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issue

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

JIM FRAZIER, KC5EUA
&
DAVE McALPHINE,
WD8LVZ

VCARA PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings everyone. Now that we have a new clubhouse, there is much to do to get back up on the air. Here are some of the areas of interest.

- At the clubhouse: MOVE IN!! Date to be announced.
- A few things:
 1. Antennas need to be put up and wires run inside as well as grounded.
 2. Desks and shelves for the equipment and builders club corner need to be installed.
- Meadow Lake Repeater: Up and running!!
- An upcoming event that need volunteers is the Duke City Hamfest on September 21. We need at least 1 more assistant instructor. Please let me know as soon as possible. Great things ahead! Hope to see all of you there.

*Earl Cox, KB5UEW
VCARA President*

MINUTES OF VCARA's MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2019

The General VCARA meeting for August 27th was called to order at 19:00 local time.



**Speedy recovery to Charlie NM5CL,
shown with Betty N5BEL**

Officers Earl, Ralph, Chris, Greg and Steve were in attendance. The meeting commenced with first the Pledge of Allegiance and followed by introductions. Meeting had a total of 19 members in attendance

Officer's report:

- **President --**
 - Grant Status (application for Walmart - manager is handling it)
 - Village OK for antenna - verbal approval at the moment?
 - Discussed responsibilities for finances who can access. Tabled for now
 - Charlie status - recovering
 - Christmas banquet - think about planning (Chris to follow up with Casa De Pizza December 14?)
 - Follow up on Field Day reservation first week of January.
 - Coffee Klatch Wednesday.
- **Treasurer** Finance Report – Charlie not in attendance.
- **Repeater chairman** Chris –
 - Emergency Manager wants to know if there is a

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list for folks to be on CERT team. Different from Ares.

- Meadow Lake repeater. Discussed mounting options for tower. Base and tower pole ready. Possibility for advanced workstation networks between repeaters.
- Paint Crew Needed for August 31.
- Tower Instal Sept 7 Help/Hard Hats/Tools Needed (Elvira brought hard hats to meeting)
- Exam Session on Sept 14 (Tentative)
- Dr1 to Dr2 - Should be upgrade? Deadline from Yaesu in December. Minimal donation needed (\$550 per unit).
- **Past President –**
 - Field Day Reservations
 - HOTA Operators needed. Sept 14 operators needed.
 - Duke City Hamfest, we will be giving Merit Badges Sept 21. Instructor packets available. Teachers needed and can register as a volunteer. Contact

cspotts54@gmail.com to let her know you are a volunteer (if you have already registered).

- **Vice President** - Looking for presentations. Presenting today - Steve.

New Business: none.

\$27 in raffle tickets were sold. Meeting was adjourned and followed by an Amplifier Presentation by ‘Michigan’ Steve, AC8PC. Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*

**PROGRESS ON
VCARA’s MEADOW
LAKE REPEATER**

First Work Day for the new Meadow Lake Repeater

Antenna: On August 24th seven club members gathered at Ty K5WY’s home to prepare the antenna mast for painting. Ty donated a 33-ft piece of drill stem



Steve AC8PC, Chris W5CSG, Earl KB5UEW, John K8JWS, Gene K15BZI, Ty K5WY5 & Ralph NM5RC with rust free antenna mast

Events Calendar

Wed, Sept 18, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Sept 19, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Fri-Sun, Sept 20-22, 2019
Duke City Hamfest
www.dukecityhamfest.org/

Sat, Sept 21, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas

Tues, Sept 24, 2019, 7pm
VCARA Mtg @ clubhouse
700 Camelot Blvd SW, LL
Members & guests welcome

Wed, Sep 25, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny’s
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM

Wed, Sept 25, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Sept 26, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Sept 28, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas

very heavy pipe for the mast – Thank You. Preparation work included power wire brushing and the application of a rust converter as a primer coat for the paint. The converter chemically changed the rust (iron oxide) to a black insoluble compound that prevents further rusting. Thanks to



THE MAST PAINTING CREW
Steve AC8PC, Ty K5WY, John K8JWS, Ralph NM5RC and Sam

Station Repeater is on the air! It took a lot of effort by lots of folks to get the 55-foot mast + antenna up and the repeater equipment installed and connected. A special THANK YOU to the 22 who turned out on

CALENDAR – Continued

Wed, Oct 2, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Oct 3, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Oct 5, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas

Wed, Oct 9, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM

Wed, Oct 9, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Oct 10, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Oct 12, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas
VE Testing at clubhouse 10am
For info email kc5our@arrl.net.

the big turnout, the work was quickly completed with everyone being able to take a breakfast burrito/donut break.

New Meadow Lake Repeater Antenna Mast gets painted: On Saturday, August 31st, four club members and Sam gathered at Ty's (K5WY) to paint the Meadow Lake repeater antenna mast. The almond color was selected to match the fire station to which the mast will be attached. Three of the four (NM5RC begged off) returned on Sunday, September 1st, to apply a second coat.

Program your rigs for 145.430,
Negative Offset, 141.3 Tone:
Our new Meadow Lake Fire

September 7th for the antenna raising – while that may seem like a lot of folks, there everyone had to lend a hand.

The 22 are (in no particular order) were: Steve AC8PC, Earl KB5UEW, Van K5VWH, Kevin K5ZOO, Ralph NM5RC, Bruce NK5W, Rob K5PPN, Ty K5WY, Charlie NM5CL, Betty N5BEL, Chris W5CSG, John K8JWS, Chris KG5WVC, Robert Lambert, Mark N9YEX, Al KI5CUX, Andrew NM5AE, Justin W8JME, John KB5ENN, Greg KG5OCW, Gerard Eldridge and Russ KD5UJR. This list based on who signed-in at the drinks/snack table – hope everyone who helped is listed.

Ralph Clark,
NM5RC
VCARA Past
President

Harvey Houses On The
Air (HOTA)
September 14, 2019
0800-1500
Sponsored by VCARA

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

(1) Last issue we paid honor to one member that was in the ARRL A-1 Operator Club, but there was at least one other member in the club. Dan David was nominated and been in the A-1 Operator Club since 2009.

Congratulations to Dan David KA7PUN. If I missed someone else, please let me know. VCARA would like to acknowledge your achievement.

(2) Last issue, this editor forgot to wish the August born a Happy Birthday. I am so sorry about it. So, wishing you a **belated August Birthday to:**

- SUSAN COX
- GOOSE GAUSSOIN, K5EMH
- DANIEL MIODUSZEWSKI, KF5RFR
- LAURIE DUFFY, KE5QFG
- VIC PINZONE, N2VP



- PAUL KINZELMAN, K1PK
- JUSTIN ELDRIDGE, W8JME
- DAVID CALHOUN, WD4KUY
- AL WATTERS, KI5CUX

(3) It has been sometime since you have received any notices from ARES preparation classes. There are classes currently available in Rio Rancho & Bernalillo.

I will not list them all, but instead give you the website and request that you check out the SCHEDULE tab at www.preparingnewmexico.org. Most of the prerequisites are online and can be taken at your convenience.

Thanks for your patience.
Sincerely,

Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ
VCARA Newsletter Editor



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

Sep 18 – Greg, KG5OCW

Sep 25 – Elvira, KD5UJQ

Sep 25 – Charlie, NM5CL
(70cm Net)

Oct 02 – John, K8JWS

Oct 09 – Earl, KB5UEW

Oct 16 – Chris, KG5WVC

Oct 23 – Russ, KD5UJR

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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Reminder:
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