on the settee next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, 'What's on TV?'
I said, 'Dust.'

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE ARRL AZ NEWSLETTER

Tom Fagan, K7DF, Section Mgr.

TUCSON RED CROSS EXERCISE

On 19 June 2010, the Tucson area HAM Community participated with the Tucson Chapter of the American Red Cross in a shelter exercise.

The scenario of this exercise was the evacuation of people from an area affected by damaging monsoon rains. CERT teams manned three separate shelters and a kitchen facility. Volunteers, provided by faith-based organizations, acted as victims. The Red Cross oversaw the incident command center. All communication was handled over ham radio.

This was the first time the Tucson Red Cross opened 3 shelters simultaneously. It was also the first time they relied entirely on the use of ham radio for its communications during such an exercise. Traffic was handled over two repeaters. The third repeater failed during the exercise.

All the participating ham radio operators are anxious for the next practice. They feel confident they will be able to handle a real emergency should one occur during the upcoming monsoon season.

The following ham radio operators participated in the exercise:
N7BXX, KS7TAN, KE7DON, KF7VNQ, KC7VDA, W1GHF, K7TEY, KC7QDW, KC0UL, N0KWP, KF7CNR, KC5ZGG, KL0UP, KV8NRI, K7LUP, KF7CNQ, KB8NR, KF7GPX

Gail N7BXX

VANITY CALL SIGN FEES DECREASE 10 CENTS **ARRL Bulletin July 22,**

On July 19, the Federal Communications Commission announced via the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from \$13.40 to \$13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect.

BEWARE RATTLESLERS **Excerpts from Tony Nestor, Column in Outside Magazine** **Bob Hollister, N7INK**

On nearly every trek and walkabout I've done in the desert Southwest, I have encountered a rattlesnake, especially under and around rock piles as this is where rodents also dwell. While writing a book on desert survival, I spoke with the fine staff at the University of Arizona Toxicology Department, who said your best treatment for rattlesnake bite is to grab your car keys and head for the ER. Using suction devices, snakebite kits, and Hollywood methods of cutting and sucking will only waste precious treatment time that should be spent at the hospital.

In the field, stay calm, wash the wound, stay hydrated, and make a call for help if possible, but otherwise, if you're solo, plan on walking slowly back to your vehicle and driving out. Don't use a tourniquet or ice, just plan on getting to a hospital--remember, if you were actually envenomated, time is the issue.

Around 25 percent of rattlesnake bites are dry (without the snake envenomating you), and the good news is that rattlesnake bites are rarely fatal. According to the Arizona Game and Fish Department, there were 1,912 people bitten in Arizona from 1989 to 1998, with only four fatalities.

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