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issue

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

A few thoughts from NM5RC;

March Meeting - I had no idea that you could do all of that with D-Star! I thought it was just some digital mode owned by and promoted by Icom as an excuse to sell fancy radios while cutting signal bandwidth. Well, Greg KG5OCW's presentation put that misconception to rest. First of all, it is not just Icom. Second, D-Star repeaters all over the world can be accessed via the internet from your D-Star capable rig by connecting to one of the local D-Star repeaters. Wow! Guess I'm going to have to bite the bullet and expand my Hamming horizon.

New Mexico QSO Party - About the time you get this newsletter, KC5OUR will have just completed our NM QSO Party operation. This year we will be operating the full 12-hours of the Party. Special thanks for all of those who signed up for mic time and for coaches slots too. Hope the band conditions this year are better than last year when we struggled to pull out a now and then contact.

Election of Club Officers - The club year is from July to June, so 2018-2019 officers are being sought. As I understand the procedure, nominations are first made at the April meeting and

then at the May meeting there is a last call for nominations and elections are held. The new officers are introduced at Field Day in June and the old officers say 'whew'. Volunteers for the officer positions are welcome. Remember, if you plan on nominating someone, you need to have their prior consent.

Field Day - It's a bit overwhelming to think we are already in the final planning stage for Field Day 2018 which will be at the Bosque Farms Community Center on Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24. Last year was the first time we have been at the Community Center and IT WAS GREAT - air conditioned and no mosquitos. Put Field Day on your calendar and plan on participating. Again this year, there will be some activities for the non-ham and some youth activities. If you can, schedule to help with setup on Saturday morning as we were a bit shy on help for this last year.

Until next month,

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
VCARA President*

MINUTES OF VCARA MARCH 27, 2018 MEETING

Board of Directors minutes, March 27, 2018: Meeting was called to order at 1818 Local time.



QSO Party ready

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KG5OCW, K5WY, W5CSG, NM5RC, and NM5CL were present.

- Finance report: \$5666 was the beginning balance, \$145 in debts, \$145 in credits, leaving an ending balance of \$5666.
- NMQSOP: We intend to operate the full 12 hours, still have a few slots to fill
- Good Friday: Still need two volunteers
- Christmas Party: Rutillio's in Los Lunas is under consideration for the 8th of December.
- Location of ARES equipment: Most is at W5CSG's house. Suggest move some to N5PR's house.
- Elections: The new officers take office in June, elected in May, nominated in April. Need to finalize nominating committee report.
- W5CSG reports that Randy, of Randy's electric, is willing to provide a crane and operator to install the mast at Meadow Lake FD. Time TBD.
- KG5OCW and NM5CL want to have an operational SDR on display at the DCHF.

Meeting was adjourned at 1845 local time.

VCARA membership meeting of March 27, 2018: Meeting was called to order at 1902 local time, followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Introductions were done.

Old business: None

New Business:

- NMQSOP 14 April. We will be on all 12 hours. Still have a few slots to fill.
- Bill, K8TE, announces he is running for ARRL NM section manager.
- Finance report: Bank balance \$5666.
- Good Friday pilgrimage: VCARA will be again supporting the Good Friday Pilgrimage. Still need one or two volunteers.
- Field day: We will be back at the BF community center.
- Duke city ham fest and ARRL RMDIV convention: Held at the Isleta resort and convention center on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of September. See DukeCityHamFest.org for more information and to sign up.

With no further business at hand, motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1933 local time.

Presentation was by Greg KG5OCW on the D-Star rig and how D-Star repeaters all over the world can be accessed via

the internet. Members gathered for refreshments and fellowship upon the completion of demonstration. Respectfully submitted,

Ty Till K5WY
VCARA Secretary

Events Calendar

Wed, Apr 18, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Apr 19, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Apr 21, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ty, K5WY.

Tues, Apr 24, 2017, 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
Members and Guests welcome.

Wed, Apr 25, 2017, 2pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Apr 25, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Apr 26, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Apr 28, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL.



**Thank you
QSO
volunteers**



QSO Party – long wait between contacts

Calendar – continued

Sat, Apr 28, 2017, dawn-10:30am **Albuquerque Spring Tailgate** @ Stoneface Tavern – North parking lot.

Wed, May 2, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 3, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 5, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is TBA.

Wed, May 9, 2017, 2pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, May 9, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 10, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 12, 2017, 9am-12
VE Testing @ Clubhouse
Contact is TBA.

Wed, May 16, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 17, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

FREE AVAILABLE TRAINING

Course listing is by starting date. Registration is necessary. **Do not show up without registering.** Registration is on the links next to course description or at main link: <https://www.preparingnewmexico.org>.

➤ **G-288 Local Volunteer and Donations Management, May 3 & 4 in Albuquerque.** Link <https://www.preparingnewmexico.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=d4299906-10e5-4b95-9769-8553ba8fe497>. This training will support local governments and their emergency management partners in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disaster events. This course is designed to strengthen the abilities of local jurisdictions to successfully prepare for and handle volunteer and donations management issues that may arise. This training also provides information regarding the state's



2 man operation; 1 logs contacts for other



volunteer and donations management responsibilities.

- **NM HR 100 - Emergency Preparedness Disability Awareness, May 30 (8am-noon) in Los Lunas.** <https://www.preparingnewmexico.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=743a3034-1fea-4d35-ab61-19bc37b93229>. Presentation to Emergency Managers to gain an awareness of disabilities for emergency preparedness and for emergency evacuations and sheltering disability accommodation.
- **MGT-317 - Disaster Management for Public Services – TEEEX, June 20 & 21 in Los Lunas.** <https://www.preparingnewmexico.org/DeliveryDetails.aspx?classid=131eef23-10e2-43cf-998d-5fd16c1f6171>. This course brings together those emergency management personnel from within a jurisdiction who would be required to prevent, manage, or react to a natural, technological, or civil disaster within their community.
- **IS-100.B: Introduction to Incident Command System, ICS-100.** Online courses available at: training.fema.gov
- **IS-800.B: National Response Framework, An Intro.** Online courses available at: training.fema.gov
- **IS-288.A: The Role of Voluntary Organizations in Emergency Management.** Online courses available at: training.fema.gov

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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 18 - Russ, KD5UJR
Apr 25 - Ralph, NM5RC
Apr 25 - 70cm Net,
Charlie, NM5CL
May 02 - Charlie, NM5CL
May 09 - Greg, KG5OCW
May 16 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
May 23 - Russ, KD5UJR

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

**VCARA Club
Contacts**

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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*

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**APRIL
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WISHES TO:**

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JIM, KE5NIC