



# Valencia County Amateur Radio Association Newsletter

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## VCARA Presidents Corner

Chris, W5CSG, VCARA President

Hello everyone! We seem to be heading into cooler weather, crisp in the mornings the past few days, and very pleasant in the afternoons.

### Upcoming Events:

- VCARA Club Meeting  
October 26, 2010  
7:00PM Local Time  
Belen EOC at 6th and Becker Ave  
  
All parties interesting Amateur Radio are Welcome to Attend.
- Socorro Hamfest  
See Article on Page 2  
October 30, 2010  
8:00AM to 2:00PM MDT  
NM Fire Fighter Academy  
  
Enjoy a day of fellowship and possible a few good deals. Half-Hourly Prizes, Commercial Vendors, Lunch Vendor, Silent Auction, Seminars, Tailgating

Again I find myself needing to thank a member of the VCARA for stepping up and taking on a duty for this Club! Many thanks to James McNutt for agreeing to take on the Club Newsletter for us. Please help James out with articles and your support. James has suggested a "Name The VCARA Newsletter" contest. I believe this would be a very good idea, and have given James the go ahead with the idea. Now all of you be thinking about what you would like to be the prize for winning the contest, and how the club should score the contest to determine a winner? James will set the ground rules later on in the newsletter.

We will also be holding a special election due to the resignation of the Club Treasurer at the next meeting. Pursuant to the VCARA Constitution:

*"SECTI ON 4: Vacancies and Removal: Members of a committee or other office may resign at any time. Such resignations shall be made in writing, and take effect at the time specified or at the time of its receipt by the President or Secretary. The acceptance of the resignation by the President or Secretary shall not be necessary to be effective. Any officer can be*

*removed from his/her office by two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or regular meeting, provided that written notice has been made to all members at least five days prior to the meeting where the vote is to be taken, that vote shall be taken by secret written ballot. A vacancy in any office by any cause shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a special election at the first regular meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy."*

I look forward to seeing all of you at the October VCARA meeting!



**Did you know the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association has a new web address?**

**Please be sure to update your bookmarks to:**  
[www.kc5our.com](http://www.kc5our.com) ☐

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Name the Newsletter Contest	1	As a recent member of the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, I was unsure about taking on such a visible role in the radio club. My main background is in Computer/Electronics Technology, that being said, my artistic and grammar skills are not the best. I hope everyone enjoys the newsletters.
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Socorro Hamfest	2	Now about seeing your name in print; When I lived in Arizona the local club's (Western Arizona Radio Club) newsletter was the <u>Bullhead Beam</u> . At work, our companies (Able, Inc) newsletter is <u>Able Ink</u> . I

have always enjoyed the play on words when it comes to product and publication names. As I stated earlier, I am not very creative so I am turning to my fellow club members: Help name the newsletter.

Between now and November 30th, 2010, I would like to see our members submit suggestions for the Newsletter Name. I welcome any member to submit as many names as they like, as long as I receive them before November 30th. I would like to make the winning announcement at the Christmas Banquet.

See Contest on page 2..

## IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Club Officers:  
President: Chris Gillespie W5CSG [w5csg@arrl.net](mailto:w5csg@arrl.net)  
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Club Repeater: 146.700 –600 100hz Tone  
Club Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at 6th St. and Becker Ave in Belen, inside the courthouse. Please enter though the door behind the building.  
Club Net: Every Wednesday at 8:00PM on the club Repeater



## Contest

So put on your thinking caps and get those submissions flowing. Feel free to send in as many names as you like.

There are several ways to make your submissions:

1. Go to the club website: [www.kc5our.com](http://www.kc5our.com) and click on the "Name the Newsletter" link, fill out the form and click submit
2. E-Mail [james@kc7ywb.com](mailto:james@kc7ywb.com), please be sure to include your name, call and suggested name in the email
3. Good old fashioned US Postal Service. You may mail any suggestions you have to the club address, but please be sure to mail them early, we are not responsible for late submissions. Also, please include your name, call and suggested name in the letter
4. In person. You can give me your name in person, please be sure to write it down so I do not forget and include your name, call.... Well you get the picture.

Be sure to join us at the October meeting where we can discuss possible prizes for the winner.

Be clever, funny, technical, thoughtful,

Personally I look forward to reading all of the clever and insightful names we can create.■

## We Need Your Ideas

James, KC7YWB, VCARA Newsletter Editor

OK, I'll be direct; I want our news letter to be better.

I need your ideas, comments, suggestions, even stories. If you anything you would like to submit for the newsletter, please send it on over. Call me, email, US Postal Mail, even call me on the radio. I'll get in the newsletter.

I can relate stories about computers, electronics and networks, but I know there are folks out there reading this right now that know a lot more than I do on many subjects. Do you know good grounding techniques that every operator should know before installing a station? Did you read a great story or see a news item that would be of interest to club members? Send those stories and ideas on in.

Of course, electronically is preferred, but if you do not have a computer, write it down and get it to me, I'll do my best to type it in for you.

So how do you get stories, ideas, ect to me:

USPS Mail to the Club Address, ATTN Newsletter Editor

E-Mail: [jmcutt@kc7ywb.com](mailto:jmcutt@kc7ywb.com)

In person at club events

Over the air on the club repeater

I am out of town most of the week, but give me a call on the radio, when I am in town I try to listen to the club repeater as much as possible

So get those submissions coming.■

## Socorro Hamfest

Socorro Amateur Radio Association Mailing

The 2010 Socorro Hamfest will be on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 8:00AM to 2:00PM Local Time. The Hamfest will be held at the NM Fire Fighters Academy in Socorro, NM. There will be no fee for admission, however, this year there will be a \$10.00 fee for Swap Tables and Tailgating Spaces.

- This year the Grand Prizes will be:
  - Icom IC-718 HF Transceiver
  - Icom IC-2200H 2m Mobile
  - Icom IC-V82 2m HT
  - Icom IC-V82 2m HT
- Plus Half-Hourly Prizes
- Commercial Vendors
- Lunch Vendor On-Site
- Silent Auction
- Presentations/Seminars
- Swap Table \$10.00 each
- Tailgating \$10.00 per space

- VE Session (ARRL VEC)
  - Registration 11:00AM to 11:55AM
  - Exam 12:00 Noon
  - Walk-ins Welcome
  - Exams for all License Classes

Pre-Hamfest Events:

- Ham's Tour of the VLA on Friday, October 29 at 1:00PM at the VLA site, 50 miles West of Socorro on US60
- Hamfest Banquet: Friday, October 29 at 6:00PM in San Miguel Parish Hall, 403 El Camino Real, Socorro NM

Talk-In is on 146.68 –600 PL 100hz

For More information:

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<http://www.socorroara.org>

The Socorro Hamfest is sponsored by the Socorro Amateur Radio Association, the Tech Amateur Radio Association and the City of Socorro. The event is sanctioned by the ARRL.■



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## Club Business

James, KC7YWB, VCARA Newsletter Editor

In this area I will normally be posting club information, such as previous meeting minutes, local going-ons.

Due to my recent appointment as the newsletter, I do not have previous meeting minutes, in their absence please enjoy this selection of pictures from our Club website. ☐

### Wednesday Night Net Schedule:

- 27 Oct—Joyce KD5IAI
- 3 Nov—Paul N5PR
- 10 Nov—Goose K5EMH
- 17 Nov—Janelle KE5OQE
- 24 Nov—James KC7YWB





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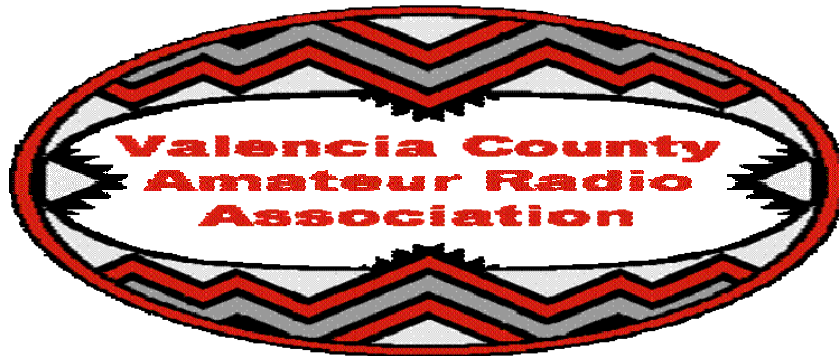
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## Don't Miss the Coffee Klatch:

The next Coffee Klatch will be Wednesday October 27th at 2:00PM. Join us at the Village Inn in Los Lunas at the corner of Main Street and Los Lentos Road.

The following Coffee Klatches are November 10th and 24th.



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