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VCARA Minutes of January 27, 2009 Meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mark, K5WMH.

Old Business:

Mark asks that if anyone still has logs from the special event in December to please turn them in to him or Paul N5PR.

New business:

There will be Sky-Warn training on March 21, 2009 at 9 AM at the Fire Station in Los Lunas.

There has been a banner added to the VCARA website. Ham.Com, please click on it. In August, we could receive a check for \$25.00.

Field day is coming upon us. Next month we will need to start a committee to plan for it.

Elections are also coming up, the nomination committee will consist of Dawn, Christine, and Tony with Charlotte's guidance (thank you Charlotte). If anyone would like to nominate a club member, please notify the Nominating Committee.

Paul, N5PR stated that the World Radio Magazine is on the Internet now. It is a worthwhile read.

Don't forget the Winter Tailgate at Del Norte High School on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

On February 7th, 8th there will be a NM QSO party. On March 7th, 8th will be the ARRL International DX contest.

Presentation:

Mark, K5WMH did a power point presentation "My Obsession to Find a Portable Antenna." He showed examples of antennas he has used, what has worked, and why, and what didn't work for him and why.





This month's door prize was a Helping Hand Tool Set, which was won by Laurie.

*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA*

NEW INTERNET MAGAZINE

New ham radio Internet on-line magazine has been started by Vincent - F5SLD. This is a free PDF file that can be sent to you each month if you subscribe, or you can go to his web page and download the latest issue.

Vincent started the magazine several months ago, but it was only written in the French language. Starting in December it is also in English.

Vincent accepts news and articles from hams all over the world, so each issue is a mixture from different cultures. The latest issue can be found at

http://ham.france.free.fr/crbst_17.html and the file is about 2Mb in size. Last time I looked, it was being sent to about 1,000 hams worldwide who had signed up. Check it out, you might want to get it monthly.

Paul N5PR

Homeland Security Courses available

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.

The Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) constitutes a national standard for all exercises. Through exercises, the National Exercise Program supports organizations to achieve

Events Calendar

Wed, Feb 18, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Feb 18, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.



Tues, Feb 24, 2009 7pm
Belen Municipal Court-
house, Belen NM
VCARA Meeting
Monthly Official Meeting.



Wed, Feb 25, 2009 7:30pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency Service net.

Wed, Feb 25, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Mar 4, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Mar 4, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

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Events Calendar - continued

Wed, Mar 11, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Mar 18, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Mar 18, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Mar 25, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Tue- Thur, Mar 24-26, 2009
Socorro, NM
HSEEP Training Course
For info contact Don Armstrong at 505-476-9641 or via email at Don.Armstrong@state.nm.us

Tue- Fri, Mar 24-27, 2009
Socorro, NM
Train the Trainer Course
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objective assessments of their capabilities so that strengths and areas for improvement are identified, corrected and shared as appropriate prior to a real incident.

This is a No-Cost HSEEP Training Course offered in Socorro, NM on March 24-26, 2009 and a HSEEP Training Course with Train-the-Trainer in Socorro, NM on March 24-27, 2009. Registration is required for these courses.

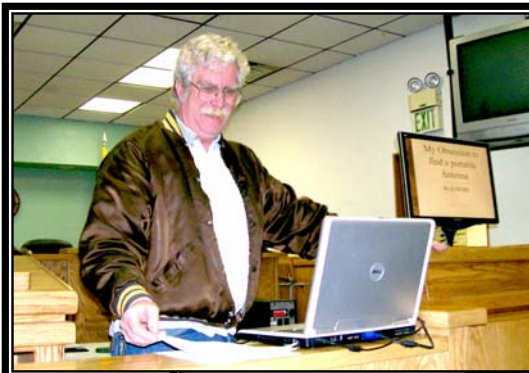
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Message from your Editor

Next meeting is very important, because . . .

1. The Nominating Committee will have their nominees for the next office terms.
2. The selection of the Field Day Committee.
3. Members get additional chances to buy tickets for raffle (and for drawing at the next Christmas Dinner).



See you there!



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

Feb 11 - KD5UJR Russell H.
Feb 18 - KD5UJQ Elvira H.
Feb 25 - K5WMH Mark H.
Mar 4 - NM5RC Ralph Clark
Mar 11 - K5EMH Goose G
Mar 18 - 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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polos @ \$20 each.