

VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of July 28th VCARA Meeting

VCARA meeting started at 7pm on July 28, 2009.

Old Business:

Bruce Fleming, owner of Belen Print Shop presented the club with a laminated copy of the News Bulletin article on Field Day.

The club will be planning the annual potluck to be held in September.

Yearly membership fees are due, \$15 single membership, and \$18 for family membership.

VCARA has been offered a table at no charge for the Duke City Hamfest. Suggestions were made to put a welcome letter as well as membership applications on the table. Sandy offered to gather the paperwork.

New Business:

Ralph will be planning a club sponsored youth activity at the end of December, which will be a class and testing session. There was an open discussion about how to keep youth engaged in ham radio.

Some of the suggestions were instructors for the radio licensing need to engage the parents in ham radio in order to keep the kids engaged follow up with the youth after they receive their license and offer to mentor them. A suggestion was made to loan equipment for a period of time until the person can get their own radio. Also, during the licensing classes, have brochures on ARRL, VCARA, and other radio clubs for them.

Suggestions were made to have various classes on how to use the radios after they get their license, and offer the youth a free membership to the VCARA for one year.

A discussion opened about having VE test sessions, scheduling the classes, publishing the information on dates and times of the test sessions. This topic was tabled, and will be reopened at the August meeting.



Presentation:

Brian Milesosky N5GZT and Don Wood W5FHA, from ARRL, Rocky Mountain Division came to present an award at the meeting. Each year ARRL presents three awards, one for Ham of the year, technical achievement award, and young Ham of the year award. They presented the Young Ham of the

Events Calendar

Wed, Aug 19, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Aug 19, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Aug 19, 2009
Las Cruces, NM
G191 ICS/EOC Course
For info call Ken 505-476-0871
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Thur, Aug 20, 2009
Deming, NM
G191 ICS/EOC Course
For info call Ken 505-476-0871
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Tues, Aug 25, 2009
Belen Courthouse, NM
VCARA Meeting
Regular monthly meeting.



Wed, Aug 26, 2009 7:30pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Aug 26, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Year award to Phillip Shaw. Way to go Phillip!!

The door prize which was a 17 piece air accessory kit was won by Mary Libertell.

Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA.

LICENSE CLASS SCHEDULED TO WRAP UP 2009

A Valencia County Technician license class is being planned for December 28-30 (Monday-Wednesday) with license exams scheduled during the last day. While being promoted to scouts and youth, it is expected some adults will take advantage of the class to earn their first Ham ticket.

Enrollment will be limited to about 20 students. The students will be divided into four groups and the groups will rotate through about a dozen mini-classes.

Several new wrinkles will be added to this class to cement the concepts in the students' minds and to help prepare them for their first ventures into Amateur Radio. One example of this approach will be to have a significant on-the-air repeater demonstration in addition to the usual 'this is what you need to know about repeaters to pass the exam' presentation.

Participating Boy Scouts will be able to earn their Radio Merit Badge in conjunction with the class.

If you are know folks who have expressed an interest in getting a Ham license, or of some youth groups who might be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please pass along this preliminary information.

Tentatively, further class information is expected to be released in early October.

Enrollment will be accepted from youth for the first month and then opened to adults. It is expected the class will quickly fill up. If you are interested in teaching or otherwise helping with the class, please let Ralph (NM5RC) (821-7636, nm5rc@msn.com) know.

Let's see, 4 groups X 12 mini-classes = 36 class presentations plus five 'wrinkles' = needing a bunch of folks helping with the effort. 73,

Ralph, NM5RC

NM Dept of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

The following are no-cost courses that are currently being offered. Advance registration is required.

G191 Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface Course is being offered in Las Cruces, NM on August 19, 2009. Contact Ken at 505-476-0871 or KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

Events Calendar – continued

Tues, Sept 1, 2009

Albuquerque, NM

G191 ICS/EOC Course

For more info contact Ken Martinez at 505-476-0871 or KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us

Wed, Sept 2, 2009 2pm

**Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Sept 2, 2009 8pm

VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

Wed-Thur, Sept 2-3, 2009

Albuquerque, NM

G775 EOC Mgmt Course

For more info contact Xavier Anderson at 505-476-0632 or Xavier.Anderson@state.nm.us

Wed, Sept 9, 2009 8pm

VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 16, 2009 2pm

**Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Sept 16, 2009 8pm

VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 23, 2009 8pm

VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

And **G191 Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface Course** offered in Deming, NM on August 20, 2009. For info contact Ken at 505-476-0871 or KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

IS 200 Basic ICS Course offered in Carlsbad, NM on August 24, 2009. For information contact Felecia KE5HTV at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

IS 200 Basic ICS Course offered in Carlsbad, NM on August 25, 2009. For information contact Felecia KE5HTV at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

IS 200 Basic ICS Course offered in Carlsbad, NM on August 28, 2009. Call Felecia 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

G191 Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface Course offered in Albuquerque, NM on Sept 1, 2009. To register contact Ken at 505-476-0871 or KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

G775 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management and Operations Course offered in Albuquerque, NM on September 2 & 3, 2009. For info, contact Xavier Anderson at 505-476-0632 or Xavier.Anderson@state.nm.us.

G 191 Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface offered in Carlsbad, NM on September 10, 2009. For information contact Felecia KE5HTV at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

G 775 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Management and Operations Course offered in Carlsbad, NM on September 15 - 16, 2009. For information contact Felecia KE5HTV at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.



KC5OUR Repeater & Net Operators

Every Wednesday at 8pm

VHF repeater - 146.700 MHz
Negative 600 KHz, 100 Hz tone
UHF repeater - 442.700 MHz
Positive 5 MHz & 100 Hz tone

Aug 12 - N5PR Paul Ridley
Aug 19 - KD5UJQ Elvira H.
Aug 26 - KD5IAI Joyce R.
Sept 2 - KE5KFO Janelle L.
Sept 9 - NM5RC Ralph Clark
Sept 16 - K5EMH Goose G.

If you can't run the NET when scheduled, please find someone to take your turn

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*It is not the class of license that the Amateur holds,
but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*



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T-shirts @ \$18 each and
polos @ \$20 each.