

VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

May 2009 Issue

Valencia County
Amateur Radio
Association
P.O. Box 268
Peralta,
New Mexico
87042

Inside this Issue

- 1 VCARA Minutes
- 2 Field Day Pins
- 2 Youth Event Scheduled
- 2 Events Calendar
- 3 Free Radio Magazines
- 3 Free NMLEA Courses
- 4 Free Homeland Security Courses
- 5 VCARA Net Operators & Contacts

VCARA Minutes of April 28th Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.



Brian N5ZGT reports on ARRL & Joyce KD5IAI on ARES

Officer's Report:

Joyce (KD5IAI) reported that there will be two trainings, the first is the Red Cross Be Ready training. No date has been set.

The second is the Rail Runner training, one will be held on 5/12/09 and the second will be on 5/19/09. Please contact Joyce for more information.

John (WA5VJY) reported that the repeater was down for about two days. A mouse chewed the black and gray wires on the power cord for the repeater. It has been repaired. He also replaced a poly phaser, receiver, and channel element in the transmitter.

John asked to have two more sets of keys made for the gate, building and cabinet. John currently has the only set of keys. The club agreed to have three more sets made, one for the president, custodian, and one to be put in a central location. The reason for this is, if something happens with the repeater, and

John isn't available, someone can step in and handle the situation.

Old business:

Ralph announced the Kids Roundup 2009 Amateur Radio Contest. It will be on Saturday May 30, 2009 from 9AM to 2PM. If you can, please help by talking to the kids on the radio, or by helping Ralph and Phil with the children.

They will be using four frequencies. You can contact them on UHF/VHF repeaters, HF, 6 meters and IRLP. The kids will be using Ralph's call sign NM5RC. If you would like to help, please let Ralph know.

New business:

Dawn (KE5LZZ) chairman of the nominating committee announced that the nominees for office are:

- Jim Duffy (KE5NIC) for Vice President,
- Chris (W5CLG) for Treasurer and
- Dawn (KE5LZZ) for Secretary.

May 2009 Issue

- Mark (K5WMH) will become the Board Member.

The only position that we don't have a nominee for is President. Everyone that was approached declined.

If anyone is interested in the President position, or any of the other positions, please let Dawn know. Elections will be held on 5/26/09. We have a great club, let's keep it running.

Program:

Brian Mileschasky (N5ZGT), ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director did a presentation on ARRL. Brian covers New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. Part of his position is to cover policy and decisions that occur at the upper level.

Brian is also the trustee of the Sandia National Laboratory Amateur Radio Club call sign W5MPZ; he is on the Board of Directors for ARRL, and a contributing member of ARRL's Administrative & Finance Committee.

Brian stated that there will be a division convention May 29-31 at Estes Park in Colorado. For more information, go to www.RockyMountainDivision.org. The Hamfest Duke City will be held on August 15-16. For more information, visit www.DukeCityHamfest.org.

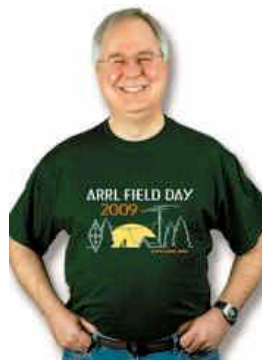
*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA*

Field Day Pins



Orders for the 2009 Field Day pin are now being taken by Paul N5PR. Cost is **\$5 per pin** and orders need to be in by June first. If you can't make the April club meeting, call Paul and place your order.

These are popular collector pins and in some past years ARRL has exhausted their supply shortly after Field Day.



ARRL also has T-shirts available with the Field Day logo, for \$12.95 each.

*Paul Ridley
N5PR*

2009 KIDS ROUNDUP CONTEST

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

Events Calendar

Wed, May 20, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.



Tues, May 26, 2009 7pm
**Belen Municipal Court-
house, Belen NM**
VCARA Meeting
Monthly Official Meeting.



Wed-Thur, May 27-28, 2009
Albuquerque, NM
G300 – Inter. ICE Course
For info call Ken 505-476-0871
KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us

Wed, May 27, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, May 27, 2009 7:30pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency Operator checkins.

Wed, May 27, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Sat, May 30, 2009 9-2pm
Bosque Farms Station
Kids Roundup Contest.
Call Ralph at nm5rc@msn.com,
Ginger at apoemge@q.com or
Phil, philshaw13@yahoo.com.

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.**

Additional 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

Free Ham Radio Magazines

No, I'm not giving away my collection of QST, which is now housed in several boxes in my shop. (Why do we hoard these magazines, now that we, as members, can get the articles on-line from the ARRL web pages? I don't know, but it seemed like a good idea all these years).

First, and foremost on my list is World Radio, which used to be a \$21 per year publication. You can now download or read it free at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/WorldRadio.html>. Not quite as large as the old printed issues, but it is nice to see the pictures in color instead of black and white.

Next on the list is the K9AY club's newsletter titled "K9YA Telegraph." To read the latest issue, you have to sign up for it at the club website www.K9YA.org or you can read a sample issue at

the same web page. This publication is a short 8 pages each month, with several good articles.

Another of the free publications is the one called "The Centurion" published by the Straight Key Century Club, SKCC. This one is slanted toward the operators using Morse straight keys. You can find at www.skccgroup.com/centurion.

Coming from across the big pond is the issue titled "Ham-Mag" published by Vince F5FLD and can be found at <http://www.ham-mag.com>. You can sign up to have this one delivered to your e-mail inbox each month. Latest issue was 34 pages with lots of pictures in color. Article contributors are from all over the world, so it is quite interesting.

Many of the world's radio clubs have monthly newsletter (as does VCARA). If you have lots of free time you can go to www.qsl.net, go down the list of clubs and check each one out to see if they list a newsletter. I'm sure that some newsletters are great and others are just blah.

You'll probably need high-speed Internet to download some of these magazines, as the last World Radio issue was 14M in size. If you're on dial-up, let me know, and I'll burn you a copy on CD. Instead of hoarding the magazines in boxes stored away in my shop, I now hoard the magazine issues on my computer's hard drive.

I'm sure there are many, more free, on-line ham newsletters and publications that I'm not aware of.

If you know of any that you enjoy reading, you might want to share it with others. Let us know where we might find it.

Paul Ridley N5PR

NM Law Enforcement Academy (NMLEA)

Free training! Please pass on to anyone who would like to attend.

Crisis Responder (International Critical Incident Stress Foundation), Robert H. Barnes

1. Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support Training

- June 2-3, 2009, Santa Fe
- June 29-30, 2009, Santa Fe

Public Safety Psychological Services, Peter V. DiVasto, Ph.D

2. Let's Not Shoot Our Wounded: Critical Incident Stress, Debriefing in Public Safety

- June 8, 2009, Las Cruces
- June 11, Albuquerque
- June 23, 2009, Artesia
- June 29, 2009, Taos

Impact America, S. Downing

3. Stress, Anger, & Fear Management Training for First Responders (TtT)

- 3 day (TBA), Santa Fe

4. Stress, Anger, & Fear Management Training for First Responders

- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA
- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA

May 2009 Issue

- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA
- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA

Events Calendar – continued

**Tues-Wed, June 2-3, 2009
Santa Fe, NM**

Peer Support Training

For info and to register go to <http://www.dps.nm.org/training/cirtBureau/cirtCalendar.php>

**Wed, June 3, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Mon, June 8, 2009
Las Cruces, NM**

Critical Incident Stress

For info and to register go to <http://www.dps.nm.org/training/cirtBureau/cirtCalendar.php>

**Wed, June 10, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

**Wed, June 10, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Thur, June 11, 2009
Albuquerque, NM**

Critical Incident Stress

For info and to register go to <http://www.dps.nm.org/training/cirtBureau/cirtCalendar.php>

**Wed, June 17, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

5. Managing Stress via the Management of Emotions, Communication & Time, (For Public Safety Telecommunicators) (TtT)

- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA

6. Managing Stress via the Management of Emotions, Communication & Time, (For Public Safety Telecommunicators)

- 1 day (TBA), Loc. TBA

The Train the Trainers(TtT) are free, Instructors receive student handbooks and the NMLEA will provide handbooks to student attending classes they teach until our supply is exhausted.

If an agency is interested in hosting the Impact America classes at their location we can make arrangements to do so.

For info and to register go to <http://www.dps.nm.org/training/cirtBureau/cirtCalendar.php>

NM Dept of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

The following are no-cost courses that are currently being offered.

G300 – Intermediate ICE for Expanding Incidents Course offered in Albuquerque, NM on May 27 & 28, 2009. For info contact Ken at 505-476-0871 or KennethF.Martinez@state.nm.us.

MGT313 – Incident Management/Unified Command Course offered in Deming, NM on July 14 - 16, 2009. For more information contact Felecia at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

MGT313 – Incident Management/Unified Command Course offered in Albuquerque, NM on August 11 - 13, 2009. For more information contact Felecia Schreier at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

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

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.

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.

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

May 20 - KE5KFP Val Lucero
May 27 - KD5IAI Joyce R
June 3 - KD5UJQ Elvira Hunt
June 10 - KD5UJR Russ Hunt
June 17 - N5PR Paul Ridley
June 24 - NM5RC Ralph Clark

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

President: Mark Halliburton
K5WMH 861-1288
wmhallib@juno.com

Vice President: Jim Duffey
KE5NIC 864-3297
jduffey357@yahoo.com

Secretary: Dawn Torres
KE5LZZ 866-5366
ajdlrtorres@hotmail.com

Treasurer: Christine Gillespie
W5CLG 869-4303
csgillespie@msn.com

Board Member: Paul Ridley
N5PR 864-7217
pridley@swcp.com

Repeater: Chairperson John
Erni WA5VJY 865-8226
wa5vjy@yahoo.com

ARES: Joyce Rumschiag
KD5IAI, Valencia County
ARES Emergency
Coordinator & RACES
Officer 865-5246
clwrksnm@aol.com

Club Website:
www.qsl.net/kc5our

Webmaster: Chris Gillespie
W5CSG 869-4303
csgillespie@msn.com

Newsletter: Mailed 10 days
before meetings.

Editor: Elvira Hunt
KD5UJQ 864-4051
maistre@juno.com

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

Valencia County
Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 268
Peralta, New Mexico 87042

US POSTAGE
Required



Get your own club
T-shirt. Contact Pat
KA5PAT at 866-6170.
Prices are
T-shirts @ \$18 each and
polos @ \$20 each.