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issue

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Birthday wishes to:

**KEN ZUNI, W5KAZ
ELVIRA, KD5UJQ
STEVE, KD5PSF**

President's Column

February 2015

Greetings and Happy New Year to all.

January was a relatively slow month but there are a few items worth mentioning. Heavy snowfall and rains early in the month wreaked havoc with the clubhouse due to a leaking roof. The carpet and some furniture was soaked to the point that water dripped into the VIA offices downstairs. We collected at least 40 gallons of rainwater which came through the ceiling over a period of two weeks. The roof has been patched and no leaks appeared after the latest rains.

The Bi-weekly Koffee Klatch has resumed, we now meet at the Denny's Restaurant in Los Lunas. There is no free pie as we had at Village Inn, however the service is good, the menu is excellent and they do have Raspberry Tea!

ARES personnel George K6GTC and Charlie NM5CL attended two CRI training sessions, and along with Chris W5CSG attended the LEPC meeting in Los Lunas.

We had an excellent presentation at the January club meeting. Scott Stevenson showed slide photos

and data charts for his involvement with New Mexico Space Studies. Scott is involved with launching high altitude balloons with payloads designed by hams and school kids.

W5YI testing conducted Jan 10 had two candidates pass for Technician class license. Nothing further, 73.

*Charlie, NM5CL
President, VCARA*

Minutes for Meeting on January 27, 2015

**Officer's meeting
27 January 2015 1800 hrs.**
NM5CL, NM5RC and KE0CP were in attendance, making a quorum. W5CSG was sitting in as invited guest for ARES. KD5UJR was detained and joined the meeting at 1820.

- Discussion of vertical antennas issue and vote to order parts to refurbish the Gap Titan and abandon attempts to repair the Cushcraft R-8 was taken and passed.
- Vote passed to purchase a Tigertronics interface

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(for the Digital Station) from KD5NTL for \$50.

Officers reviewed the following:

- 2014 P&L Statement and Balance Sheet which was submitted by Betty Lyon, accountant for VCARA;
- current Financial report from NM5RC.

W5CSG reported on current and upcoming ARES activities and discussion followed.

- KE0CP announced he has paid dues for club 2015 RCA membership.

The board voted to have KE0CP purchase a suitable video card and cables for a newly donated PC to be used at the HF Pos#1, purchase price unknown at this time. After further discussion, meeting was adjourned at 1845 hrs.

Club Meeting, 27 January 2015 1900hrs

– The meeting was call to order at 1903 hours. Salute to the flag was led by President

Introductions:

Presentation – Presented before the business meeting by request “New Mexico Space Studies” by Scott Stevenson.

Officer's reports:

- President – W5YI tested two candidates on January 10th and they passed Technician.
- Vice-President – Nothing to report
- Secretary – absent
- Treasurer – Brief financial report
- Past-President – Nothing to report

Committee reports:

- ARES DEC – Chris W5CSG: Reported on ARES activities, need for new members, additional training and certifications.
 - Newsletter Editor – absent
 - Repeater Chairman – absent

Old Business:

President discussed success of Christmas Dinner at Teofilo’s, thanked those who

Events Calendar

Thur, Feb 19, 2015 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 21, 2015, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Cliff, KE0CP.

Tues, Feb 24, 2015, 7pm
VCARA Mtg @ Clubhouse
All are welcome.

Wed, Feb 25, 2015, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Feb 26, 2015 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 28, 2015, 9am-12
ARES Mtg @ Clubhouse
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL.

Wed, Mar 4, 2015, 2pm
Koffee Klatch, Denny's in Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Mar 4, 2015, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Mar 5, 2015 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Mar 7, 2015, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC.



NEW SMARTPHONE APPS FOR HAM OPERATORS

Here is a link to a repeater app <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.zbm2.repeaterbook>. IT'S FREE. You can find it in the app store under “repeater book”. Thanks Richard (KD5NTL), who brought this to our attention.

contributed for door prizes.

CALENDAR CONTINUED

Wed, Mar 11, 2015, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Mar 12, 2015 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Mar 14, 2015, 9am-12
VE Testing @ Clubhouse
Contact is Chris, W5CSG.

Wed, Mar 18, 2015, 2pm
Koffee Klatch, Denny's in
Los Lunas, NM

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Contact is Ty, AE5VR.

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Thanked Margette for handling the Toys For Tots Drive.

New Business: Quintin Lawson, guest, was introduced. Quintin rose and spoke on the subject of his low power FM broadcast station and interest in ham radio. Membership discussion followed, with Q & A. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded, with meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Russ, KD5UJR, VP & Charlie, NM5CL, President

Good afternoon VCARA members;

Our former secretary, Randy Burson KE5SAW, has accepted employment in Arizona and will be leaving our area later this month.

There will be a special election at the next VCARA General meeting on February 24, 2015 to fill the vacant position of club secretary. Please put this date on your calendar and attend if possible.

Following the business meeting there will be a very interesting presentation by Ray KU4UW on Digital Modes.

*73, Charlie, NM5CL
President VCARA.*

VCARA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Richard (KD5NTL) has once again been approved by the ARRL as a registered instructor. He is looking for ideas and suggestions as to how to recruit new and young people into the hobby.

One of the idea's Richard has is to use 2 weekends for the Boy Scout merit badge. KC5OUR did this event for several years and it was a big success.

He is also going to try and talk to the Belen School district and see if they would be interested in having ham radio in the school. The school curriculum is based around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Richard believes that ham radio falls into each of these categories.

Richard can be reached at kd5ntl@arrl.net

**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

Feb 18 – Ralph, NM5RC
Feb 25 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
Mar 04 – Russ, KD5UJR
Mar 11 – Emil, KF5GCH
Mar 18 – George, K6GTC
Mar 25 – Della, KF5GCG

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

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rybarra@gmail.com

ARES Chairperson: Chris
Gillespie, W5CSG

Club Station License

Trustee: Paul Ridley, N5PR

Club Website:

www.qsl.net/kc5our

Webmaster: not assigned

Newsletter: Emailed about
10 days prior to meetings.

Newsletter Editor: Elvira
Hunt, KD5UJQ

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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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