

## **General Meeting Minutes for 17 Aug 2024**

**Attendees:** See sign-in sheet.

The meeting called to order at 10:00

**Introductions** – No guests

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes. Rob & John

### **President's Report:**

Experiment w/the live streaming today. Just a small portion to test the tech. Last month the sound was fine.

Silent key equip donation, Bill Harwood W5WH, courtesy of his wife, Tanya. Donation is >\$4K

Mark & Maryann – New Elmers. They'll have their own section in the newsletter. Bill gave us some guidance from an Elmer PowerPoint presentation Thanks for volunteering.

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> meeting deferred so you can attend the Duke City Hamfest. Bob Neery volunteered to help with the club table

New ham workshop on Tuesday.

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> going to SpacePort. Gotta be there at 8am with trailer. Two presentation times: 10-Noon & Noon to 2pm. Breakdown at 3pm. We will be operating radios. Either Ed Pocha or Dave Ham will be doing the satellite. Mike Smith will call Ed to confirm.

Atomic Museum will be having another open house in October, during Nuclear Science Week. Linda Anderson, Dir of the Nuke Museum, would like us to attend with radios as done in the past. We will be looking for volunteers.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Solvent. Club has \$13,422.56 w/\$5K in a CD w/5%. This is in accordance with the new bylaws provisions. 109 current members – 4 new ones at the end of July.

### **Loan Equipment**

Harvey Dove's wife will be having open heart surgery so he's stepping down for now re: equipment loans of test equipment for members. Antenna analyzer, field strength meter, RF noise detector, dummy load are to be bought.

Ham Radio Outlet has a program for around a 10% discount if you are a veteran or active duty.

### **Testing Committee**

Nothing new on the testing front. We have some coming in today to do Tech test.

### **School Outreach**

Schools are asking if we can come during a school day in the future. Not asking yet because school has just started.

### **Elmers Committee**

Anyone feeling overwhelmed, contact us. Emails will be on the website.

**Past President:** Last Wednesday was Navajo Code Talkers National Day, established 20 years ago by (N7HG) Herb Goodluck as an effort to keep Code Talkers at the forefront. Herb does presentations re: Code Talkers and he'll be at Duke City Hamfest. He'll have a table there all day.

There were all kinds of people attending the event. Dave Ham had a halfwave end fed antenna & Rob set up with a 20m hamstick. We called CQ for N7C (special event call sign) and made about 45-50 contacts. Bands were up & down like a sine wave. About 1:30 pm, we broke down. As of this morning, Herb still hasn't compiled the total.

Rob Summerhill commented: It rained all night & all morning. We arrived at Lake Michigan. The sun was misbehaving and we had noise levels between S4-S9. However, signal reports were good. Thousands of people there, including about 200 active duty Marines. We got a couple of Navajo teens to talk on the radio.

By the way, the USS Navajo was just commissioned.

The greatest thing was that Rob & I (David) relieved Herb of having to run a radio. He was able to do a meet & greet. Attendees: Dave & Becky, Rob & Elaine

Camping World today is having an expo of what you can put on your Jeep wheels for car camping.

Ham radio class is this Tuesday from 6-8pm here at Domingto Baca. My goal is to get people to use their handheld radios & get familiar with what you can do with a hand held. Bill Mader will be there. No alternative date at this time.

### **Hamming Around NM**

Going to Alamogordo at the end of this month for their ham fest & to visit the Space Museum.

Some chat about maybe going to El Malpais or El Morro. Need suggestions for Hamming Around NM locations.

There's a YouTube channel (Born 100 yrs too late), who takes his mule down into the desert based on NM history, such as A Trip to Massacre Canyon, also called Cookes Canyon. Greater

than 400 people met their fate at the hands of the Apache in the canyon near Ft Cummings. Here's a link to the video. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zH7xdce9PeQ>

### **East Mountain Committee**

Averaging 15-20 people. Presentation by Tom Russell. Next meeting Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Neither Rob, Elaine, nor Tom will be present.

Tome gave an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) brief to the East Mountain Wildfire Coalition. He met with district forester, the resource mobilization coordinator & fire management officer They want us to recruit Ham Radio Ops. I'll take a roster of names & give them to forestry. Tom presented an employment packet for paid Radio operator positions, mainly in Bernalillo & nearby counties.

In Jan or December, Forestry will want a list of interested people. Training will be provided. You'll have to deploy out in the field & go through the task book. You will be operating government radios & working for forestry department.

### **VP Report**

Antenna workshop – success of the antenna class.

### **Old Business:**

Request approval to begin purchase of test equipment up to \$800 & spend within 60 days.

1<sup>st</sup> Robert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Elaine

Discussion: \$800 is the minimum needed to purchase. If more is needed

Amended motion: Up to \$1000 spend within 120 days to purchase test equipment for the loaner program

Passed

### **New Business**

The East Mountain Committee reached out to Mike Smith about the possibility of having 1 meeting a year to include a testing session out in the East Mountains. The East Mountains is trying to get an operational system to get people out there testing for their license. The East Mountains area is a part of the club & the club is doing business there. This is a reasonable request to expand there for one meeting in a year. The East Mountains group has access to a large building next to Fire Department. It is the community center and large enough to hold a meeting of the general membership. This isn't unreasonable.

Two volunteers to be VECs

1<sup>st</sup> Elaine & 2<sup>nd</sup> Yul

Tabled until next meeting.

**Presentation –  
Tom Russell**

**Drawings:**

**Radio won by**

**ARRL Book won by Elaine**

**50/50 won by Dave Ham – donated back to club**

**Comments**

Bill Mader: Anyone interested in old stuff, I have QST & 73 magazines.

Next meeting 19 Oct 2024 at 10am

**Meeting adjourned at 11:42**