

Dots ~N~ Dashes

April 2014
issue

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Amateur Radio
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President's Column for March 2014

Date: 03/25/2014
Location: Clubhouse

Time: 1800-1830

Officer's Meeting

1. Financial report: Ralph reported a bank balance at the end of February of \$2624.06, and an envelope balance prior to the meeting of \$2804.06.
2. Field Day Committee updates: Charlie reported that his plans are progressing well and he has several volunteers to assist with equipment and logistics. George reported that he is still looking for volunteers to assist with food.
3. Elections – expressions of interest: One so far. The officers agreed to continue to solicit member interest.
4. Donated property – pricing and sales strategy: The officers agreed with Charlie's pricing of all items except the SteppiR antenna and the tower, and reached agreement on asking and bottom-line pricing on those items. They will be advertised on swaps and taken to the convention in Albuquerque in August if necessary.

This is K6GTC with traffic. I thought the new meeting format that we rolled out in March worked very well. Less time going over a lot of tedious business stuff and more time for socializing and for the presentation. Ralph did a great job leading a discussion of the club's DXCC history and efforts.

We have a lot of donated equipment at the clubhouse and available at fire sale prices. Stop by and have a look.

I am still looking for help with food logistics for Field Day. Yell if you can help.

We are still looking for members who may have an interest in serving as officers for the upcoming year (or two). If you are at all interested or want to know more, talk to Charlie or myself. Nominations are scheduled for the April meeting. Nothing further. K6GTC out.

*George Cusack, K6GTC
President, VCARA*

Time: 1900 - 2030

Membership Meeting

1. Welcome, salute to the flag
2. New member/guest introductions: No new members present.

VCARA Minutes for March 2014 Meeting



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- 3. New licensees and upgrades:
Two hams tested successfully at the March VE session.
- 4. Old business
 - a. Field Day volunteers:
George asked for additional volunteers for Field Day food support.
 - b. Tome Good Friday event (April 18) volunteers:
Charlie reported that he has sufficient volunteers for the planned coverage.
 - c. Elections: George again announced that any members interested in serving as officers for the coming year should speak to any of the officers.
- 5. Drawing
- 6. Discussions
 - a. W1AW/5 results, experience: Charlie, Paul, and Ty recounted their experiences operating as W1AW/5.
 - b. DXCC : Ralph led an excellent “round-table” on the ARRL’s DXCC program, the history of KC5OUR’s international contacts, logging, and QSL cards, and what we are trying to do going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

George Cusack
VCARA President

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE

VCARA club station was on the air Thursday, March 20 for six hours, operating with call sign W1AW/5.

187 contacts on 10 meters and 228 contacts on 20 meters were logged for a total of 415 for the day.

Many thanks go out to the operators: Paul N5PR, Ty AE5VR and Charlie NM5CL.

W5YI VE team tested two applicants on Saturday, Apr 12 with these results:

- o One passed EI 2 for Technician License.
- o One passed EI 2 & 3 for General license.

73,
Charlie, NM5CL
VCARA Vice-President



Free Courses Available

***G-191 ICS/EOC Interface**
Date: 05/05/2014
08:00 - 17:00
Location: NM Scientific Lab

Events Calendar

Sat, April 19, 2014, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL



Tues, April 22, 2014, 7pm
VCARA Mtg @ Clubhouse
Monthly meeting – all welcome

Wed, April 23, 2014, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, April 24, 2014
7:30pm Tri-County Net
146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, April 26, 2014, 9am-12
ARES Mtg @ Clubhouse
Contact is George, K6GTC

Wed, April 30, 2014, 2pm
Koffee Klatch, Village Inn
in Los Lunas, NM

Wed, April 30, 2014, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, May 1, 2014 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 3, 2014, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC

Wed, May 7, 2014, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Training Room, 1101 Camino de Salud NE, Albuquerque NM
Instructor: Nihart, John
Provider: NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
Point of Contact: Felecia Schreier
NMDHSEM 505-476-9607
felecia.schreier@state.nm.us

Prerequisites: IS-100.a, Introduction to the Incident Command System, IS-200.a, Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200, and/or EOC Management courses.

***ICS 300 Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents**
Dates: 05/05/14 - 05/07/14
Times: 08:00 - 17:00 each day

Calendar – continued

Thur, May 8, 2014 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 10, 2014, 9am-12
VE Testing @Clubhouse
Contact is Chris, W5CSG

Wed, May 14, 2014, 2pm
Koffee Klatch, Village Inn in Los Lunas, NM

Wed, May 14, 2014, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, May 15, 2014 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 17, 2014, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL

Location: Albuquerque Fire Academy, 11500 Sunset Gardens SW Auditorium, Albuquerque NM 87121

Instructor: Martinez, Kenneth
Provider: NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
Point of Contact: Kenneth Martinez, 505-476-9650 or kennethf.martinez@state.nm.us

Prerequisites: ICS-100, Introduction to the Incident Command System, and ICS-200, Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents.

***ICS 400 Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents**

Dates: 05/08/2014 - 05/09/2014
Times: 08:00 - 17:00 each day
Location: Albuquerque Fire Academy, 11500 Sunset Gardens SW Auditorium, Albuquerque NM 87121

Instructor: Martinez, Kenneth
Provider: NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
Point of Contact: Kenneth Martinez, 505-476-9650 or kennethf.martinez@state.nm.us

Prerequisites: Completion of ICS-300 and IS-800: Introduction to NRF

*** G-250.7 Workshop: Local Situation (RAPID) Assessment**

Dates: 05/15/2014
Times: 08:00 - 17:00
Location: Albuquerque Fire Academy, 11500 Sunset Gardens SW Auditorium, Albuquerque NM 87121
Instructor: Austin, Larry

Provider: NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
Point of Contact: Felecia Schreier
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felecia.schreier@state.nm.us
Prerequisites: ICS-100 & ICS-700

***G-290 Basic Public Information Officers (PIO)**
Dates: 06/09/2014 - 06/11/2014
Times: 08:00 - 17:00 each day
Location: Albuquerque Fire Academy, 11500 Sunset Gardens SW Auditorium, Albuquerque NM 87121
Provider: NM Dept of Homeland Security and Emergency Mgmt
Point of Contact: Felecia Schreier
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Prerequisites: ICS 100 & ICS 700

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**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

Apr 23 - Della, KE5GCG
Apr 30 - Charlie, NM5CL
May 07 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
May 14 - Russ, KD5UJR
May 21 - Emil, KF5CGH
May 28 - George, K6GTC

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

**VCARA Club
Contacts**

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President: George Cusack,
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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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**Birthday Wishes
to the following:**
CHRISTINE, W5CLG
JIM, KE5NIC

