

## San Luis Valley Amateur Radio Association April Meeting Agenda

4/3/2021

Attendees: In person meeting only. List of those in attendance. Rick Syring, Erik Dunn, Bob Galey, Don McDonald, Troy Dieckman, Dave Newmyer, Ruth & husband (brought old CW units-contacted Phil), Ron Carpenter, Timothy Chittum, Frank Flohr, Zane Stephenson, Eric Stephenson, Skip Randall, Michael Benevidez, Nate Randall, Loren Howard, Phil Schechter, Adam Lock.

Call to Order: Prayer. Start at: 10:04AM.

Minutes: Approval of minutes from March Meeting. Nate moved, Don seconded. Approved.

Addition of Items to Agenda: Additional items to add to the agenda for discussion? No additions.

### Old Business/Open Issues:

-Annual dues to remain at \$36 for 2021. Mail to PO Box 452, MV 81144.

-Non-profit periodic report is due in April 2021. Adam will review & pass on if needed. Decided not to do this.

### New Business:

-Dave - new frequency pair needed for 2 meter machine. Interference. Denver RMRL club. Used .94 since late 60's. One club member near Como, Having to use beam to get in. MV repeater is bouncing and getting in to Como area. Repeater is west of Denver. Squaw Mountain. Outside of realistic coverage area. We have to move? Sets an odd precedence, 1 user forcing an entire club to move. CCARC – original request for repeater frequency. Options - 146.95, only 1 repeater on frequency. Shouldn't require duplexer to retune. Sky Hub people could help if retune is necessary. Frequency can just be input. Alternative is an SNP frequency – shared, non protected. Another thought, hire Cliff to change pattern on antenna. Omni directional now. May be able to disperse signal. Propagation study? Yes. According to software, we shouldn't be getting into South Park. Do-, get with them to see if we need to adjust pattern. See who else is being interfered with. If we have an antenna problem, we can adjust. Informal stage right now. Phil-How often? Dave-unknown, probably multiple times. Not linking to SkyHub right now to help. Bob-wouldn't tell them we're moving too. Precedent set isn't right. Our club did everything right, by the book. Dave to get with them for more information & who else. Adam moves, Nate seconds. Yes.

-Testing at Noon after the meeting. Several are already committed. Good luck all.

-SLVARA activating event and SES for Cinco de Mayo celebration assistance (Adam). May be able to put up a table up and make an SES out of it. Put call signs on the air as well. Some HT's and such. Bob is available. Frank can help. Skip with HT. Sked of shifts made. Motion to do. Skip moves, Eric seconds. Passes.

### Officers & Directors:

-Dave, VP/Trustee. Report.

-Adam, Secretary.

-Website & Social Media Report. Much minor tweaking. Someone want to write a blog? No takers.

- Parks & Rec-Pavilion in Chapman Park. Field Day. Follow up. Adam covered. What do we want to do? Great contacts at night last year. Noon Sat to Noon Sunday. 1800 start. Do food around 6PM. Stay until late or what? GOTA? Yes. June 26 & 27. \$10 for the park, gives us the Pavilion. Ron motions. Troy. Do it. We can still decide on the length of time. Tent & cots can be brought. Adam & Michael to get together to pay/ application.

-Loren in April MVCOC podcast. <SLVoice.com>. Covered.

-Michael, Treasurer. Financial Report. \$1,696.94. More dues came in today.

-Erik, Net & Contests. Report. Field Day 2021. POTA Activation on 4/24.

-24 Apr. 10 AM,, San Luis Lakes State Park. BBQ. Bring chips & drinks. Bushcraft & survival stuff. Registered with POTA. May 15, Monte Vista NWR at 10AM. Where to meet. Loaf & Jug, Alamosa, 9:30AM. Anyone welcome. At each, survival or prepping things too. Different topic each time. If you have a skill, let's learn from each other. Eric does SOTA, let's learn from you too. MVNWR-Hwy 15 & 8S, brand new pull off on the east side of 15.

Apr 10 & 11, lots of QSO Parties. NM, GA, ND. SSB Sprint coming up too.

-Frank, QSL Cards/QRZ Page. Report. Crane Fest SES operations? Half dozen contacts – bad conditions. Cinco de Mayo SES possibilities. Will update the QRZ page with the POTA's, FD, etc. Adam to do this on the web page & blog. Frank to do FB. Bob to talk to Jim to set up outside his business for Cinco. Has an antenna.

-James, Testing/Education. Working at Police Academy on Saturdays. 2 testing so far. 4 VEC's in meeting.

-Skip-vaccines. Rio Grande Hospital. Moderna. SLV Health also. Appointment numbers. Also Mineral County in Creede.

-Phil, EMCOMM. Report. CVM credential information. <https://covolunteers.state.co.us/>. Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer. John Bloom desires to take national template and modify it to apply to CO ARES. ARES is changing. Important note. CVM does credentialing for everyone. Need to have one to identify who you are and qualified to do what you do. Key issue, you must be enrolled in CVM. Few hours course & information. Background check too. SSN too. May be of some concern. State or Fed check-unknown. No fingerprinting. Ultimately, you can't be in ARES/AUXCOMM if you don't have a background check. Don-it's a civilianized background check. If help is needed, has to go up through state EOC channels to request it. End of May, wants to have a comex exercise to determine what will work and what won't; repeaters, relays, what's needed. Having credentials will help when people from out of the area may be here to help. 4-6 people needed for Comex. Different points in different towns in RG County. Portable repeater can be set up in about 30 minutes. Other Emergency Managers in SLV are interested too. Winlink is a possibility too. Try without wifi first (Phil). ICS 100, 200, 700 training a minimum to participate (800 too). The desire is to keep people local. AUXCOMM requirement, must be willing to deploy up to 4 days...not everyone can. <https://www.cisa.gov/> Don. Communications & accountability is key. End of May for training. More next meeting.

Presentation: CW Academy – Phil Schechter. Presentation. Started with Hallcrafters receiver & DX 100B transmitter. Speed increases with practice. Mechanism through the classes to increase your speed. At fast speeds, you are conversing in words & sentences, not characters. CW Operators Club. Dave-QRP on SSB. 17db difference. 5 watts CW about the same as 100 watts SSB. CW still used extensively, even in contests. Typically second most used mode. Founders of CWA concerned with longevity of CW and why they founded. 4 levels of training. Beginner (just starting). No training up to 10 WPM. Paddles only, no straight keys. Classes online, usually Zoom. Paddle is not as physically taxing as a straight key. Iambic sending is squeeze sending, not for the classes though. Farnsworth – spacing between characters. Characters / letters sent at 20 wpm, but spacing makes it 5 wpm. 2<sup>nd</sup> is basic class. Up to 10 WPM. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Intermediate. 15WPM plus. Advanced-4<sup>th</sup>. 25 WPM head copy to graduate, head copy, not on paper! Google CW Academy Student Resources. All available online-free. See all of it. 3-4 sessions per year, about 1 per season. There is a waiting list to get in. Time-you need to be dedicated. Requirements 30-45 minutes a day, beginner level and goes up. Advanced 1 hour a day starting, up to 2 near end of course. Pangrams. Hard to send in code sentences. Next classes start in August. Semester is usually 18 classes, 2 months. Mon & Thu each week. Learn to adjust for spelling, etc. Many words are abbreviated.

Next Meetings: Officers - Thu, Apr 22 – 12:30PM. Club – Sat, May 1, 2021, 10AM.

Adjournment. Meeting ended at: 12:10PM.