

VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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VCARA Minutes from August 26, 2008

The 8/26/08 meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Mark (K5WMH).

Old Business:

Potluck committee: Thanks to Laurie (KE5QFG) for reserving the church for the 9/23/08 potluck. The potluck will start at 6:30 PM at The First Baptist Church on 401 Becker Ave. The members voted on hamburgers and hotdogs to be served. Russell (KD5UJR) and Connie (KB5UHF) will be the primary cooks with John (WA5VJY) as a secondary cook. Charlotte will follow up with the club members on other potluck items to bring.

The Duke City Ham Festival was great. Mark was happy to see the VCARA members wearing their club t-shirts at the ham fest. Pat has additional shirts for sale if anyone would like to purchase one.

John (WA5VJY) hasn't been able to talk to Manny Garcia yet to utilize the fire truck to do the necessary work on the repeater. The battery, lightning protector, and receiver will be replaced.

New Business:

Chris (W5CLG) reported the balance in the account as of 8/26/08 is 1458.04. The total sale of raffle tickets for this meeting was \$33.00, which will be added to the account.

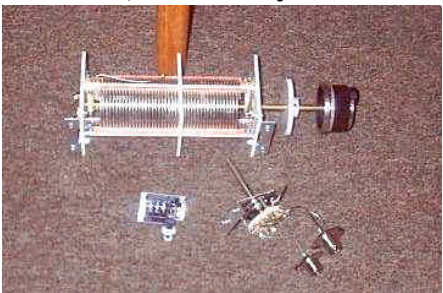
Mark ordered an 80M resonator; the cost is approximately \$70-75. The club members voted to reimburse Mark for the expense.

Charlotte (KD5OHZ), Laurie (KE5QFG), Chris (W5CLG), Shelly Shaw, and Mary Libertell will head the Christmas party committee. The special events station will be on the air from 12/18/08 to 12/23/08 and the open house will be on 12/20/08. John (KD5MHO), Terri (KD5NGI) and Mary (KE5LZU) will lend their wonderful artistic talents and

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Last raffle prize was a roller inductor, donated by WA5VJY





create a QSL card for the special event at Christmas.

Mark would like to know what kind of presentations the club members would like to see at the meetings. Please write your ideas on a piece of paper and give them to Mark at the potluck on 9/23/08.

Robert Collins (K5BD) donated a Kenwood TS520S radio to the club. Tom Mirabal (KA5FRB) donated a Yaesu FT757GX radio to the club on behalf of silent key Bill Tallon (W5IPM). The Yaesu doesn't have a microphone for the radio. Thank you cards will be sent.

Volunteers are needed to help this year at the Balloon Fiesta, if anyone is interested
E-mail WB6JAN@ARRL.NET for more information.

There will be a Hamfest August 30th. In Alamogordo

Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club Tailgate will be held on October 18, 2008. The tailgate will be at the club house in Cahoon Park in Roswell.

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 Elvira (KD5UJQ). Chris (W5CSG) donated a torque bit set which was won by Pat (KA5PAT).

Presentation:

The presentation this month was on different ways to put connectors on coax cable. Paul (N5PR) presented soldering connectors onto coax cable. John (WA5VJY) presented crimping connectors onto the coax cable, and Mark (K5WMH) presentation was on installing a PL259 connector with adaptors on an 8X cable.

*Dawn Torres KE5LZZ
Secretary VCARA*

ARRL Presents New Membership Benefit

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online *QST* magazine archive. This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service ([TIS](#)) -- provides PDF copies of all *QST* articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project or advertisement. For many years, the TIS has provided members with assistance researching ARRL

Events Calendar

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

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

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



Tue, Sept 23, 2008 6:30 pm
The First Baptist Church ,
401 Becker Ave, Belen NM
VCARA Annual Potluck

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.

Events Calendar - continued

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.

Wed, Oct 29, 2008 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
 See Net Operator schedule.

periodicals and publications, as well as providing members and non-members with article reprints for a small fee. Access to the new online digital *QST* archive is free for ARRL members.

The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for *QST* from 1915 to the present, *QEX* from 1981 to the present, *Ham Radio* from 1968 to 1990 and *NCJ* from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of *QEX* covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the *QST* articles.

ARRL Update on Southwest Division News

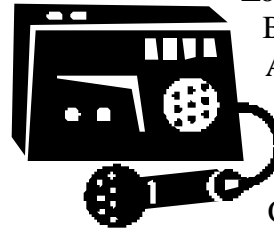
====Upcoming hamfests, tailgates & conventions====

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- October 18, Pecos Valley ARC Tailgate (Roswell, NM)
- October 25, Socorro ARA Hamfest (Socorro, NM)

LOS ALAMOS ARC/ATOMIC CITY GRP, 6:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed). **Contact:** WILLIAM BOEDEKER, (505)662-4220, NM5BB@ARRL.NET

Location: OLD FIRE BARN/CD-1, 4017 ARKANSAS ST, UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
 CELL: (505)695-9882, LOS ALAMOS, NM 87544



Links to websites belonging to the above events are found on the Rocky Mountain Division site:

www.RockyMountainDivision.org

If you're organizing a Hamfest, convention or tailgate, please consider having your event ARRL-sanctioned. Sanctioning details can be found at

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/hamfests/>

Oct 3-Oct 13, 1500Z-0000Z, Albuquerque, NM. High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico, Inc, W5B. Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta 2008. 21.300 14.260 7.235. QSL. High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico Inc., 6299 Wildflower Pass Dr NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144. www.nm5hd.com

==TESTING==

04-Oct-2008
 PECOS VALLEY ARC,
 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed).
Contact: PAUL TORO, (505) 623-9517,
N5DCT@CABLEONE.NET
Location: CAHOON PARK - PVARC CLUBHOUSE, RIVERSIDE DRIVE & OHIO AVE, ROSWELL, NM 88201

14-Oct-2008

25-Oct-2008
 SOCORRO & TECH ARA'S,
 12:00PM (Walk-ins allowed).
Contact: ALFRED O BRAUN (505)835-3456,
AC5BX@ARRL.NET
Location: FIRE FIGHTERS TRAINING ACADEMY, 200 ASPEN RD, SOCORRO, NM 87801

08-Nov-2008
 MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB, 8:30AM (No walk-ins).
Contact: JOHN G HEMPFLING (575)373-1166,
N5WQ@ARRL.NET
Location: MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB HOUSE, CORNER OF JEFFERSON & WILT, CALL SCHEDULE 2 DAYS ADVANCE, LAS CRUCES, NM 88001

15-Nov-2008
 THE HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS,
 9:15AM (Walk-ins allowed).
Contact: DARRYL W CLUTTER, (505)286-1672
NX5W@COMCAST.NET
Location: MANZANO MESA MULTIGENERATIONAL BLDG, 501 ELIZABETH ST SE, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87123

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

- Sept 17 - KD5UJQ Elvira H.
- Sept 24 - KD5IAI Joyce R.
- Oct 1 - KD5--- Cresap Family
- Oct 8 - KE5OQE Janelle L.
- Oct 15 - K5WMH Mark H.
- Oct 22 - NM5RC Ralph Clark
- Oct 29 - K5EMH Goose G.

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

VCARA Club Contacts

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