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April Birthday wishes to:

CHRISTINE W5CLG
JIM KE5NIC

HAPPY EASTER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KB5UEW's Amateur Radio Station: Club President Earl Cox's has a full room on the second floor of his Los Lunas home for his Shack. His interest in electronics and building radio accessories and gizmos can be easily envisioned from this photo. When the picture was taken, a complex schematic of another of his original gizmo designs was on his monster computer monitor.

Please send Elvira KD5UJQ, our newsletter editor a photo of your Shack so it can be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

*Ralph, NM5RC
VCARA Past President*

VCARA MINUTES OF MARCH 26 MEETING

VCARA Board of Directors:
VCARA's 26th of March meeting was called to order at 1820 Local Time. K5WY, NM5CL, NM5RC, KB5UEW, KG5OCW, W5CSG, and K8TE were present. The following topics were addressed:



VCARA President KB5UEW will be broadcasting from his radio shack for the NM QSO Party.

- Earl spoke to Ralph Mims; no **permanent home** found at this time.
 - Earl will address Los Lunas unused EM center. No real possibility of an HF station there.
 - Perhaps Valencia County Wildland Fire Headquarters per Chris. He is working with Valencia County Emergency Management on this.
 - Charlie is working a Church site in Los Lunas.
- **NMQSOP** is fast approaching, 13th of April. Obviously we will not be operating from a club shack. Individual members are encouraged to submit VCARA as their club affiliation. Do we make a FD type effort?
- **Tome Hill Walk** is on the 19th of April. All volunteer positions are filled, thanks to the volunteers!

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- No new members or license upgrades to announce.
- Charlie reports 83 paid members.
- Next couple of **VE sessions** will be held at Charlie's house, pending a new location.
- Next meeting the **Nominating Committee's report** is due. Officer's elections will be at the May meeting.
- **Treasurer's report:** Debits \$120, Credits \$135, with Balance totaling \$5298.
- Bill, K8TE, asked what is VCARA's SOP when we license a new ham. How do we welcome him/her to the hobby and invite to join the club?
- Bill, K8TE, in the position of ARRL Section Manager, asks to be added to the mailing list of the club newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 1846 Local time.

VCARA Membership meeting

The VCARA's 26th of March 2019 meeting was called to order at 1906 Local Time. Afterwards, the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions.

Old Business:

- Earl announced that we are working three possibilities for a **permanent home**. In the mean time we will be meeting here at the Rail Runner station auditorium.
- **Treasurer's report:** Debits \$120, Credits \$135, with Balance totaling \$5298.

- **Good Friday Tome Hill Pilgrimage.** Charlie reports all volunteer slots are filled, thanks to the volunteers!
- **NMQSOP:** 13th of April 2019. Do we want to host a club entry at some location? Remember that all members are encouraged to submit their score noting their club affiliation.
- The **Nominating Committee** will be presenting their findings in April. Officer elections will be held in May.
- **Bill, K8TE, reports** from The Ivory Tower in Newington.
- Earl reports that the activities of the **Builder's Club** are suspended until we find a home.
- Chris asks if he could have support from two VE's on 13th of April.

New Business: none.

Motion was made to adjourn, second and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1928 local time.

Immediately following the meeting was the Presentation on the Raspberry PI and ham radio. Respectfully submitted,

Ty Till, K5WY
VCARA Secretary

NEW MEXICO 2019 QSO PARTY UPDATE

Since we are currently without a Club Shack, the planned operation of KC5OUR on Saturday, April 13, 2019, for the

Events Calendar

Sat, Apr 13, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at McDonalds, Los Lunas

VE Testing will be conducted at a private residence. No applicants accepted after 0930 For info email kc5our@arrl.net.

Sat, Apr 13, 2019, 8am-8pm
New Mexico QSO Party

www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/. VCARA club members are welcome to operate from your own QTH or mobile for this event. Turn your logs in to Ralph, NM5RC .

Wed, Apr 17, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Apr 18, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Good Friday, Apr 19, 2019
Tome Hill Pilgrimage
Contact is Charlie NM5CL.

Sat, Apr 20, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at McDonalds, Los Lunas

Tues, Apr 23, 2019 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
Location TBA.

NM QSO Party has been cancelled. If someone wants to plan such an operation of behalf of the club using their own equipment, please let President Earl KB5UEW know and coordinate the use of KC5OUR.

So, how about planning your own NM QSO Party effort from your home station, from a mobile rig or mount a mini-expedition? Remember there is a club participation, so when you submit your entry using your own call sign, be sure to indicate you are a member of the Valencia County

Amateur Radio Association (VCARA).

NMQSOP info can be found at: <http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/> for more info.

*Ralph, NM5RC
Special Events Coordinator*

**DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE TO
TRANSMIT
INTEROPERABILITY
EXERCISE INFO VIA
WWV/WWVH**

03/29/2019

The US Department of Defense (DOD) plans to start making use of a provisional time slot on WWV and WWVH to announce upcoming HF military communication exercises and how the Amateur Radio community can become involved in them. The announcements will occur at 10 minutes past on WWV and at 50 minutes past on WWVH. WWV and WWVH transmit on 2.5, 5, 10, 15, and 20 MHz.

“DOD’s use of the broadcast time slot on WWV/WWVH will benefit the MARS program’s mission of outreach to the Amateur Radio community,” said US Army Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY. “The actual messages to be broadcast are coordinated by the DOD Headquarters that the MARS program supports.”

The initial announcements are set for the period April 20 – May 3, which coincides with the “Vital Connection” interoperability exercise to be held in Wisconsin. Future time slots will coincide with the Vital Connection exercise Ohio in June; DOD COMEX 19-3 in August, and the DOD COMEX 19-4 in October. Following the proof of concept this year, DOD anticipates making use of the WWV/WWVH broadcast time slot full time, year-round.

At the outset, broadcast messages will likely be static. For future exercises, announcements could be updated throughout an exercise. The messages will direct listeners to a specified website to provide reception reports and feedback.

The reception report will also ask the listener to submit a survey that will be shared among DOD, MARS, and WWV/WWVH personnel. English said that the survey will ask listeners questions about how often they listen to WWV/WWVH signals, how they use them, and what types of messages they would like to hear, but he notes that the survey is still under development.

“We want to provide feedback to WWV/WWVH to improve situational awareness of who is using their service and how it’s being used, as well as future considerations,” English said.

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CALENDAR – Continued

Wed, Apr 24, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny’s
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Apr 24, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Apr 25, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Apr 27, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas

Wed, May 1, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 2, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled 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

Apr 17 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
Apr 24 – John, K8JWS
Apr 24 – Charlie, NM5CL
(70cm Net)
May 01 – Earl, KB5UEW
May 08 – Russ, KD5UJR
May 15 – Ralph, NM5RC
May 22 – Charlie, NM5CL

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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