

Socorro Amateur Radio Association
Minutes for August 12, 2026 Meeting
By Rick Lively, KI5GDB

This document contains the minutes of the SARA meeting on 12 August 2026 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 Elyas Dezendorf to the meeting. Introductions were made.
2. Announcements:
 - a. Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club Tailgate—August 15, 2026
 - b. Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club 40th Annual Hamfest—September 5, 2026
 - c. Colorado QSO Party—September 12, 2026
 - d. VLA Fall Open House—October 10, 2026
3. 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 08 July 2026 and the motion passed.
4. Reports:
 - a. Treasury: Henry Newton gave the treasurer report for July 26:
 - i. SARA entered July with \$9906.51
 - ii. Debits included \$1095.95 from several Hamfest disbursements.
 - iii. Income included \$3211.27 from several Hamfest deposits.
 - iv. SARA left July with \$12057.83 and that includes \$645.45 that belongs to TARA.
 - b. 2026 Hamfest: Henry Newton also included a summary of the 2026 Hamfest:
 - i. Hamfest profit was approximately \$780.
 - ii. Approximate total attendance was 100.
 - iii. Banquet attendance was approximately 30.
 - iv. The Silent Auction, coffee & donuts, and the banquet portions of the Hamfest made profits.
 - v. The radio equipment raffle lost money when compared with the purchase cost of new radios.
 - 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.
 - d. Charter School:
 - i. Jon Spargo reported that new classes will begin 8/18.
 - ii. Textbooks for the new Technician Exam have arrived.
 - iii. Still need to replace ground strap for radio.
 - e. TARA: Former president graduated from NMT. New officers will be elected when classes start.

- f. Repeaters: No update.
 - g. Lab night: 26th August (7 PM). Next month Bear is traveling
 - h. 2026 Hamfest Committee: Survey was sent out to attendees and preliminary results were presented.
- 5. New Business
 - a. NMDHSEM RACES support
 - b. VLA Open House Special Event Station: Committee members are solicited and meetings will begin in the Monday Zoom meeting time.
- 6. Old Business: None
- 7. Good of the Organization: Congratulations to the club for another successful race support (Chile Harvest Triathlon).
- 8. Presentation: None
- 9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Submitted by Rick Lively, KI5GDB, September 3, 2026

12 August 2026 Meeting Attendees

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#	Name	Call	email if first attendance	Notes
1	Rick Lively	KISGDB		
2	Jim Bogwell	KASSIW		
3	Brad Smith	KDSJNI		
4	Dee Ramm	KU4GC		
5	HENRY NEWTON	KCSWYA		
6	William Anderson	KISHQI		
7	Sean Robinson	KM7ELK		
8	Jon Spargo	KCSNTW		
9	James Price	K4JEP		
10	Jess Anderson	KSSDCM		
11	Robert Collins	AI5NR		
12	William Heller	KGSMDI		
13	Elyas Deendorf	N/A	deendorfelyas@gmail.com	
14	AL Braun	AC5BX		
15	Grady Braun	KABYIX		
16	Jim Louhen	KC7QY		
17	Dean Albrecht	WSVZB		
18	Ray	NORBT		
19	Peavey	K9PV		
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