

Dots ~N~ Dashes

Christmas prize winner – Russ, KD5UJR

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issue

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Happy January Birthdays to:

RALPH, NM5RC
CLAUDIA, KB9NBS
DELLA, KE5GCG
JOHN, KB5ENN
PHIL, KE5LZX
JIM GALE, KB5NAT

President's Column

WOW, IS IT ALREADY 2018?

The club wrapped up 2017 with a bang! Hope you all took the opportunity to participate in some of these activities.

Christmas Party - On

Saturday, December 9, we gathered at Henrietta's Restaurant in Los Lunas for our Christmas dinner. The crowd was so big they had to bring several tables from their other room to accommodate us. Door prizes for everyone who attended - really appreciate those who contributed some really neat items. And then there annual drawing for a radio purchased from the ticket sales at the monthly meetings. The proceeds were sufficient so a NICE dual band base/mobile rig, a dual band HT and a \$50 Walmart gift certificate were given away. The 5 PM starting time seemed fine with most folks so we could get home and off the roads at an early hour during this busy season.

If you have suggestions for the 2018 party as to location, day, time, format, etc., please send them along right away since reservations will need to be made within the next few months.

Waffle Breakfast - Our second annual waffle breakfast the our club KC5OUR's Shack to kick



off our special event station operation to extend Greetings from Bethlehem, New Mexico, was held on Saturday, December 16. Nearly 30 attended and the weather was great (too warm?). It was great to see there was a LOT of socializing and visiting going on at this event.

Charlie NM5CL had the Bethlehem station fired up before anyone else showed up and orchestrated the kickoff so everyone who wanted to was able to get on the air to make at least five or six contacts. His leadership and efforts in this and the Bethlehem operations until Christmas eve is really appreciated.

Bethlehem Greeting Special Event Station - Another great year of sending Christmas Greetings from Bethlehem, New Mexico, during the week before Christmas. And, the propagation/band conditions incorporated. It seemed that every time someone was at the mic (or on PSK31) there was a pile-up of folks wanting to visit with us.

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Nearly 500 contacts were made. As in past years, some of those contacts were made by club members from their home stations in Valencia County while using the club call KC5OUR. Yes, that is allowed and encouraged. So start thinking about that for next year if you find it difficult to get to the club shack.

Technician License Class and Boy Scout Merit Badge Class - VCARA's periodic license/merit badge event between Christmas and New Year was again a great success - 16 registered, 14 attended, 13 earned their Tech license (the other is expected back at our January or February regular test session to get their license), the 8 scouts earned their Radio Merit Badge, several parents took the class with their kids, the youngest youth was 9 years old and received a very high score on her exam.

It takes a lot of folks to make something like this a success and I want to extend sincere thanks to all those who helped. At the risk of leaving someone off the list or mistyping their call sign, when you see any of these folks, please extend your thanks too: In no particular order the 17 club members who assisted are - Dave WD8LVZ, Ty K5WY, Chris W5CSG, Charlie NM5CL, Andrew NM5AE, Jim KB5NAT, John KB5ENN, Earl KB5UEW, Greg KG5OCW, Elvira KD5UJQ, Mary Ann NS7X, Gil N2GG, Bill K7ZM, Paul N5PR,

Goose K5EMH, Bruce NK5W and Ralph NM5RC.

2018 Activities to Put on Your Calendar - In addition to our monthly meetings and the biweekly Koffee Klatches, be sure to put on your 2018 calendars these club activities:

- NM QSO Party in March,
- Field Day in June,
- Harvey Houses on the Air in September,
- Christmas Party in December,
- Waffle Breakfast* in December,
- and Greetings from Bethlehem Special Event in December.

A couple of folks have suggested moving the waffle breakfast to the Saturday of the NM QSO Party - please pass along your thoughts on this to one of the officers.

January Meeting - Remember our January meeting on the 23rd. Be prepared to be wowed by a real-life demonstration of sound waves by Ted KC0GUD. We are very fortunate to have so many different fields of expertise represented in our club and the willingness of members to share their knowledge with us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Ralph Clark, NM5RC
VCARA President

Events Calendar

Wed, Jan 17, 2017, 2pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Jan 17, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Jan 18, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Jan 20, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC.



Tues, Jan 23, 2017, 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
All members & quests welcome.

Wed, Jan 24, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Jan 25, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Jan 27, 2017, 9am-12
ARES meeting @Clubhouse
Contact is Ty, K5WY.

Sat, Jan 27, 2017, 9am-12
23rd Albuquerque Winter Tail-gate @ Stoneface Tavern north parking lot
Free even and open to all.

THE BIRTH OF 33

Everybody knows that 73 means

Calendar – continued

Wed, Jan 31, 2017, 2pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Jan 31, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Feb 1, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 3, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL.

Wed, Feb 7, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thur, Feb 8, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 10, 2017, 9am-12
VE Testing @ Clubhouse
Contact is Chris, W5CSG.

Wed, Feb 14, 2017, 2pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Feb 14, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

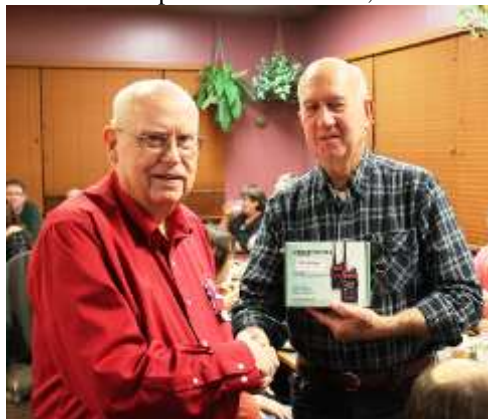
best wishes and 88 means hugs and kisses, but not a lot of hams know about "33".

33 is used by YL's when in contact with other YL's. YL's have been hams for almost as long as the guys have, yet we still are pretty unusual if not just plain rare. Historically, for a YL to have a QSO with another YL was an extraordinary event and marking the occasion with a 73, or an 88, or even both a 73 and an 88 just doesn't seem special enough. So "33" was coined and YL's have used it ever since. This is a poem written by a YL, I believe it's from the 1940's:

The Birth of 33

Clara had her ticket
She also had a rig
Because she was just startin
It wasn't very big
She slowly tuned the crystal,
And watched the meter drop.
Then tapped the key a couple times

Christmas 2nd prize winner – Paul, N5PR



Christmas 3rd winner – Dave, WD8LVZ



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To be sure it wouldn't stop.

Now everything was ready,
She called a short CQ
And received an answer
On thirty-six sixty-two.

They chewed the fat 'bout stuff and things.

'bout dresses, work and dates.
They finally called it QRT
The girl sent eighty-eights.

Clara though it might be funny
Whether it be Miss or Mrs.
To end a perfect QSO
by sending "Love and Kisses"

It sounds too sentimental;
Just a little too much "goo"
To be sending "Love and Kisses"
to a girl the same as you.

For an entire week she pondered;
Wouldn't even touch the rig.
She pushed her slide rule by the hour,

Employing "logs" and "trig"
She added and subtracted.
What could the answer be?

To reach a happy medium
Twixt eighty-eight and seventy-three.

Clara finally looked up from her work
All smiles and not forlorn.

Twass July in Nineteen Forty
that thirty-three was born.

There's no real definition
Bit it's meaning is known well.
It's how a YL says good evening
To another friend YL.

*Submitted by MaryAnn NS7X
(Original author
unknown)*



**VCARA
2017 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 17 – Charlie, NM5CL

Jan 24 – Ralph, NM5RC

Jan 31 – Elvira, KD5UJQ

Feb 07 – Emil, K5GCH

Feb 14 – Greg, KG5OCW

Feb 21 – Charlie, NM5CL

Feb 28 – Ralph, NM5RC

Mar 07 – Elvira, KD5UJQ

If you can't run the NET when scheduled, please find a sub.

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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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