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issue

**Valencia County
Amateur Radio
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Happy August Birthdays:

GOOSE K5EMH
DANIEL KF5RFR
LAURIE DUFFY KE5QFG
JUSTIN W8JME

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I went down for my grandson's birthday party and while I was there I went to the Mesilla Valley Radio Club meeting held that Saturday. They showed me the results of Field day and gave me some hints to improve our score for next time. I used to belong to the MVRC when I lived there. Here is some of what they posted: **Well, the results are in and we placed 3rd with a total of 49,346 points. . . . There were a couple of New Mexico Clubs that were nipping at our heels. The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association made more contacts than we did with 423 to our 336 but the strategy of getting more multipliers during the contest gave us the higher score.** Now we have something to look forward to next year.

The presentation was on something called "go boxes". It is a package that a ham can grab, go somewhere quickly, set up, and communicate in case of an emergency. There may be a presentation for us in the future. How many of us have that capability?

How many are interested in build something? I found a web site called QRP Labs. <http://qrp-labs.com/>. They have kits that



Field Day – Fox hunt

are easy to build and can help teach you about amateur radio. I will be checking interest after the monthly meeting. If there is enough interest, we will set up a time to meet and build.

Next up is the Harvey Houses on the air event. Hope to see you there. 73s,

*Earl Cox, KB5UEW
VCARA President*

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JULY 24, 2018

VCARA Board of Director's meeting of 24 July 2018:

Officers: K5WY, NM5CL, NM5RC, KB5UEW and KG5OCW were present Meeting came to order at 0015 Zulu time.

➤ Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance (end of term) was \$5168.37, with debits \$475.33 and credits \$405.80, resulting with ending balance of \$5098.84. Henceforth the treasurer will do the financial reports

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monthly, rather than meeting date to meeting date.

- **Membership:** 81 members paid, 63.6% are ARRL members.
- **Past Events:** Field day went well. About 70 people attended. More people worked the GOTA station than any time in recent memory.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **Harvey Houses on the Air.** 8th September 2018. Sign ups are open for operators, see NM5AE.
 - **Duke City Ham Fest:** VCARA will again have a table at the DCHF. See NM5RC to sign up.
 - **Christmas Party:** Need a committee chair.
- **Repeaters:** Both are functional. W5CSG is working on the third repeater install.
- **Equipment:** New HF radio? The Icom 7000s we have are not ideal for crowded band conditions (Field day!). Tentative plans to bring a member's IC7300 to the clubhouse on 18 August for the NA QSOP for a test on a day with crowded band conditions.

Meeting was adjourned at 0046 Zulu time.

VCARA Membership meeting of 24 July 2018:

Meeting was called to order at 0102 Zulu time. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and introductions took place.

- **Treasurers report:** Beginning balance of \$5168, with debits \$474 and income

\$406, resulting in ending balance of \$5099.

- **Field day:** About 70 people attended, more people worked the GOTA station than at any time in recent memory.
- The BOD is considering replacing the Icom 7000 used at Field Day with an Icom 7300. We will have a unit at the clubhouse on the 18th of August for evaluation.
- Harvey Houses on the air 22 September. Contact NM5AE to sign up.
- The club is considering hosting a build-it weekend. More information as the idea matures.

Meeting was adjourned at 0114 Zulu time. Presentation was given by Bill Mader, K8TE, newly elected New Mexico ARRL Section Manager. He spoke on ARRL happenings, both nationally and in New Mexico. Respectfully submitted,

*Ty Till, K5WY
VCARA Secretary*

MESSAGE FROM EDITOR

If you haven't checked lately you should look at the KC5OUR Website. Charlie NM5CL has done a great job in revamping and keeping it up-to-date. **THANK YOU CHARLIE! Great job!**

And if you are interested in the **NM QSO Party results**, here is link: <http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/results/results-current/>

Events Calendar

Thu, Aug 16, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Aug 18, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ty, K5WY.

Wed, Aug 22, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Aug 23, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Aug 25, 2017, 9am-12
ARES Mtg @ Clubhouse
Contact is Charlie, NM5CL.

Tues, Aug 28, 2017, 7pm
VCARA Mtg @ Clubhouse
Members and guests welcome.

Wed, Aug 29, 2017, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Reminder: HARVEY HOUSES ON THE AIR, 2nd Annual Special Event Station for KC5OUR will be Saturday, September 08, 2018 from 0800-1600 MDT. VCARA will be operating from the Harvey House Museum in Belen. Operators are needed. If interested contact: Ralph, NM5RC at kc5our@arrl.net.

**DEPT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY &
EMERGENCY MGMT
(DHSEM)**

(1) AWR-362 Flooding Hazards:

Calendar – continued

Wed, Aug 29, 2017, 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

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

Sat, Sept 1, 2017, 9am-12
Clubhouse open to public
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC.

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

Thu, Sept 6, 2017, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Sept 8, 2017, 8am-16
Harvey Houses on the Air
Contact is Ralph, NM5RC.

Sat, Sept 8, 2017, 9am-12
VE Testing @Clubhouse
Contact is Ty, K5WY.

Wed, Sept 12, 2017, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Science and Preparedness course currently being offered by DHSEM.

LOCATION: Socorro County Annex Building – Commission Room, 198 Neel Avenue, Socorro, NM 87801

DATES & TIME: August 23, 2018 8:00 – 17:00

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Flooding Hazards: Science and Preparedness is an awareness-level, eight-hour course that addresses the current science of the causes of floods (both meteorological and otherwise), flood forecasting, flood risk assessment, and best practices for preparation and mitigation for both short- and long-fuse flooding events. **Deadline to register for this course is August 13, 2018.**

(2) AWR-232 Mass Fatalities Planning and Response for Rural Communities: Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium course.

LOCATION: Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Alb, NM 87104

DATES & TIME: August 27, 2018 8:00 – 17:00

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a pre-conference training to the 2018 New Mexico Homeland Security and Emergency Management

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Conference. Prerequisites are required – IS100, IS200, IS700, and IS800.

(3) Homeland Security and Emergency Management Conference:

LOCATION: Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd NW, Alb, NM 87104
DATES & TIME: Aug 28, 2018, 13:00 – 17:00 & Aug 29, 2018, 08:00 – 17:00 & Aug 30, 2018, 08:00 – 13:30

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: These courses are designed for those in Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Law Enforcement, Public Health, and Public Works .

PREREQUISITES REQUIRED: None

COST: There is no cost for registered participants and course materials are provided.

REGISTRATION: To register go to www.PreparingNewMexico.org and have the AWR number readily available.

Felecia Schreier
DHSEM Training
Community Preparedness



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

Aug 15 - Ralph, NM5RC
 Aug 22 - Charlie, NM5CL
 Aug 29 - Greg, KG5OCW
 Aug 29 - Charlie, NM5CL
 (70cm Net)
 Sep 05 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
 Sep 12 - Russ, KD5UJR
 Sep 19 - Ralph, NM5RC
 Sep 26 - Charlie, NM5CL

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

VCARA Club Contacts

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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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KC5OUR Harvey Houses On The Air Special Event Station - Belen, NM

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Join HHOTA every year on the second Saturday of September. Either activate a Harvey House or contact the HHOTA sec. See www.upl.net/vcara



Call Sign	Band	Mode	Power	Frequency	Time
KC5OUR	20M	SSB	100		

