

# Dots ~N~ Dashes

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### SIMPLE SUBTRACTION PUZZLE

There are three apples sitting on the table. If you take two away, how many do you have?

Answer: Three

## President's Column for June 2017

**ELECTIONS:** Yes, officers were elected at the May meeting for the 2017-2018 club year; Yes since no other nominations were received the old officers agreed to serve a second year; And yes the elections next May are eleven months away; **BUT** now is the time to start thinking about stepping forward as a club officer for our 2018-2019 year because our bylaws limit officers to two years and the current officers will term out next year. *Wow, 76 words without a period.*

**HELP WITH THE 'STUFF':** We are fortunate to have had lots of equipment and parts donated over the years. Some of this has been put to good use and some has been sold to bolster club funds. We now need to find new homes for a bunch of 'stuff' that we haven't been able to use or sell. A lot of this really neat stuff, but technology has changed and there are not a lot of us who still build or fix our own equipment. On Saturday mornings during June and July, those who show up at the shack will be sorting the stuff into two piles - items that have a reasonable expectation of being sold at the Socorro Hamfest in October and stuff to be junked by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Members are invited to:

- Help with the sorting,
- Go thru the junk pile and take stuff they think they might use, and
- Make offers for any of the items designated for Socorro. Included in the stuff to be sorted are some commercial HT and mobile/base station 2 meter and 70 cm radios that have been programmed to work on a few of the local repeaters. One of these could be handy as a base rig if you only have an HT or as a first rig for a new Ham.

**FIELD DAY:** Hope you received the Field Day flyer in the mail and are planning to attend. Please look the flyer over again and note the activities for family and youth too. Invite your friends. Plan on getting some mic time - if you want a reserved time, call me (821-7636) or email me ([kc5our@arrl.net](mailto:kc5our@arrl.net)).

**HARVEY HOUSES ON THE AIR:** Put the first annual HHOTA on the second Saturday in September on your calendar to:

- Help operate KC5OUR at the Belen Harvey House Museum,
- Go on a HHOTA expedition to activate one of the other eleven New Mexico Harvey Houses (any of the 84 HHs across the west).
- Contact all the HHs on the air that day.

Check out the HHOTA web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/vcara>.

Until next month,

Ralph NM5RC  
President

summer once we  
hammer out the details.

Meeting was adjourned at  
1850 MST.

### VCARA Minutes for May 23, 2017 Meeting

**Board of Directors Meeting:**  
May 23, 2017 meeting was called  
to order at 1815 Local Time.  
NM5RC, NM5CL, AE5VR,  
KF5VTJ and Betty Lyon were  
present.

- **Financial report:** Balance of \$4249.74, with expenses totaling \$256.88 and income \$176.42.
- **Repeater:** Yaesu tech reports our unit is operating at full power. Further testing recommended.
- **Field day:** Mailing is ready to go, will send shortly after the first of the month. NM5RC will begin filling operator and mentor schedule.
- **Inventory:** The club has too much stuff. The Board is formulating a plan to thin the pile.
- Officer nominations pending.
- **Class:** Potential Radio MB and Tech license class for December 2017. Ralph (NM5RC) points out that Christmas is on a Monday this year. We could run the class on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Then testing would be on Saturday morning. NM5RC will create a flyer for distribution late

**VCARA membership meeting of May 23, 2017:**  
President called the membership meeting of May 23, 2017 to order at 1902 MST, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and then introductions.

- **Large exam session last month:** Two members upgraded to Amateur Extra.
- **Financial report:** Balance of \$4249.74, with expenses totaling \$256.88 and income \$176.42.
- **Repeater report:** Charlie (NM5CL) will call Yaesu tomorrow per Yaesu's email.
- **"Dejunking" the club:** The club will be splitting the stuff we want to be rid of into three groups; give away, throw away, and sell.
- **Field Day:** will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of June at Bosque Farms Community Center. GOTA, SSB and CW stations. NM5RC will be mailing flyers to hams in Valencia County. Delicious lunch scheduled.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> of June, the Saturday before Field Day, we will be loading out for FD. Please come

## Events Calendar

Sat, June 17, 2017, 9am-12  
**Clubhouse open to public**  
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC.

Wed, June 21, 2017, 2pm  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's  
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

Wed, June 21, 2017, 8pm  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, June 22, 2017, 7:30pm  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net .



Sat-Sun, June 24-25, 2017,  
**FIELD DAY 12noon-12noon**  
**Bosque Farms Community  
Center**

Wed, June 28, 2017, 8pm  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, June 29, 2017, 7:30pm  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net .

Sat, July 1, 2017, 9am-12  
**Clubhouse open to public**  
Contact is Ty, AE5VR.

Wed, July 5, 2017, 2pm  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's  
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR. . .**

My apologies to **David Eubank, KF5VTJ and George Cusack K6GTC**, who also participated in radio support for the Tome Hill Pilgrimage and I did not include in last month's newsletter. Sorry for the oversight. Thank you both for assisting in this event and all you do for VCARA.

**Calendar – continued**

**Wed, July 5, 2017, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thur, July 6, 2017, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, July 8, 2017, 9am-12**  
**VE Testing @ Clubhouse**  
Contact is Chris, W5CSG.

**Wed, July 12, 2017, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 146.700 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thur, July 13, 2017, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, July 15, 2017, 9am-12**  
**Clubhouse open to public**  
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL.

**Wed, July 19, 2017, 2pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's**  
**Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

- to the club house and help.
- **Nominations for officers for 2017/2018 year:** President NM5RC, Vice President KF5VTJ, Treasurer Betty Lyon and Secretary AE5VR. No other nominations were forthcoming. These will be the officers for the coming year.

Meeting was adjourned 1927 MST. Respectfully submitted,

*Ty Till, AE5VR*  
*VCARA Secretary*

**SCOUTS ON THE RADIO**

Ever since Ham Radio came out, Boy Scouts have made it a merit badge. It is one of the merit badges that I have not yet earned. In this merit badge, you get a license and you learn how a radio works. Several boys in my troop earned the Ham radio merit badge some time back, in fact they got it at our club.

Having a Ham radio license has its advantages, and I am glad that the Scouts teach it. A radio license will look good on a lot of resumes, especially when earned from the Scouts. And doing this as a merit badge, is a great way of introduce Ham radio to the younger boys of the world.

And I think because we have included it in the Boy's Scouts, a lot more people are getting licenses and encouraging others to get theirs. I also think that

Ham radio is becoming more popular, in fact a while ago I went to a Scout Jamboree and several of the boys there had their licenses, and they got from our club.

I really hope that more boys from Boy Scouts get interested in Ham radio. And I'm glad that our club supports the Boy Scouts.

*Andrew Eldridge, NM5AE*

**FOR SALE: ALUMINUM TOWER, STEPPIR BEAM ANTENNA AND ROTATOR**

The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association has the following for sale:

1. **Universal 9-30' aluminum tower;** includes top plate with thrust bearing and 2" x 8' mast: New cost was \$737 + \$320 shipping. Asking \$331.
2. **SteppIR 2 element 6-40 meter antenna:** New cost was \$1918 + \$108 shipping. Asking \$900.
3. **Yaesu G-450A rotator / controller:** New cost was \$299.95. Asking \$140

Total asking is \$1371 but would prefer to sell as a package for \$1200. VCARA will hold/compare/consider offers for less than asking price.

Items are used, but in good condition.

Location: Los Lunas, NM  
Contact: KC5OUR@aarrl.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

Jun 21 – George, K6GTC  
Jun 28 – David, KF5VTJ  
Jul 05 – Charlie, NM5CL  
Jul 12 – Ralph, NM5RC  
Jul 19 – Elvira, KD5UJQ  
Jul 26 – Russ, KD5UJR

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

**VCARA Club  
Contacts**

*Officers*

**President:** Ralph Clark, NM5RC,  
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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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**June Birthday  
Wishes to:**  
  
JOHN KD5MHO

