

# Socorro Amateur Radio Association

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SARA News

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April 2007

## MEETINGS

### The March Meeting

Minutes for the March meeting were not available at press time.

### The April Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 1930 hrs on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the **Socorro County Emergency Operations Center, 198 Neel Ave.** (the old BLM building next to Bhasker Medical building). The by-laws say that the report of the nominating committee will be received at the April meeting.

## THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

So there I was sitting in McDonalds having coffee with the crew, and it dawned on me that I should be doing something about getting a slate of officers together to serve the club for the next year. Being as the subject was brought up the week before, but died due to a lack of interest, it was thought that it could be brought up this weekend, however being as there wasn't a quorum of the nominating committee in attendance, it couldn't be done. All right, so now what I am proposing is that we all put our thinking caps on and have some suggestions from the floor at the meeting of April 11. Remember folks, the May meeting is elections time.

Something else to be looking forward to is the VE session scheduled for April 28. Jon Spargo and I have been studying our little brains off, trying to make them bigger. At this time I am unaware if anyone else in the club is working on upgrading their licenses, but if you are, knuckle down and get to studying, and we will see you at the exam.

Is it just me, or am I being sensitive about attendance at the meetings. I had hopes that we would be having more members attending the meetings if we were to have guests there to present

a program, but it seems to me that the attendance might be dropping off? What can we do about that? I am open to suggestions. At the last meeting we had Dr. Robert S. Balch give us a very good presentation on the magma chamber that exists below Socorro. I don't know about the rest of you, but I was surprised to find that it is as large as it is, and hopefully it won't decide to erupt any time soon.

That's all for now, over and out!

KD5UHB Vern

## SARA NEWS

### Nets ---

- Weekly ARES net at 8:00 pm local on Wednesdays on the SARA Repeater [146.68(-) w/ 100 Hz tone].
- Weekly TARA net at 7:00 pm local on Thursdays on the SARA Repeater [146.68(-) w/ 100 Hz tone].

### Gatherings, gatherings ---

SARA monthly meeting - SARA meetings are held, beginning at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday

### SARA Repeater

The Socorro Amateur Radio Association supports a VHF repeater located on Socorro Peak immediately west of Socorro. The repeater and autopatch are "open" and the autopatch is accessed/terminated using "\*/#". Local emergency service can be reached by keying "911."

146.68 (-)

100 or 123 Hz required

123 Hz on output

- See You At The Meeting -

**- Have you used the SARA repeater today? -**

of each month (except December) in the Socorro County Emergency Operations Center, 198 Neel Ave.

Everyone is invited to coffee every Saturday ~8:00 to 9:30 am at McDonalds.

**Upcoming events ---**

- April 21-22, 2007 — **South Baldy Hill Climb (Saturday) and Cerrillos del Coyote Mountain Bike Race (Sunday)**. The Socorro Striders and Riders (SSR) will promote this mountain biking event, resurrecting the South Baldy Hill Climb - a grueling ride from the Water Canyon picnic area to the summit of South Baldy. The course for the Cerrillos del Coyote Mountain Bike Race has been altered this year to include more single track. SSR has asked us to help by providing radio support for both of these events. Two radio operators will be needed for the South Baldy event (one at the start and one at the finish). Eight to twelve additional radio operators will be needed for the race on Sunday. Final arrangements will be made in the week prior to the race, but volunteers may either contact kb5yiw@arrl.net or attend the April meeting where a volunteer form will be circulated. Please mark your calendars.

- May 9, 2007 --- SARA Annual Meeting. SARA bylaws stipulate that the annual meeting will be held, "at the time of the scheduled regular meeting in the month of May each year ..." (Art. III, sec. 2). For 2007 the Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 in the Socorro County Emergency Operations Center, 198 Neel Ave. It is at this meeting that officers will be elected for the 2007-08 year. It is important that we have a

quorum for the meeting. Please plan on attending. If for any reason it is not possible for you to attend, please complete the attached proxy (or download a copy from: <http://www.socorroara.org/proxy.html>) and either give it to someone attending the Annual Meeting or send it to Socorro Amateur Radio Association, 722 N. California St., Socorro, NM 87801. The May *SARA News* will constitute the Notice of the Annual Meeting and will be timed to arrive at least 15 days before the meeting - a bit earlier than usual. The Notice of the Annual Meeting will include a complete listing of those eligible to vote at the meeting (Art. V, Sec. 1 of the bylaws) and the names of those nominated to serve as SARA officers for the next year.

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**From the Editor ---**

"Time flies like an arrow - fruit flies like a banana" or so the saying goes. It is hard to believe that another year is almost gone and we are about to have our annual meeting. The year began with much dedication to reviving SARA to something like its former glory. There are a number of ways to gauge the success this last year. I know that our president feels that attendance at the monthly meetings is low and thus indicates that we haven't gone as far as we might have hoped. Sure, we might have done a little better, but I think we have done very well. For one thing the number of paid memberships is roughly double that of a year ago. One of the striking issues then was that we really didn't know who was a member and who wasn't. Our treasurer now keeps careful records that are updated regularly.

While there are those who might try to make the point that SARA and Socorro ARES are somehow separate, I will argue that this notion is utter nonsense. The year has seen enormous progress on the communications trailer and a formalized presence in the Socorro County Emergency Operations Center - all due to the efforts of SARA members and with the association's backing and financial support. I happen to think that our officers have performed exceedingly well and they deserve a great deal of credit. Sure, we have more to tackle in the next year, but without a challenge, what is it all worth. (Dave Johnson, KB5YIW)

**Officers**

President: Vern Leavitt - KD5UHB  
Vice President: Glenn Mauger - WB5OAF  
Secretary: Eric Albrecht - W5VZB  
Treasurer: Bill Brundage - NM5WB  
Past President: Ed Wood - KD5MFS  
*SARA News* Editor: Dave Johnson - KB5YIW

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## PROXY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints \_\_\_\_\_ (you may appoint the proxy of your choice, or any one of the other officers of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association) to vote my membership in said Association for me, and on my behalf, extending through the date of \_\_\_\_\_ (not to extend beyond one year from the date below) upon any proposition that may properly come before the meeting.

I reserve the right to withdraw this proxy by appearing in person at the meeting.

_____	_____
Member Name	Signature
_____	_____
Call sign	date

The Socorro Amateur Radio Association has its Annual Meeting at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, May 9, 2007. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please complete the proxy above. Once completed, either convey the proxy to a member who will be in attendance, or assign your proxy to one of the officers and send it to: Socorro Amateur Radio Association, 722 N. California St., Socorro, NM 87801. Thank you.

## Join/Renew Your SARA Membership

Are you a member? When does your membership expire? If you are reading this from a newsletter sent to you via U.S. Mail, take a look at the mailing label. Your membership expiration date is listed on the bottom line of the label. Newsletters will continue to be sent for a month or so after expiration just in case you haven't had a chance to check your expiration date. If you do not receive your newsletter by mail you might check the membership list on the SARA web page. The address is <http://socorroara.org/members.html>.

If you are a member seeking to renew or a ham new to the Socorro area, joining SARA is easy and inexpensive. Download a membership application (from [www.socorroara.org/SARAform.html](http://www.socorroara.org/SARAform.html)) and send it with a check for \$15 (\$20 for family memberships) to: Socorro Amateur Radio Association, 722 N. California St., Socorro, NM 87801 or drop by the Socorro Radio Shack and say that you would like to join.

## Submissions to *SARA News*

Contributions and photographs related to SARA and amateur radio will be considered for inclusion in *SARA News*. Text should be of general interest to readers, and on the order of 200 to 300 words. Each month ads to buy, sell or trade may be included. The usual caveat applies, items must be ham related. Material will be included on a space available, first come, first served basis; and pretty much at the discretion of the editor. To be assured of consideration for the next newsletter, material must be received by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month. I would prefer to have submissions in digital form with text in the form of an ascii file or as text in an email message. Send email to [kb5yiw@arrl.net](mailto:kb5yiw@arrl.net) or snail mail to SARA News, 1307 Lopezville Rd., Socorro, NM 87801. (D. Johnson - Ed.)