

Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2010 submitted by Glenn Wonn, KK5UZ, Secretary

The meeting was held at Ropers Restaurant, 8810 Central SE, just East of Wyoming.

Ray Hill, KB5SF called the meeting to order at 8:05 A.M.

Debbie Pendley, KD5LOK led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Don Grab, K5BIS.

Self-introductions took place with an attendance of 37.

Health and Welfare: Don, K5BIS. It is good to see Paul Thomson, K5TCU here this morning.
Also:

Ken King, WB5EKP is back in the hospital.

Alan Borken, WB6LZH just got out of surgery.

Caravan Club: Pat Wood, KE5FVS, The next meeting will be Friday, March 12, 7:00 PM at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE. (corner of Academy and Moon)

Upper Rio: Mike, K5ATM stated that the next meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 7:30 P.M.

High Desert ARC: Meets the third Saturday of each month, 12:00 P.M. Noon, at the Northwest APD Substation, Ellison and Coors Bypass, just North of the mall.

QCWA: Robbie Hill, KC5FT, will meet at Ropers, Saturday, April 13 at 12:30 P.M.

N5VA: Kermit Goettsche, KB5HA stated that station is in operation most weekdays from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.. Visitors are welcome. New QSL cards have been received. They are very nice and you can have one just for the asking.

Transmitter Hunters: Mike, K5ATM. We had a hunt last week in the Elena Gallegos area. The new Software Defined Radio was used for the hunt.

ARES: The ARES meeting was held last Wednesday and is held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bernalillo County Emergency Operations Center.

ARRL: Don Wood, W5FHA and Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT. Don reminded everyone that Brian's survey has a deadline – midnight tonight. He then talked about the NMARA (New Mexico Amateur Radio Alliance) presence at the Home and Life Style Show. Some 50-75 people visited the display. There were only a couple of people from AARC in attendance. Where was the brochure that said AARC? Promotion of Amateur Radio is the purpose of NMARA. Don next said rather than him telling us what the ARRL is doing, he would like us to let him know what we want from the ARRL. Additionally, he will be sending postcards to the 2000 licensed hams in the four county area in an attempt to get the inactive hams involved.

Brian reminded everyone of the division website at <http://www.rockymountaindivision.org>. The Rocky Mountain Division Convention will be held in Casper, Wyoming, May 28-May 30. More details can be found at <http://wyomingsection.org/wiki/index.php/Convention>.

The FCC has granted a waiver for a business to operate in the 430-448 MHz region currently used by our repeaters. This created a lot of discussion. Brian also covered the status of 97.113, Communications on behalf of an employer and its impact on Emergency Communications. He then took questions from the floor. Don observed that Amateur Radio literally controls 13 billion dollars worth of spectrum. We are at risk, and, for that reason, we must support ARRL in their efforts to preserve our spectrum.

Hamfest: Ray suggested the AARC set up a committee to interface with the Hamfest Board. The consensus was that more benefit would be obtained by individual AARC members volunteering to serve on the Hamfest Board.

Program – Field Day: Richard St John, K5RSJ outlined his plan to permit operation in accordance with Field Day rules. There will be only one transmitter permitted to operate in each band/mode combination. A coordinator will be appointed take responsibility for this. In April, we will work on getting Transmitter/Antenna/Operator assignments lined up.

Special Service Club: Ray, KB5SF asked for a status report from the Special Service Club Committee Chairman Mike, K5ATM. Considerable discussion ensued ending with an observation from Capt. Bob, KD4HCR that most of the club members already have too many commitments with other organizations to take on additional AARC committee assignments. Ray said the Special Service Club matter would be tabled for now.

Tailgate:- April 24, 2010. To be held at Del Norte HS North parking lot. Event is jointly sponsored by the AARC and Caravan clubs.

Proposed Budget: A copy of the proposed Budget was available. After some discussion, a motion was made to accept the Budget as proposed. The motion was seconded and a vote was called on the question. The Proposed Budget was accepted. A motion was then made to accept the Board's recommendation of a dues increase to be effective starting in 2011. The dues would be increased to \$20 per year for the first member of a given household plus \$15 for each member of the same household. The proposed dues increase was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved on a motion by Glenn, KK5UZ, seconded by Robbie, KC5FT and confirmed by voice vote.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted on a motion by Debbie, KD5LOK and seconded by Don, W5FHA.

New Business: Capt. Bob proposed that we start the meeting with the Program followed by the Business portion of the meeting.

Motions were made by Ray and by Capt. Bob concerning the purchase of a handheld transceiver to be offered at auction. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that a written plan would be prepared for presentation at the next meeting. The motions were withdrawn for now.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 A.M.

NOTE: These minutes approved with corrections in AARC General Meeting, April 3, 2010