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Upcoming Events:

- VCARA Club Meeting
March 22, 2011
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, March 9
Wed, March 23
Wed, April 6
- Wednesday Night Net
Every Wednesday at
8:00PM on the Club
Repeater

Coffee Klatch:

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

- Wednesday, February 23rd
- Wednesday, March 9th
- Wednesday, March 23rd
- Wednesday, April 6th
- Wednesday, April 20th
- Wednesday, May 4th
- Wednesday, May 18th

Recycle your Old Magazines

Paul Ridley, N5PR, VCARA Member

We have all read this type of an article. What to do with all the older ham radio magazines we have accumulated? Throw them away, pass them to another ham, let 'em clutter up the radio room? If you're like me you hate to throw them away. We've tried passing them on to other hams and there are always magazines laying around the club room that no one will take home. Now that you can get the whole year of issues of most magazines on CD it's hard to justify the space it takes to house year after year of QST, CQ, etc..

So, let's try another method. Most of us go to the doctor several times a year, get the oil changed in our car a few times a year, get a haircut or perm at the barber shop or hair salon. At the next club meeting there will be labels available for you to take home and place on these magazines you want to give away. Take a black marker and mark out your name

and address, or tear it off and then place on it the furnished label that says "COMPLIMENTS OF VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB." Then, the next time you go to the doctor's office, wait at the car dealership for your oil change, or sit waiting for a new hairdo, take a couple of these magazines and you can conveniently leave them for the next patrons to read. Have you paid attention to the type of magazines that are in a doctor's office? My dermatologist must subscribe to 30 different magazines, none that I want to read. I would gladly pick up a QST, CQ or World Radio issue while waiting. Try to think of other places you go where people have to sit and wait while reading magazines, I'm sure there are others that have not been mentioned in this article.

Take home a 1/2 sheet of these labels and try it for awhile. Let's see if we can generate any interest or get any queries back. At the very least, it will help clear out your radio room!☐

Club Meeting March 25th

Leslie, KE5RSG, VCARA Secretary

Meeting was called to order by Chris W5CSG

We started out with the pledge of allegiance.

Then we introduced our selves. We had a new member join VCARA.

We talked about person who's wife died.

Then we talked about the equipment that Harvey left to the club. The Club Members have to talk to Paul N5PR about the prices on equipment. We discussed what there was.

Goose could not be there.

There was no tickets for the drawing.

We talked about power supplies. Goose has them. The Jim Rounding estate bout them.

They mentioned the about the ham fest that was in Albuquerque.

Then we did homemade tickets for the drawing. Paul N5PR won the drawing.

Then we adjourned the meeting and went to presentation..☐

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 though the door behind the building.

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



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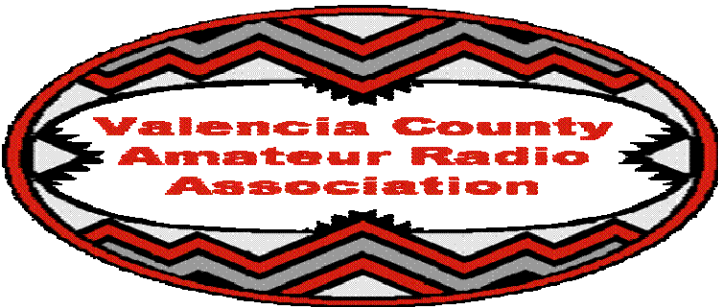
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Don't Miss the Coffee Klatch:

The next Coffee Klatch will be Wednesday February 23rd at 2:00PM. Join us at the Village Inn in Los Lunas at the corner of Main Street and Los Lentos Road.

Our March Coffee's are the 9th and 23rd.



Wednesday Night Net Schedule:

- Feb 23 - Joyce KD5IAI
- March 2 - Elvira KD5ULQ
- March 9 - Paul N5PR
- March 16 - Russ KD5UJR
- March 23 - Joyce, KD5IAI
- March 30 - James KC7YWB
- April 6 - Ralph NM5RC
- April 13 - Goose K5EMH
- April 20 - Mark K5WMH



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NEW MEXICO KIDS 2011 ROUNDUP

A HANDS-ON HAM RADIO ACTIVITY FOR KIDS

Saturday, May 21, 2011 - Drop by between 9 AM and 1 PM

What is New Mexico Kids Roundup - A hands-on Amateur Radio activity for kids under 18 to contact other Amateur Radio stations around New Mexico, the United States and the world.

Activity Goals

- Each kid contacts other stations using different radios and frequencies.
- Each kid gets individual instruction and mentoring.
- Each kid receives a participation certificate and each Cub Scout earns a badge.
- Each Boy Scout who wants to completes the Radio Merit Badge requirements of visiting a radio station and making a radio contact.

Where - 460 Barnett Road, Bosque Farms, NM. East off Main Street onto Abo Road (between the south and middle stop lights), north on Barnett to first house on west side of street. Call 869-8525 if you get lost. Activity will be outside.

All kids invited - Follow the scout practice of having a buddy or an adult with you. You do not need to be a scout to participate.

Can adults come - Sure! Adults are welcome to come and observe. But, only kids will talk on the radios.

I have a ham license. Can I participate? Can I help? - Yes!

- Inexperienced kids - come and get on the air.
- Experienced kids - come get on the air and help other kids get on the air.
- Adults - Come help the kids get on the air.
- Within your license frequency privileges, use your own call sign.

Hot dog lunch and drinks - Lunch will be provided for everybody. Early birds get donuts too.

What do I need to bring - A desire to have fun and learn a little about Amateur Radio

I have a Ham license but can't come. Can I still help? - Yes!

- Host your own New Mexico Roundup station and get a bunch of kids on the air using as many rigs and frequencies as you want, or
- Contact as many kids using as many frequencies as you can at our and other Roundup stations.

Need additional information? - Ralph Clark (NM5RC), nm5rc@msn.com, 821-7636 or Ginger Eldridge (KC5MTI), apoemge@q.com, 869-8525.

Fine print for New Mexico Kids Roundup stations:

- No overall sponsor, no points, no awards and no specified contact exchange. Not a contest. NM5RC would appreciate an after activity email from other New Mexico Kids Roundup stations.
- Suggested CQ: CQ CQ New Mexico Kids Roundup station 'callsign' 'callsign.'
- Re-contacting a Roundup station is encouraged when the kid at the mic, band or call sign changes.
- Bands: HF (except no WARC bands), VHF and UHF (repeater use OK, but be considerate and give each repeater a break after using for a reasonable period), EchoLink and IRLP.
- Remember some DX countries have third party restrictions.
- Primary objective is to have fun and let a bunch of kids experience the thrill of Amateur Radio.
- Other Roundup stations wanting Cub Scout patches, contact Ralph early to be included in order.