

Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club

April 3, 2010 Meeting Minutes,
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 8:00 A.M.

Ray, KB5SF led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Don Grab, K5BIS.

Self-introductions took place with an attendance of 35 and no visitors.

Health and Welfare: Don, K5BIS: Alan Borken, WB6LZH just started Chemo to be followed by radiation.

The program was given by Ray, KB5SF in which he described the modern history of conflicts from World War II through the War On Terrorism. "Out of each conflict, a veteran population has emerged and should be remembered." Many of the returning veterans needed medical care due to extensive injuries. The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) was organized in 1946 to secure quality health care for its members. Prior to 1950, a veteran with spinal cord injuries lived an average of 12 years. Now that is unlimited. Ray encouraged veterans who have not done so to find out what benefits they may be entitled to. This may be accomplished by visiting the Veteran's Benefit Office at the VA Hospital.

Perry Abernethy, K5PCA described as very serious the nationwide problem of indigent veterans. Mercer University Law School started a program called Project Salud in Michigan to provide pro bono representation to help the veterans get their benefits. New Mexico was the second state to join the program and has enlisted attorneys to provide the pro bono representation. Mercer has organized a clinic to be held in Albuquerque April 10 and 11 at the NM Veterans Integration Center.

Bob Williams, KJ5OE stated that many of our veterans are alcoholics and can obtain help from Alcoholics Anonymous.

Club Raffle: Capt. Bob, KD4HCR. A Yaesu FT250R HT was purchased to be auctioned with tickets available at every event from now until the Hamfest. The drawing will be held at the Hamfest. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Capt. Bob also has copies of his movie for sale at \$10 each with \$1 going to the AARC. "You can't criticize the movie unless you took an active part in its production."

Caravan Club: Pat Wood, KE5FVS, The next meeting will be held Friday, April 9, 7:00 PM at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd NE. (corner of Academy and Moon). Please check in to the SCAT net weekday mornings at 7:06 on the club repeaters at 145.33 and 444.0 MHz. Both repeaters require a 100Hz tone.

Upper Rio: Mike Pendley, K5ATM stated that the next meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church, 7:30 P.M. A program on Amateur TV will be given by Capt. Bob, KD4HCR.

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, QCWA will meet at Ropers, Saturday, June 12 at 12:30 P.M.

N5VA: Kermit Goettsche, KB5HA: Everything is going well. A cleanup has been initiated as the facility shows the need from very regular use.

Transmitter Hunters: Mike, K5ATM: A hunt will be held next weekend.

ARES: Darryl Clutter, NX5W. ARES was called out three times in the last week but all got down safely. He then commented that if you are not found within three hours, you had better be prepared for an extended stay.

ARRL: Don Wood, W5FHA: The new ARRL Web Site is a mess. It has been released to the Section Managers for comment but will require much more work. For the last year, Don has been trying to set up a ham station for the Bataan Military School. He has received the donation of a good HF Transceiver but still needs 50 feet of coax and a good antenna. Bataan is a charter school here in Albuquerque. They are forming a radio club and they want us to give some Technician classes this summer. Also it is possible that we may be doing a credit elective during the last period of the day.

District Convention and Hamfest: Don, W5FHA. We hope to hold the convention at one of the casinos and maybe have a bus trip up to the crest. Previous district conventions have been held at resorts leaving us with a challenge. The Hamfest will again be held at the Del Norte Baptist Church. However, there will be no vendors on the second floor. They will be located in the basement so that exams and seminars can be held on the second floor.

Field Day: Richard St John, K5RSJ said Field Day would be held Saturday June 26, 12:00 Noon through Sunday June 27, 12:00 noon. The tasks of getting ready were described and actual organization will take place starting next month. It is important to note that an ARRL rule states that only one transmitter is permitted to operate on a given band and mode at any one time. Richard will set up a procedure to enforce this rule.

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

Treasurer's Report: The report was approved on a motion by Darryl, NX5W, seconded by Don, K5BIS and confirmed by voice vote.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted on a motion by Robbie Arvidson, N4CHK and seconded by Don, W5FHA.

Announcements:

A report on the Science Fair was given by Glenn, KK5UZ. No entry qualified for the AARC award again this year. Ray, KB5SF suggested that the requirement be widened to increase competition for the AARC prize. This will be taken up at a future Board meeting.

MARS is still active for the Navy and Marine Corp but needs additional operators. Contact Steve Keithley, WD9FJL if interested (Phone 823-6673).

ABQDX will meet April 28 at Ropers. They also plan to participate in Field Day from an East Mountain location.

Darryl ,NX5W: A computer-generated W5YI test session will be held Saturday, April 17 at the Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center starting at 9:00 AM. Note that the Technician question pool will be new starting July 1.

Capt Bob, KD4HCR conducted the drawing for this month's Door Prize.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:09 A.M.