

ALBUQUERQUE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MINUTES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Ray Hill, KB5SF at Ropers Restaurant at 8:10 a.m.. Don Grab, K5BIS, gave the invocation. The members and guests recited the Pledge of Allegiance, then introduced themselves and gave their call signs.

Health & Welfare Report - Don, K5BIS reported there were no hospitalizations, but that Mike Eaton, K5MJE has been ill for two or three weeks with H1N1. Don also reported there were two silent keys in New Mexico recently. Tom Patte, KC7JGS, from Tijeras passed away in October. He was 52. No services were held. The remains were returned to Montana. Acei Fields, KR5R, passed away October 29. No services announced at this time. There will be a private service later in Santa Fe. He was 86 years old.

Don, W5FHA, reported that a Dona Ana ham, Chad Kinser, KF4ESM, was in a bad motorcycle accident last month and was in a coma for quiet a while, but is now recovering.

Caravan Club - Pat, KE5FVS reported the next meeting will be Friday, November 13 and it will be election of officers. All members are urged to attend so there will be a quorum for the election.

Upper Rio FM Society - Mike, K5ATM, reported on a repeater Paul Choc is working on and that he has a new cavity.

High Desert - No report.

QCWA - Robbie, KC5FT, reported the next meeting will be at 12:30 on December 12 at Roper's. There will be election of officers and they need volunteers. It was also be their Christmas exchange.

N5VA - Kermit, KB5HA, explained where the VA station is located at the VA Hospital if anyone is interested in coming out to see it. He said WinLink 2000 is being smoothed out and they are getting equipment repaired. The station operates from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. Other days of the week the hours vary depending on who is volunteering at the station. Anyone who volunteers four hours of service at the VA in one day will receive free lunch in the cafeteria.

Transmitter Hunters - Mike, K5ATM, reported that two weeks ago there was a hunt at Oak Flats. It was a good one. There was a national hunt on the East Coast. Jerry Boyd went to that and brought home a bronze medal.

ARRL - Don, W5FHA reported on the meeting at the Socorro Hamfest on October 31. They discussed the FCC Rule 97.113. Petitions are being passed around to redefine emergency use of radio. Don said they had a good forum at the Socorro Hamfest. Currently things are pretty quiet.

NMARA - Don, W5FHA, explained how the NMARA provides a professional show booth for any amateur radio group who would like to borrow it.

Treasurer's Report - There is a balance of \$5,853.10 currently in the treasury. Don, K5BIS moved the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Debbie, KD5LOK. Motion carried.

Meeting Place - Roper's is working out well. Any suggestions for other places will be entertained. Also, if anyone knows of a place that could be used for a club house, please let Don, W5FHA know. Don and Brian, N5ZGT, will be meeting with the new mayor. Perhaps they can obtain permission to use a city building to use for a permanent meeting place with space for a radio station.

Nominating Committee - The following people have volunteered to serve as officers and board members:

Ray, KB5SF - President
Steve, WD9FJL - V.P.
Glenn, KK5UZ - Secretary
Debbie, KD5LOK - Treasurer

Board Members:

Richard St. John, K5RSJ
Bob Grant, KD4HCR
Art Priebe, N5ART

Mike, K5ATM moved this slate of officers and board members be accepted. Seconded by Don, W5FHA. Motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations. Hearing none, Don, K5BIS moved nominations cease. Seconded by Robbie, KC5FT. Motion carried. The slate of officers presented are hereby elected for the next term.

Christmas Party - The annual Christmas Party will once again be held at the Marriott Courtyard on Sunday, December 13, at 1:00 p.m. Cost to members will be \$20 and guests will be \$25. There will be door prizes. It was suggested that the club underwrite part of the cost of the members and guests attending. Don, W5FHA moved the club underwrite the cost, seconded by Debbie, KD5LOK. Motion carried. The Marriott needs a final count of how many will be attending by December 7.

Art Priebe, N5ART, moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Bob, KD4HCR. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Wood

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Substitute Secretary