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**NM5RC presenting
KE5LZX with award**

VCARA Minutes from July 22, 2008

Charlotte will head the committee for the potluck in September.

The 7/22/08 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President (K5WMH).

The Duke City HamFest will be on August 15th and 16th, at the Sandia Baptist Church at 9439 Constitution Ave. NE, east of moon on the north side.

Old Business:

Mark opened the meeting thanking everyone for their participation on field day. There were 120 people that signed in.

The Alamogordo Hamfest will be on Saturday August 30th. Ralph (NM5RC) stated that there will be two youth sessions on PSK31 at the Duke City Hamfest. The sessions will take place August 16th. The first session will be from 8:00 to 9:00 AM. The second session will be from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. Each session is limited to ten youth. Please check the Hamfest schedule and signs for the location.

We received the batteries for the repeater, and will need to arrange a time with Manny for use of a fire truck to work on the coax on the club repeater. This was tabled until August.

Ralph will be on Antelope Island at Lake Powell on July 30, 2008. He will try to make as many contacts as possible on 20 and 40 meters.

The new vertical antenna is done. The cracked coax was replaced.

It is time to pay the club membership dues.

Pat still has t-shirts for sale.

New Business:



**Afghan
donation**

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Phil (KE5LZX) received a certificate for placing first in the nation for The Kids Roundup Contest. There were 14 child operators. The goal was to finish in the top three in the nation.

Mark (K5WMH) received an award for the 7th. Call Area QSO Party, "2008 Area Single OP Low Power Phone."

Len (AD5YW) donated a beautiful afghan to be raffled. Charlotte stated that she has already reserved Willie Chavez Park for next year's field day.

John (WA5VJY) donated a roller inductor with a tuning knob and gear to run the turns counter and ceramic band switch with three antenna connectors for the raffle, which was won by Mary (KE5LZU).

Presentation:

Paul (N5PR) did a presentation comparing last year's field day to this year's field day.

In 2007, 81 people signed in, in 2008 120 people signed in. Of the 120 people this year, 63 were hams. People came from Albuquerque and surrounding areas this year. Point wise, the first day, conditions on 10 and 15 meters weren't favorable. 20 and 40 meters were fine.

In 2007 there were 255 CW contacts, and in 2008 there were 243 contacts.

*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA*

Message from Belen Fire Chief

Due to staff shortages and staff on education leave this week, the Valencia County LEPC Meeting will be postponed until a date can be determined. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Manuel (Manny) Garcia

STILL HAVE THE CONTEST BUG

There are many contests still open if you are tempted. Please check out www.arrl.org/contest for more information. HF are:

Hawaii QSO Party--Phone, CW, Digital, from **Aug 23 0700Z to Aug 24 2200Z**. Bands (MHz):1.8-28 Exchange: RS(T), S/P/C or maritime region or HI county. Logs due: 30 days.

Ohio QSO Party--Phone, CW, from **Aug 23 1600Z to Aug 24 0400Z**. Bands (MHz):3.5-28 CW-3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045; SSB-3.825, 7.200, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450. Exchange: Serial and S/P or "DX". Logs due: 30 days.

YO DX Contest--Phone, CW, from **Aug 30 1200Z to Aug 31 1200Z**. Bands (MHz):3.5-28 Exchange: RS(T), serial. Logs due: 30 days.

ALARA Contest--Phone, CW, from **Aug 30 0600Z to Aug 31 1159Z**. Bands (MHz):3.5-28

Events Calendar

Wed, Aug 20, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Aug 20, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.



Wed, Aug 26, 2008 7pm
Municipal Court Blvd,
525 Becker Street, Belen
VCARA Meeting

Regular Meeting



Wed, Aug 27, 2008 7:30pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency Communications.

Wed, Aug 27, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 3, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Sept 3, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 10, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 17, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Events Calendar - continued

Wed, Sept 17, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Sept 24, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Oct 1, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Oct 1, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Oct 8, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Oct 15, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Oct 15, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Oct 22, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Oct 29, 2008 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Exchange: RS(T), serial, ALARA nr, name. Logs due: Sep 30.

SCC RTTY Championship-- Digital, from **Aug 30 1200Z to Aug 31 1159Z**. Bands (MHz):3.5-28 Exchange: RST, 4-digit year first licensed. Logs due: Sep 15.

OTHERS

August 21 - RSGB 80m Club Sprint, CW, email logs to: cwsprint.logs@rsgbhfcc.org, upload log [online](#).

August 25 - Run for the Bacon QRP Contest , upload log [online](#).

August 30 - North American QSO Party, SSB, (see rules, web upload preferred), upload log [online](#), paper logs and diskettes to: Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, 4225 Farmdale Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604.

August 31 - Portugal Day Contest, email logs to: rep-concursos@rep.pt, paper logs and diskettes to: REP Award/Contest Manager, Rua D Pedro V, No. 7-40, 1250-092 Lisboa, Portugal.

August 31 - Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest, email logs to: contestyv@cantv.net, paper logs and diskettes to: Radio Club Venezolano, Concurso

Independencia de Venezuela, PO Box 2285, Caracas 1010-A, Venezuela.

August 31 - National Lighthouse Weekend QSO Contest, paper logs and diskettes to: Dave Ruch, NF0J, PO Box 20696, Bloomington, MN 55420-0696.

August 31 - European HF Championship, email logs to: euhfc@hamradio.si, paper logs and diskettes to: Slovenia Contest Club, Saveljska 50, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.

September 1 - RSGB IOTA Contest, email logs to: iota.logs@rsgbhfcc.org, paper logs and diskettes to: RSGB IOTA Contest, Radio Society of Great Britain, 3 Abbey Court, Fraser Road, Priory Business Park, Bedford MK44 3WH, England.

September 1 - ANARTS WW RTTY Contest, email logs to: patleeper@optusnet.com.au, paper logs and diskettes to: Contest Manager ANARTS, PO Box 93, Toongabbie, NSW2146, Australia.

September 1 - Feld Hell Sprint, email logs to: feldhellcontest@comcast.net, post log summary [online](#), paper logs and diskettes to: John Graf, WA6L, 23085 Old Ranch Rd, Alpine, CA 91901, USA.

September 1 - CQ Worldwide VHF Contest, email logs to: cqvhf@cqww-vhf.com, paper logs and diskettes to: CQ VHF Contest, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801.

September 2 - TARA Grid Dip Shindig, post log summary [online](#).



Reminder: 2 Christmas Door Prizes! Tickets are from monthly raffles only!

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 13 - NM5RC Ralph Clark
Aug 20 - K5EMH Goose G.
Aug 27 - N5PR Paul Ridley
Sept 3 - KD5UJR Russell H.
Sept 10 - KE5KFP Val L.
Sept 17 - KD5UJQ Elvira H.
Sept 24 - KD5IAI Joyce R.

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

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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*



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