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Tommy Sanchez,
Belen Assistant Chief
EMO has called red
alerts for this month.
Join next
SKYWARN Class

VCARA Minutes of February 24, 2009 Meeting

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

Old Business:

There will be a SkyWarn training Saturday March 21, 2009 at 9 AM at the Los Lunas Fire Department on Main Street.

Mark and Paul will be the committee chairs for Field Day. It will be the same as years before, please bring the items that you have brought in the past.

New business:

Mark asked for volunteers to form a committee to put presentations together that we have after our meetings. Mark stated this would be helpful for the new president. He suggested at least two people, four would be better for this committee. This was tabled until the meeting in March. Chris (W5CSG) stated that the club computer now has internet access.



- Feb. 28 – March 1, North American QSO Party, RTTY: 1800Z to 0600Z
- March 7 – March 8, Inter. DX Contest SSB 0000Z to 2400Z.
- March 28 – March 29 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z to 2395Z

The door prize was a seven-function multi-tester, won by Mary Libertell.

Presentation:

The guest speaker was James Duffey KK6MC, he did a presentation on batteries commonly used by QRPers, such as primary batteries, using once would be carbon zinc, alkaline, oxyride and lithium. Secondary batteries which are rechargeable would be nickel cadmium, lead acid, nickel metal hydride and lithium.

James also spoke about calculating required battery capacity and different charging methods for various batteries.

*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA*

Mark mentioned QST's at the meeting for February and March

- Feb. 27 – March 1, CQ 160 meter contest, SSB: 2200Z to 2195Z

2009 KIDS ROUNDUP CONTEST

Four rigs will be on the air as 20-30 kids at the Valencia County

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multiple operator station attempt to again earn a first place national finish plaque in the Kids Roundup Contest. In addition to getting some hands-on Ham Radio experience, the kids will be earning certificates and lunching on hotdogs.

While the contest runs over the May 30-31 weekend, the drop-in basis Bosque Farms station will only be on the air from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, May 30th. All kids under 18 are invited to participate; an Amateur Radio license is not required.

Licensed Hams are needed as mentors and support staff. If you hear the kids (or any of the other Kids Roundup stations around the nation) on the air, please give them a contact on VHF and UHF repeaters, IRLP, 6-meters and HF.



Again this year, Phil (KE5LZX) will be coordinating and supervising the operation of the rigs and mentors.

Additional information and copy of the flyer can be obtained by contacting Ralph (NM5RC) at

nm5rc@msn.com, Ginger (KC5MTI) at apoemge@q.com or Phil (KE5LZX) at philshaw13@yahoo.com.

Ralph Clark NM5RC

Homeland Security Courses available

Reminder: There is a No-Cost Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (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.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Don Armstrong at 505-476-9641 or Don.Armstrong@state.nm.us for this course.

G 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents course being offered in Albuquerque, NM on April 1-3, 2009 (8:00AM – 5:00PM each day). This 3-day course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses and provides training on resources for personnel who require advanced application of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Participants will learn to describe how the NIMS Command and Management component supports the management of expanding incidents; describe the incident/event management process for supervisors and expanding incidents as prescribed by the Incident Command System (ICS); implement the incident management process in a simulated expanding incident; and

Events Calendar

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.

Sat, Mar 21, 2009 9pm
Los Lunas Fire Dept
Sky Warn Class

Volunteers and ARES members are welcome.



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



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

Tue- Thu, 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
For info contact Don Armstrong at 505-476-9641 or via email at Don.Armstrong@state.nm.us

Events Calendar - continued

**Wed- Fri, April 1-3, 2009
Albuquerque (8am-5pm)
G 300 ICS Training C;ass**

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

**Wed, April 1, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

**Wed, April 1, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Tue, April 7, 2009
Moriarty, NM (8AM-5PM)
G 191 ICS/EOC Course**

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

**Wed, April 8, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, April 15, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

**Wed, April 15, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Wed, April 22, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

develop an Incident Action Plan for a simulated incident.

For additional information feel free to contact: Ken Martinez (505) 476-0871, or via email at KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

G 191 Incident Command System/ Emergency Operations Center (ICS/EOC) Interface is being offered in Moriarty, NM on

April 7, 2009 (8:00AM – 5:00PM)

This 1-day course provides an opportunity for participants to begin developing an ICS/EOC interface for their community.



The course reviews ICS and EOC responsibilities and functions and depends heavily on exercises and group discussions to formulate the interface.

For additional information please contact Ken Martinez (505) 476-0871, or at below email address KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

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Message from the Editor

The next meetings will be the planning sessions for 2009 Field Day as well as the election of new officers. Please try to attend.

Even if you are not planning to run for the office current available, your vote does count. See you there!

Elvira KD5UJQ



Who will be the new VCARA Officer?

**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

Mar 18 - KD5IAI Joyce R
Mar 25 - KE5KFP Val Lucero
Apr 1 - KD5UJR Russell H.
Apr 8 - N5PR Paul Ridley
Apr 15 - KE5OQE Janelle L.
Apr 22 - KD5UJQ Elvira H.

If you can't run the NET when
scheduled, please find some-
one 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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