

Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club

July 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 8:01 A.M.

Everyone participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Don Grab, K5BIS.

Self-introductions took place with 33 in attendance with 4 visitors.

Health and Welfare: Don, K5BIS: There were no hospitalizations.

Silent Keys:

Troy West, KC5IZO, passed away Wednesday, June 30 at the age of 85. He was inactive the past few years with license expired. Troy was a WWII veteran in the Army Air Corps. He then spent 37 years at Sandia.

Glenn Fowler, N5XYU died on June 8. After getting his Bachelors in Engineering, Glenn went to work at MIT on the development of radar. Later, he joined the Manhattan Project at Los Alamos and observed the Trinity test. He transferred to Sandia where he spent 35 years including serving as a Vice-President.

Glenn is remembered for his dedication to the Upper Rio and to Boy Scouting. He served Upper Rio as Treasurer, Secretary and Asst. Secretary. He developed a member database which was used to track dues payments and membership status. He developed a map of the Megalink that included the URFMSI repeaters. He developed computer applications for Philmont Scout Ranch and supported scouting in many ways. As a sailplane enthusiast, Glenn set a record for the longest time in flight. Glenn lived to the age of 92 years and is survived by son Bruce.

Field Day:

Pat Wood, KE5FVS sent out Field Day press releases to all the local media outlets with little success. However, Terri Q. Sayre who hosts a call-in-radio show, "Weekends with Terrie Q. Sayre" on Radio 770 KKOB issued an invitation for hams to appear with her on the show. On Saturday, June 19, 2010, Terrie devoted the entire first hour to Radio Amateur Field Day and to the ARRL. Present in the studio with Terrie were Don Wood, W5FHA, Patricia Wood, KE5FVS and Mike Langner, K5MGR. They first described Field Day with its purpose and implementation. Listeners were invited to visit the N5VA setup in Montgomery Park between noon Saturday and noon Sunday. Then Mike introduced the ARRL and gave the web address for interested parties to visit the site. The remainder of the hour was devoted to listener questions that ranged from becoming a ham to finding the Field Day setup. Considering the fact that nine minutes had initially been allotted, Terrie very generously permitted the discussion to continue for the entire hour.

Richard St John, K5RSJ reported on the Field Day effort that consisted of three SSB stations and a GOTA station. There were no problems with the city Fire Marshall, the only problem being a chronic lack of operators during the night. The effort resulted in a claimed point score of 734. Thanks go to Richard for organizing and supervising our Field Day effort. Additional thanks go to Pat Wood for publicity, Don Wood for the generator, Robbie Hill for the potluck, Don Grab for the sanitary facility, and the operators and all the volunteers at setup and teardown.

Mike, K5ATM said that photos of the AARC/ARCC Field Day effort have been placed on the AARC web site.

Program: Capt. Bob, KD4HCR: The High Desert Lions Club is collecting towels to help with animal cleanup following the Gulf oil spill. A shipment of 400 towels was just made. The goal for the next shipment is 1000 towels. Also the video "Sparks in the Sky" has been entered in the Albuquerque Film Festival.

Field Day was set up at the Four Hills Mobile Home Park and operated QRP everything including two ATV stations. Operation included HF, Digital Mode and ATV. A video was shown of this Field Day operation.

Darryl Clutter, NX5W announced that the next ARRL Test Session would be held Saturday, July 17 at the Monzano Mesa Multigenerational Center starting at 9:00 A.M.. There will also be an ARRL Test Session at the Hamfest. For questions, call 286-1672.

The Treasurer's Report won unanimous approval.

The minutes for the June 5, 2010 meeting were approved.

Caravan Club: Pat Wood, KE5FVS reported that the club is dormant for the summer. The Corn Feed will be held in September in Montgomery Park.

Upper Rio: Don, K5BIS stated that the next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Mike, K5ATM said the program will be given by Mike Eaton, K5MJE. Don, K5BIS said that the newsletter is in the mail now.

High Desert ARC: No report, on hiatus for summer. The High Desert Net is Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M., 145.31 MHz, 162 Hertz tone.

QCWA: Robbie Hill, KC5FT, QCWA will meet at Ropers, Saturday, September 11 at 12:30 P.M.

N5VA: Kermit Goettsche, KB5HA and Merryl May, N5OTI: New members are invited to come out to the Veterans Hospital Amateur Radio Station, N5VA, weekday mornings from about 9:30 to noon. We conduct the Veterans Administration Service Net. This is a good chance to operate or to learn to run a net. There is also now a WiFi capability for those who wish to bring their laptops.

ARES: Don Wood, W5FHA: Last week, ARES conducted a highly successful simulated aerosol attack with Anthrax.

ARRL: Don, W5FHA Just a reminder that this is the last day for the 13 Colonies QSO contest. The contest is an annual event.

Hamfest: Mike, K5ATM and Don, K5BIS: Among the forums this year is a New Ham Forum at 9:00 A.M. You can obtain prize tickets and banquet tickets on the Hamfest web site along with a schedule of events. The web site is www.dukecityhamfest.org. The banquet will have a very interesting speaker, Bob Martin, KC5LHL. Bob is a reporter and photographer who also pilots the helicopter for KRQE TV (CBS) and KASA Fox 2 in Albuquerque. A graduate of Eastern NM University, Bob has been assigned to stories on all 7 continents, including Antarctica. He often uses portable satellite systems to broadcast his reports back home. Bob is proudest of his coverage of our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan and other hot spots. He has spent over a year of his life in those conflict areas and others like El Salvador, Kosovo and Nicaragua.