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Upcoming Events:

- VCARA Club Meeting July 26, 2011
Coffee Klatch
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Presidents Corner

Chris, W5CSG, VCARA President

Wow! 2 years have come and gone in the blink of an eye, it does not seem possible that amount of time has slipped away so quickly.

need to say that Sean (KE5LSO) has done an admirable job or getting a program put together for the past year, and Leslie has done an admirable job of getting minutes put together and sent out to our newsletter editor, James McNutt.

VCARA Field Day

You and your family are invited to Valencia County Amateur Radio Association's Amateur Radio 2011 Field Day. The event will held at Willie Chavez Park in Belen.

and contact other Field Day Stations.

Set up starts Saturday morning at 8:00AM, radio operations run 24 hours from Noon on Saturday to Noon on Sunday, and tear down starts at Noon on Sunday.

This is a drop in event, so come when you can, stay as long as you want and participate in the activities to the extent you want.

Hamburger and hotdog lunch on Saturday starting a little after 12:00.

VCARA will join over 5000 amateur radio stations on the weekend of June 25th and 26th to demonstrate our emergency communications capabilities with independent field stations.

Our primary objectives during this family oriented even are: 1. To have fun and get to know a bunch of other Valencia County Ham and their families and 2. Hone our emergency communications skills.

We will be running on voice HF rig, one PSK-31/CW rig and one 6-meter rig. New Hams, inexperienced Ham and non-Hams will have a chance to sit with a mentor



IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Club Officers:

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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



### NM Kids Roundup Successful Event in 2011

Ralph, NM5RC, VCARA Member

On Saturday, May 21st, kids gathered in Bosque Farms for some Fun, hotdogs, some exposure to Amateur Radio and to take their turn at the mic at three radios. This year rigs included a 2 meter station, a HF station and an IRLP station. Most of the 24 participating kids were Cub Scouts and their families and friends. In addition to experiencing the thrill of watching their kids make some contacts, the 18 adults accompanying the kids also got an introduction to the fun and capabilities of Amateur Radio. Each kid received a embroidered patch for their participation and one Boy Scout completed the Radio Merit Badge QSO and logging requirements.

While not a VCARA event, a number of club members assisted with the event as did several other Valencia County Hams who are not club members. Assisting Hams included Charlie NM5CL, Mike KF5AHF, John KB5ENN, Ginger KC5MTI, Justin W8JME, and Ralph NM5RC. Callie Clark took care of the registrations, patches and hotdogs. Several other Valencia County Hams (including several Boy Scouts) contacted the kids from their home stations. Quite a number of the parents mentioned how well Charlie NM5CL patiently worked with even the youngest kids to get them over mic fright and help them make several contacts.■

### Bicycle Event Returns to Rio Grande Area

Ralph, NM5RC, VCARA Club Member

Tour of the Rio Grande Valley is returning September 18, 2011. his popular bicycle tour ran for more than 20 years during the 1970s-1990s. Long-time public service hams may remember it. It is being revived this year by a new sponsor. It encompasses rides of 25, 50, 65, and 100 miles originating in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. The longer rides go through Isleta and Los Lunas and south of Belen. Communications support for the event is expected to involve amateurs positioned at rest stops, with event officials, mobile along segments of the course, and possibly in support vehicles. A coordinator is needed for this event.■

### WANTED: NM Ham Radio Plates

Bill, K5ZI

WANTED: New Mexico Amateur Radio License Plates, all years. Especially need 1959—1964, inclusive, plus 1976, 1977, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, and 2000. Will buy or trade. Bill Johnston, K5ZI, P.O. Box 640, Organ, NM 88052-0640. Tel. 575-382-7804. e-mail: K5ZI@arrl.net.

### PowerPole Opportunity

Been wanting to install PowerPole connectors on your rig's power cable and on your power supply, battery charger, mobile power, wire to alligator clamps, wire to cigarette lighter plug, etc? Field Day will be an opportunity to do that. Ralph (NM5RC) will be bringing box of connectors and crimper tool so you can do that. For those not familiar with PowerPole connectors, they are genderless 12-V plugs (think of an extension cord with connectors so either end can be plugged into your radio or power supply) and are the ARES/RACES standard for Amateur Radio equipment. All Ralph asks is a contribution towards the actual cost of the connectors.■



#### Wednesday Night Net Schedule:

- June 29 - Joyce KD5IAI
- July 6 - Elvira KD5ULQ
- July 13 - Paul N5PR
- July 20 - Russ KD5UJR
- July 27 - Joyce KD5IAI
- August 3 - Charlie NM5CL
- August 10 - James KC7YWB
- August 17 - Ralph NM5RC
- August 24 - Joyce KD5IAI
- August 31 - Goose K5EMH

#### Coffee Klatch:

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

- Wednesday, June 29th
- Wednesday, July 13th
- Wednesday, July 27th
- Wednesday, August 10th
- Wednesday, August 24th
- Wednesday, Sept. 7th
- Wednesday, Sept. 21st
- Wednesday, October 5th
- Wednesday, October 19th



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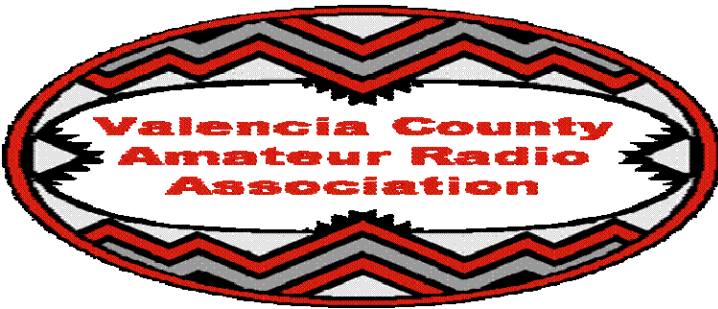
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## Don't Miss the Coffee Klatch:

The next Coffee Klatch will be Wednesday June 29th at 2:00PM. Join us at the Village Inn in Los Lunas at the corner of Main Street and Los Lentos Road.



Our July Coffee's are the 1st, 13th and 27th.



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