Socorro Amateur Radio Association

S.A.R.A News

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"All the news that fits, we print!"

Check out our web page:
http://www.ees.nmt.edu/sara/

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I will attempt to to fill in for Jim Oty, WB5GWH, who will be on vacation. Please excuse the change in format. My version of WordPerfect hangs up, so I'll have to use WordPad. Maybe by next month I will have figured out what is wrong..

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Field day was held June 23 and 24, with two sites operating; one SSB station at Datil Wells, and one SSB station and a CW station at NMT Macey Center. Base on preliminary counts it seems that the Datil Wells site has beaten the Macey center site on number of contacts but the Macey Center site beat Datil Wells on total points; CW contacts count twice as much as SSB contacts.

Special thanks to Ken Stewart, KF3DC, who was here on a visit from Maryland. He logged many CW contacts for us. Also, thanks to all who helped set up and operate the stations, and loaned stuff, and to Jon, KC5NTW, for the great food at the barbeque Saturday night.

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Repeater Report from David Johnson, KB5YIW:

It has been awhile since we reviewed use of the SARA autopatch, so I'd like to take this opportunity to do so. The SARA autopatch is available for use by any licensed amateur radio operator. Feel free to share the information necessary to access the SARA autopatch with your amateur radio friends and colleagues. We do ask that you do not make a practice of doing so over the air, since unlicensed listeners might be inclined to initiate or terminate a patch.

How does one make a call? We've adopted the convention of "*" = UP and "#" = DOWN. Bring up the patch with "*" followed (without unkeying) by the local exchange telephone number (835-, 838-, etc.). The SARA autopatch has a large number of assignable speedial slots that permit users to access particular phone numbers very easily. Using the autodial (speedial) feature involves keying "**nn", where nn = a two digit autodial number. Do include the leading zero for AD numbers less than 10. All patches and autodial calls are terminated with a "#".

Socorro emergency services (city police, fire and ambulance) may be called by simply generating the DTMF tones "911". The "*" is not required. The State Police office in Socorro can be called by keying in the numbers "123". These autopatch calls are also terminated with "#" or will timeout after 30 secs without an input to the repeater receiver.

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting of SARA will be held on the second Wednesday of July, 11 July, 2001 at the the Socorro Electric Coop clubhouse.

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2 meter net:

Yes, there still is a weekly meeting on the air. It is held at 8:00 PM every Wednesday (except on club meeting nights). Sandy, KB5YIX, has been valiantly trying to keep the net going but she is lonely. A good night will have 4 or 5 check ins. Dust off the old 2 meter rig and see if you can remember how to key up the repeater.

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Coffee time every Saturday 08:30 at McDonalds. Drop in to hear all the latest jokes, live!

The KC5NTW joke for July is #39. For anyone who hasn't already heard this joke:

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Club Officers:

President; Glen, WB5OAF
Vice_president; Al, Ac5BX
Secretary; Bill, K5HUH
Treasurer; Ryn, KC5WDT

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SARA repeater:

The Socorro Amateur Radio Association repeater is located on M-mountain, just west of Socorro. This is an open repeater and is equipped with an autopatch. Local emergency service can be reached by keying in 911.

Output: 146.68 MHz.
Input: 146.08 MHz.
PL: 100 Hz.

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