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Upcoming Events:

- VCARA Club Meeting
November 23, 2010
7:00PM Local Time
Belen EOC at 6th and
Becker Ave

All parties interesting
Amateur Radio are
Welcome to Attend.
- Coffee Klatch
There will be a Coffee
Klatch on the following
dates, at 2:00 PM. The
location is the Village Inn
in Los Lunas at the
corner of Main Street and
Los Lentos Road

Wed, Dec 1
Wed, Dec 15
Wed, Dec 29

See page 4 for more info
- Wednesday Night Net
Every Wednesday at
8:00PM on the Club
Repeater

VCARA Annual Christmas Dinner Announced

Charlotte, KD5OHZ, VCARA XMas Dinner Organizer

The annual VCARA Christmas Dinner will be on December 11, 2010 starting at 6:00PM at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall located at 115 South Fourth Street, Belen.

This year the price is \$12.00 per adult and children 8 and under are \$6.00. The dinner price includes all applicable tax and gratuity.

The cutoff date for reservations (including payment) is November 23, 2010. This cutoff date was set in order to get a firm count for Rutilio's and to help the part organizer.

Pay the organizer, Charlotte (KD5OHZ) in person at the club meeting, or mail payment to Charlotte at the following mailing address:

Charlotte Gaussoin
P.O Box 505
Bosque, NM 87006

We also ask that those attending bring an unwrapped gift for a child 12 years old or younger. We will be passing these gifts off to the Valencia County Toys for Tots for Distribution.

For more information contact Charlotte, KD5OHZ
Phone: 864-2291
E-Mail: kd5ohz@hotmail.com

MENU

**Beef Brisket (w/gravy or BBQ),
Broiled Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Corn, Green Chile Enchiladas,
Beans, Red Chile, Rolls
Tortillas**

Iced Tea, Coffee, Water



Editors note:

Thank you Charlotte for all of your hard work for all of the VCARA Banquets, Dinners, Meetings and Get Togethers. Thanks to you we have some of the best food and fellowship ever. Thanks!

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Great Prizes for the Christmas Party

Chris, W5CSG, VCARA President
James, KC7YWB, VCARA Newsletter Editor

Have you been buying your drawing tickets at the monthly club meetings? If not you should have been. There is only one club meeting before the Christmas Party Drawing. Only the tickets collected at the monthly meetings are eligible for the prize drawing at the Christmas Party.

Last year the club gave away some great prizes and this year is no exception. Chris, W5CSG worked with HRO to get the Club some great prizes this year. Using club ticket sales, funds from the sales of Jim Rounding's Ham Equipment Estate and great deals offered by HRO, we have two new radios to give away (one mobile and one ht). Richard and Debbie Groby have also donated a Signal Link USB Sound Card Radio interface. Just

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IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Club Officers:

President: Chris Gillespie W5CSG w5csg@arrl.net
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Secretary: Leslie Wirts KE5RSG denisemarie70@msn.com
Past President: Mark Halliburton K5WMH k5wmh@arrl.net

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 through the door behind the building.

Club Net: Every Wednesday at 8:00PM on the club Repeater



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when you thought we were done, there is also a 2010 ARRL Handbook from Jim Rounding's estate in the mix. Plus many other items. Please be sure to get your tickets at the November Club meeting!



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: jmcnutt@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!

President's Corner

Editor's Note: The President's Corner appears on Page two this month to give the front page the Christmas Party.

Chris, W5CSG, VCARA President

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Club meeting coming up, and If I do not see you there, I hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

W5CSG
Chris Gillespie





Club Business

**Wednesday Night Net
Schedule:**

- Nov 17 - James KC7YWB
- Nov 24 - Joyce KD5IAI
- Dec 1 - Ralph NM5RC
- Dec 8 - Goose K5EMH
- Dec 15 - Mark K5WMH
- Dec 22 - Joyce KD5IAI
- Dec 29 - Elvira KD5ULQ
- Jan 5 - Paul N5PR
- Jan 12 - Russ KD5UJR

Coffee Klatch:

**Village Inn, Los Lunas
at 2:00PM, Main Street
and Los Lentos Road**

- Wednesday, December 1st
- Wednesday, December 15th
- Wednesday, December 29th
- Wednesday, January 12th
- Wednesday, January 26th
- Wednesday, March 9th
- Wednesday, March 23rd

Time is running out. Submit your suggestions for the name the Newsletter contest. Submit your ideas on-line at www.kc5our.com. You could win a 1 year club membership or a Club Polo Shirt.

You may also submit your ideas for a newsletter story. Send you submissions to james@kc7ywbc.com

Club Meeting October 26th

Meeting was called to order by Chris W5CSG

Chris W5CLG was nominated and voted in as Club Treasurer

Goose K5EMH gave an update on the T-Shirts, he is still working on getting the T-Shirts to the club

Charlotte KD5OHZ is organizing the Christmas dinner. The date for the dinner is scheduled for December 11,2010 starting at 6:00PM at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 115 South 4th Street.

James KC7YWB is seeking anyone who needs to have the newsletter mailed to them. Otherwise, newsletter will be sent out via email

James KC7YWB also presented an item for a name the newsletter contest. Currently a winner will have the choice of a 1 year membership for the club or club polo shirt. A motion passed allowing James to proceed forward with the contest.

The Bethlehem Special Event Station date will be December 18th, the Saturday before Christmas. The club is looking for volunteers to run the station and the club will be giving out the special event QSL cards.

Chris W5CSG asked for club direction on the giveaways for the Christmas Party. The ticket sales were down for this year, however, with the sales of the equipment from Jim Rounding's estate there were enough reserve funds available to purchase prizes similar to the 2009 Christmas party prizes. A motion was made and passed, authorizing Chris, W5CSG, to purchase equipment of like kind and value as the 2009 Christmas party and to use the funds from Jim Rounding's estate to cover the extra expenses.

Richard KD5NTL announced he was moving to Las Vegas, NM. Richard has been a club member for 10 years. Thanks for all of your help Richard.

Paul, N5PR commented that the batteries used on Field Day were not able to provide the required power for the radios and cause issues with low voltage. Paul would like the club to purchase 1 or 2 Battery Boosters to prevent these issues from happening next year.

Mark, K5WMH Would like to send off a cub microphone for modification for better audio on Field Day. Mark is also seeking materials to build or buy single band wire antennas for Field Day.

Tom, AK5P then presented on LPVA for Amateur Radio Satellites (or the flyswatter approach to ham radio).

Tom gave a brief history on some of the ham radio satellites and demonstrated one of his custom made antennas. The antenna resemble a giant flyswatter.

Thanks to Tom for a great presentation.■

Don't forget the Christmas Dinner on December 11th.



Please bring an unwrapped gift for Valencia County Toys for Tots



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Don't Miss the Coffee Klatch:

The next Coffee Klatch will be Wednesday December 1st at 2:00PM. Join us at the Village Inn in Los Lunas at the corner of Main Street and Los Lentos Road.

Our December Coffee's are the 15th and 29th.

Don't miss our first one of the new year on Jan 12th



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 ☐



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