

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for August 13, 2025 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 13 Aug 2025 at the Socorro County Emergency Management Building at 198 Neel Ave. Robert Collins (SARA President) called the meeting to order at 1930 hours. Rick Lively (Secretary) took notes.

1. Introductions: We welcomed back a SARA member, Dave Johnson (KB5YIW), and 4 new hams who received their Technician licenses at the Hamfest: Brandon (KJ5MDH), Rachael (KJ5MDJ), Audie (KJ5MDI), and Winston (KJ5MDK) Baker.
2. Program: Robert Collins gave a presentation on "New Ham Activities".
3. Announcements:
 - a. Alamogordo Hamfest — August 30
 - b. Socorro 9/11 Freedom Run — September 13
 - c. Duke City Hamfest — September 19-21
 - d. Train Show — August 16 at the Convention Center, 9-3
4. Business Meeting:
 - a. Approval of agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda and the motion passed.
 - b. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 09 July 2025 and the motion passed.
5. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton presented the Treasurer Report for July 2025.
 - i. SARA entered July with 10,342.07
 - ii. Income was composed of dues renewal from several members and hamfest banquet cash totaling \$410
 - iii. Outgo was ARRL insurance for \$200
 - iv. SARA left July with \$10,552.07 and that includes \$645.45 allocated to TARA.
 - b. Hamfest: Henry Newton also provided a financial report for the 2025 Hamfest
 - i. SARA did well on the 11-12 July 25 Hamfest and profited \$938
 - ii. There were 103 attendees, 31 attendees at the banquet, 13 tables, and 10 tailgates.
 - iii. Thanks to all who donated equipment to the silent auction and to Jim Boswell who ran the auction. The auction totaled \$517.
 - c. ARES:
 - i. Al Braun reported that the Wednesday ARES net, the Thursday Tri-County net, and the Socorro County ARES Group net are continuing.
 - ii. On a sad note, Al announced the passing of Charlie Lyon (NM5CL).
 - d. Charter School:

- i. John Spargo reported that due to the lengthened school day, exam classes will begin at 3:30 PM.
 - ii. 2 kids and 2 adults are possible for classes.
 - iii. Classes will begin Tuesday, August 19
 - e. TARA:
 - i. Bill Heller reported that Tech students are returning.
 - ii. Skylar will be in town and try to bring up the KC5ORO repeater.
 - f. Repeaters: No update.
 - g. Lab night: 27 August
- 6. Old Business:
 - a. Hamfest — The Hamfest went well. The Convention Center more than met our expectations. We received a lot of positive feedback from attendees. A survey is being created for emailing to attendees.
- 7. New Business:
 - a. 2026 Hamfest — The committee has already been formed. The first issue to be addressed will be the availability of the Convention Center.
- 8. Good of the Organization:
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

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13 August 2025 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rick Livols	KISGDB		
2	HENRY NEWTON	KCSWYA		
3	Robert Collins	AI5NR		
4	Tess Anderson	KJSDCM		
5	Brad Smith	KDSJNT		
6	Tom Spargo	KCSNTW		
7	Jim Lammert	KCZQY		
8	William Hiller	KGSNGN		
9	Dave Jannsen	KBSYIW		
10	William Anderson	KISHQE		
11	Dee Ramm	KH4GC		
12	Roy Gilling	NDRBT		
13	Anne Baran	AD6LY		
14	Rachael Baker	KJSMDS	" "	
15	Brandon Baker	KJSMOH	BakerLeatherNew Mexico@gmail.com	
16	Audie Baker	KJSMOI	" "	
17	Winston Baker	KJSMOK	" "	
18	Robert Drebnitz	KG5GOL		
19	James Boswell	KASSIW		
20	Shirley Brauer	KBSJIX		

Al Brauer KJ5BX
 Ben Nibrecht WSVZB
 Lenore Hill KF4PAB
 William Hill