

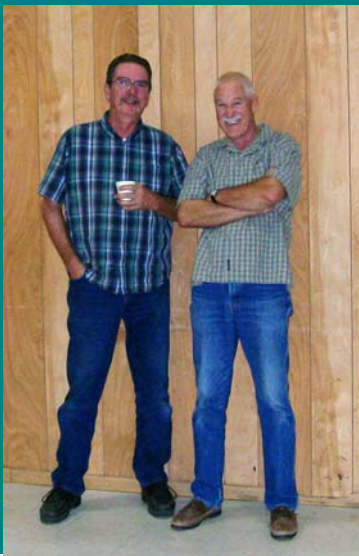
VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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VCARA Minutes for August 2009



September Potluck began with prayer.

New Business:

The annual potluck dinner will be held at The First Baptist Church on September 22, 2009 at 6 PM. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert, enough to feed five people. Everyone is invited, so bring your family. Monetary donations are being accepted for the food bank.

Ralph suggested we help Chris plan for presentations. We need approximately six programs for the year. Chris said that our club constitution states that there are three committees, ARES, Nomination Committee, and Program Committee. Ralph and Goose volunteered to help plan presentations for the meetings. If anyone would like to help, or has any suggestions for presentations, please let Chris or Ralph know.

A special thanks to Sandy and Ralph for setting up the table at the Duke City Hamfest. There were three new memberships, and one renewal.

Chris opened a discussion as to whether or not the club would like to publish VE session time and date list. Goose will check other test schedules so that we don't schedule at the same time as other sessions. This was tabled until next month.

VCARA was invited to sponsor the next QSO party by Brian Milesosky (N5GZT) the date for this event isn't set yet.

Mark stated the hardest part of sponsoring this event is cross checking the logs as well as a lot of data entry. Brian will see about changing the rules that the logs will have to be submitted electronically.

Brian will also look into acquiring a software program that allows participants can submit their logs electronically. VCARA will be listed on the plaque as a sponsor. Brian will also take care of the promotional part of this event. The club voted to sponsor this event under the contingency that Brian is able to get the software.

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Several volunteers will be needed. If you would like to volunteer, please let Chris know.

We need to start planning for the Christmas dinner. Laurie and

Chris volunteered to look into the catering and report their findings next month.

A 40 piece hose clamp assortment was the door prize, which was won by Elvira.

For information on the following courses, please contact Felecia KE5HTV at 505-476-9633 or Felecia.Schreier@state.nm.us.

G 250.7 Workshop Local Situation (RAPID) Assessment Course offered in Albuquerque, NM on October 19, 2009.

G 270.4 Recovery from Disaster: Local Government Role offered in Albuquerque, NM on October 20, 2009.

G 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents offered in

*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA.*

NM Dept of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Events Calendar

**Wed, Oct 14, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Sun, Oct 18, 2009 TBA
Duke City Marathon**
See article.

**Wed, Oct 21, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.



**Tues, Oct 27, 2009 7pm
Belen Municipal Court**
Monthly official meeting.



**Wed, Oct 28, 2009 2pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch**
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.



Aztec, NM on Nov 16-18, 2009.

G 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff Course offered in Farmington, NM on November 19, 2009.

Instructors & Demonstrators Needed for Youth License Class

VCARA's Technician license class for everyone, but youth are especially invited, will be held on December 28-30, 2009 (Mon-Wed) in Bosque Farms. Exams will be given just after lunch on Wednesday.

The class will be in Bosque Farms and an enrollment of 20-30 is expected. The students will be divided into four or five small groups, which will then rotate through 12 mini-classes. In response to suggestions received at a club meeting, several real-life demonstrations will be presented so the students get to see what Ham Radio is rather than just

getting book learning to pass the test. Some of the demos being considered are use of repeaters, autopatch phone calls, IRLP or EchoLink, and CW.

Boy Scouts attending the class will also be able to earn their radio merit badge by demonstrating what they learn in class and a few separate classes and activities. One badge requirement is for the scout to make and log a radio contact.

The small group/mini-class format, planned demonstrations and concurrent merit badge activities, a bunch of instructors and demonstrators are needed. If you might be interested in assisting with this effort, please contact Ralph NM5RC, at 821-7636 or nm5rc@msn.com. Knowing this is a bit early for some of us to make firm commitments, just knowing who might be interested in helping will greatly ease the planning and instructor recruitment efforts. Firm commitments will be solicited in mid November.

Ham License Class Enrollments

VCARA's Technician license class will be held on December 28-30, 2009 (Mon-Wed) in Bosque Farms. The scout and youth focused class is co-sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 253, but adults are also welcome to enroll. Only 24 students are being accepted on a first come basis. Adults not accompanied by a kid will be registered after November 15th. Boy Scouts can also earn their radio merit badge during the event. The registration fee is \$20 (\$25 for adults) and includes the study book and class materials. The \$14 FCC exam fee will need to be paid before the Wednesday afternoon exam. Additional information can be obtained from Ralph (NM5RC), 821-7636, nm5rc@msn.com, or from Bill (KC5FKN), 869-1336, troop253gsw@gmail.com.

Events – continued

Wed, Oct 28, 2009 7:30pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
Ares Net checkins - all welcome.

Wed, Oct 28, 2009 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Sat, Oct 31, 2009 8am-2pm
Socorro Hamfest 146.68
Free Admission, prizes, VE sess.

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



**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

Oct 14 – N5PR Paul Ridley
Oct 21 – KE5OQE Janelle L.
Oct 28 – KD5IAI Joyce R.
Nov 4 – KD5UJQ Elvira Hunt
Nov 11 – KE5KFP Val Lucero
Nov 18 – K5WMH Mark H.

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

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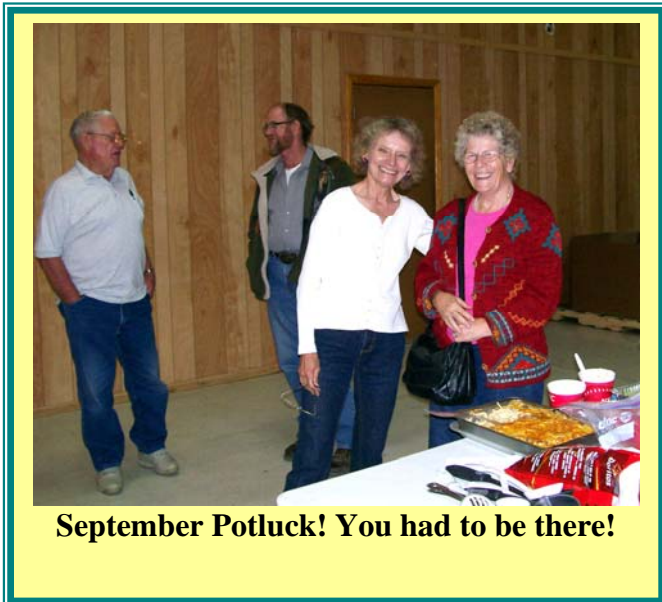
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*It is not the class of license that the Amateur holds,
but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*



September Potluck! You had to be there!

