

Dots ~N~ Dashes

December 2012 Issue

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President's Column for December 2012



On December 15 we held our annual Christmas party. About 45 people attended and managed to fill up most of our available space. There was abundant food and a festive holiday atmosphere. The radios were drawn by Chris Gillespie and Charlotte Gaussoin. I hope you all enjoyed the occasion and if you were not able to attend we'd love to include you next year. Thank you all again for your help and support of this enjoyable activity.

You may have noticed that recently the 146.700 Club repeater was off the air for several days. I discovered this on the morning of December 13. A phone call to Richard was all it took for him to be on the spot later that day. He discovered that the entire repeater site was without commercial power. He tested the repeater with power from an inverter running from his truck and found it to be

working perfectly. Seems the cause was more theft of copper wire, this time to the entire site, not just the repeater building. So we made the

decision to move the repeater to the Clubhouse. The move was completed on Saturday, December 15. As of December 21 the repeater was back up at the old location. We found that propagation along Hiway 47 and areas east of Los Lunas was not acceptable. In the future whenever an outage occurs with the 146.700 repeater we will automatically switch to the 442.700 repeater for Club activity. During outages you can keep an eye on "This Just In" on our kc5our.com web site for status updates.

As I write this column we have several days left during our annual Christmas from Belen special on-air event. We will report the results at our January 22 monthly meeting but I can say we have had a nice turn out at the Clubhouse of folks wanting to operate our station. Some contacts have been made on the PSK-31 equipment but the vast majority were on SSB with our new antenna. One day while operating I got 10 and 20 dB over S9 reports from folks across the country.



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Margette and I wish you all a great Christmas season and a healthy and prosperous new year.

*Cliff KE0XII
VCARA President*

George Dodson for a family membership
Member recognition/achievements
(president) No new licenses or upgrades

VCARA Monthly Meeting for November 27, 2012

Officers Meeting

- 1) Christmas Party committee progress has all the tables & chairs needed. Looks like 38 People are attending at the clubhouse, Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 6:00. Charlie is bringing lights to hang up inside maybe on Dec 8. Will pick up chairs and tables from VIA & Fire Dept on the 13th. Have Tammy and Laurie to help cover the tables with wrapping paper, put up other small decorations on Friday afternoon, December 14, 2012.
- 2) We voted to submit paperwork to become a Non-Profit with the IRS.
- 3) The VCARA ARES group is looking into the possibility of renting more space for Official Emergency Station.

General Meeting

Welcome, Call to order, salute flag *(president)*

Attendees announce names & call-sign *(membership)*

Welcome New Members:

Arthur Prost is a new member also received paperwork and check from

Officer's Business

President & Webmaster *(Cliff - KE0XII)*

Final accounting on the tower / antenna project. The whole project cost \$1,109.27. The members donated \$765.37 in costs. The club paid \$343.90 toward the project. This did not include man-hours which were extensive. The setup is working very well and when tested was text-book perfect. The new antenna and a vertical will be used for the "Christmas in Bethlehem" event.

Vice President *(Charlie - NM5CL)*

This evening's presentation was by Chris W5CSG on the ARES program in the county. George Cusack K6GTC has taken all the required classes and volunteered for the ARES group.

Secretary *(Margette - KF5MIQ)*

See above in management meeting. Sent around list for food signup. Thirty



Events Calendar

Wed, Jan 2, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Jan 5, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Paul, N5PR

Wed, Jan 9, 2013, 2:00 pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Jan 9, 2013, 7:30 pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Jan 9, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Jan 12, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Chris, W5CSG
(VE Test Session)

Wed, Jan 16, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Jan 19, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Cliff, KE0CP

Tues, Jan 22, 2013, 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting at Clubhouse, Belen
Open to old & new members





Calendar – continued

Wed, Jan 23, 2013, 2:00 pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch

Bi-weekly unofficial meeting

Wed, Jan 23, 2013, 7:30 pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Jan 23, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Jan 26, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public

Contact is Charlie, NM5CL

Wed, Jan 30, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Feb 2, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public

Contact is Paul, N5PR

Wed, Feb 6, 2013, 2:00 pm
Village Inn, Los Lunas
Coffee Klatch

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Feb 6, 2013, 7:30 pm
ARES Net 146.700 mhz

See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, Feb 6, 2013, 8:00 pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz

Emergency scheduled net

Sat, Feb 9, 2013, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public

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Past President & ARES DEC
(Chris - W5CSG)

Update on ARES was presented at the meeting's program.

Newsletter Editor (Elvira – KD5UJQ) She needs articles

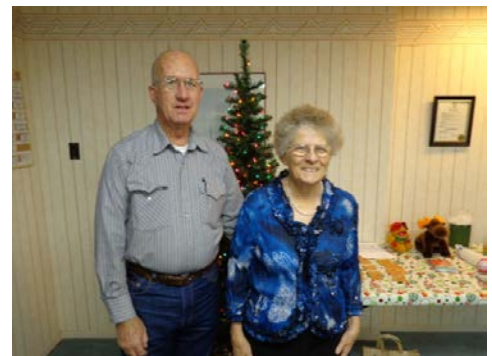
Ralph Clark NM5RC talked about signup sheets for the Clubhouse use for Christmas in Belen December 18 thru December 24. He has two radios – one with the new antenna setup and one for the dipole for each hour the club will be open to radio use. He also has slips that people can write down when they will be operating. Call Ralph to set up a time at the club or for introducing groups to the club. Margette KF5MIQ has sent information to the three News Bulletin newspapers in the area about the event.

Motion to Adjourn
Drawing
Presentation – ChrisW5CSG on ARES Happenings

eight people have signed up for the Christmas party on December 15 at the clubhouse. Will get tables & chairs on Thursday, December 13 and decorate Friday, December 14. Most of food is lined up. Will send out an email to remind members of the event and food providing a week before the event.

Treasurer (Chris - W5CLG)

Remember to purchase tickets for tonight's drawing and toward the Christmas Party drawing for radios. Total expense for monthly drawings and radios is over \$570. The income from ticket sales has been \$367 until tonight where an additional \$107 was taken in. We need the income to cover the cost of future gifts for the Christmas party.



**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

Jan 2 – Paul, N5PR
Jan 9 – Cliff, KE0CP
Jan 16 – Margette, KF5MIQ
Jan 23 – Charlie, NM5CL
Jan 30 – Ralph, NM5RC
Feb 6 – Elvira, KF5UJQ
Feb 13 – Russ, KD5UJR

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officer

President: Cliff Pulis, KE0CP,
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ARES Chairperson: Chris
Gillespie, W5CSG

Club Station License

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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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