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**Come and
Vote at next
meeting
(5/28/19)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON NEW CLUBHOUSE

VCARA members,

This is an early invitation to all members and guests for the VCARA May general meeting which is now scheduled for Tuesday, May 28th at our **NEW CLUBHOUSE LOCATION, 700 CAMELOT BLVD SW, LOS LUNAS.** (Click on the Google map link below)

We are located in the building at the SW corner of the Christ The King Lutheran Church parking lot, just a short drive south on Camelot Blvd from Main St (NM6) in Los Lunas. It's easy to find, Camelot is the first traffic light east of the Los Lunas I-25 ramp – there is a Walgreens on the SW corner of that intersection.

The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00pm, come early and help us to celebrate our new home with refreshments and fellowship. Doors will be open at 6:00pm.

Reminder: **Koffee Klatch 1330 Wednesday May 22nd (and every other Wed)** at Denny's, and the **Breakfast Club at 0900 on Saturday May 25th (every Saturday)** at McDonald's, both in Los Lunas.

Google map link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Christ+the+King+Lutheran+Church/@34.8106201,-106.7596106,17z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x87221c8d4849e3b1:0xa83508e9edd5b5d618m2!3d34.8094601!4d-106.7585464>. 73,

*Charlie NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer*

VCARA MINUTES OF MARCH 26 MEETING

VCARA Board of Directors:

VCARA's 23rd of April 2019 meeting was called to order at 1815 Local Time. KB5UEW, W5CSG, NM5CL, NM5RC, KG5OCW and K5WY were present. The following topics were addressed:

- Treasurer's report: Starting balance was \$5298, no credits no debits leaving an ending balance of \$5298.
- NM5CL spoke with several people about the potential of using a church building.
- Per W5CSG the auditorium we are currently using will not be available for next month's meeting. KB5UEW will investigate options.
- Nominating committee report: See separate sheet.
- Field Day:
 - Location this year will be at the Bosque Farms Library as the community center is unavailable.

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- Site survey will be on 27th of April at 1030 Local time.
 - Need a work day at W5CSG's house to sort out FD gear.
 - Remember annual dues are due in June.
 - VE testing: Testing continues, but no walk-ins at this time. Please contact W5CSG for testing.
 - Good Friday: Uneventful, which is a good thing!
 - K8TE has approached VCARA about holding a one-day session for Radio Merit Badge. Board wants to support.
 - The Los Lunas Rotary has approached KB5UEW about presenting an introduction to amateur radio sometime in May. He would like help with this.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1848 Local time.
- VCARA Membership meeting**
The VCARA's 23rd of April 2019 meeting was called to order at 1903 Local Time. Afterwards, the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions.
- Old Business:**
- Financial report: See BOD minutes.
 - This venue is not available for next month's meeting. Information will be disseminated about an alternate location.
 - Nominating committee: No nominations from the floor, still one more month for that.
 - Field day is about 60 days away.
 - NM5RC has a long list of tasks to make a successful weekend. Please offer to lend a hand, many of those tasks are easy, but need to be done.
 - FD will be at the Bosque Farms Library this year due to over booking at the Community Center.
 - VE testing will continue at NM5CL's house, but please no walk-ins. Contact W5CSG or NM5CL for an appointment.
 - One Associate member licensed last month as a Tech and one member upgraded to General.
 - Five members participated with the ARES group to provide communications for the traditional Good Friday Pilgrimage.

New Business: none.
Motion was made to adjourn, second and passed. Meeting was adjourned at 1920 local time and followed by a presentation.
Respectfully submitted,

*Ty Till, K5WY
VCARA Secretary*

MAY MEETING

The May agenda includes voting for 2019-2020 club officers. You don't have to be afraid you will be voted in if you come to the meeting since candidates for each office were nominated at the April meeting. Before the vote, additional nominations will be taken from the floor – just remember you need a person's agreement before they are nominated.

The other big item on the agenda is planning for our June 22-23 Field Day. With normal club business, elections and Field Day discussion, there won't be time for a technical program this month.

Events Calendar

Wed, May 22, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM


Wed, May 22, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 23, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 25, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at McDonalds, Los Lunas

Tues, May 28, 2019 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
All members welcomed.

Wed, May 29, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.



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

Sat, June 1, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at McDonalds, Los Lunas

Wed, June 5, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, June 5, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
For Association Year 2019-2020
For the Association’s regular April, 2019, meeting.

Background

- Association Officers serve one-year terms - from July 1 to June 30.
- The Bylaws limit officers to two consecutive terms unless this provision is waived by the members during nominations.
- It has been common for officers to agree to serve a second term.
- Before someone is nominated, they should have agreed to serve.
- Calendar

By March	President appoints Nominating Committee.
April meeting	Nominating Committee submits report
April meeting	Nominations made (committee’s and from the floor)
May meeting	Additional nominations taken from the floor
May meeting	Election
June Field Day	New officers <i>take office</i>
July 1	New officers’ terms officially start

Special Thanks and Recognition

- Ty Till, K5WY, has served as Secretary for four (?) years. Ty has consistently taken detailed minutes during the officers’ and the club meetings and sent them in electronic format to the newsletter editor so all association members are fully informed about the club’s activities/plans/finances/etc - it is hoped this procedure will continue. Ty deserves a sincere thank you for his service.
- Elvira Hunt, KD5UJR, has been Newsletter Editor for many years. Her diligent and timely efforts significantly contribute to the success of the club. We all should let her know how much we appreciate her efforts.
- Chris Gillespie, W5CSG, has served as the Valencia County ARES Emergency Coordinator for quite a while. His continuing behind the scenes efforts in this position, and in other club supporting efforts, deserve a sincere round of applause and thank you from the entire club membership.

Nomination Committee’s Nominations

President	Earl Cox, KB5UEW	continue for second year
Vice President	Steve Sanborn, AC8PC	
Secretary	Greg Mershon, KG5OCW	termed out in VP position
Treasurer	Charlie Lyon, NM5CL	continue for second year
Past President	Ralph Clark, NM5RC	continue for second year

**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

May 22 - Charlie, NM5CL
May 29 - Greg, KG5OCW
Charlie, NM5CL (70cm Net)
Jun 05 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
Jun 12 - John, K8JWS
Jun 19 - Earl, KB5UEW
Jun 26 - Russ, KD5UJR
Charlie, NM5CL (70cm Net)

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

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

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