



Dots ~N~ Dashes

December 2019
issue

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Amateur Radio
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HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

LOCH PAGE, KF5ZED
GEORGE CUSACK, K6GTC
ROB SHANGER, K5PPN
TOM MIRABAL, KA5FRB

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings to everyone! I wanted to thank all those that have helped get our new clubhouse up and running. We now have the benches up and some equipment on them. Hopefully by the newsletter comes out we will even be able to get on the air. We probably don't have everything set up yet but are making great progress. Thanks again for all that helped.

The Meadow Lake Repeater is working well, is our main repeater, and has great coverage.

I plan on starting back up the Builders group after the New Year. I will put equipment and parts on the desks so it will be ready to go at the start of the New Year.

Some upcoming events: The Bethlehem Station, Christmas party and the Waffle Breakfast. Hope to see you Saturdays and every other Wednesdays 73s

*Earl Cox, KB5UEW
VCARA President*

MINUTES OF VCARA'S MEETING OF NOVEMBER 26, 2019



Antenna goes up

The General VCARA meeting for November 26th was called to order at 19:00 local time. Officers Earl, Ralph, Chris, Greg, Steve and Charlie were in attendance. The meeting commenced with first the Pledge of Allegiance and followed by introductions.

Meeting 25 in attendance

OFFICER'S REPORT:

- President -
 - o Shelves and tables are installed
 - o Vertical Antenna is installed and swept with tuner.
 - o Call for donations for door prizes
 - o Ham of the Year presentation all set.
 - o Waffle Breakfast Saturday December 28th 8 - 10 am.
 - o No club meeting for December
 - o Toys for tots? Announce to group to bring toys for tots donations to the dinner
- Treasurer -

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- o Debits - \$1650 (Yeasu Repeater)
- o Credits - \$50 Donation
 - \$30 Dues
 - \$42 Raffle Tickets
 - \$00.16 Checking account Interest
- o Outstanding Checks \$0
- o Outstanding Deposits \$0
- o Checkbook Balance \$4807.50 (10/31/2019)
- o Bank Balance \$4807.50 (10/31/2019)
- Past President -
 - o Bethlehem station Thursday the 19-Tuesday the 24th.
 - o Walmart grant resubmitted
 - o Facebook grant submitted for repeater linking equipment and a tower.
- Ares Chairman -
 - o Announcements from emergency manager CERT Program available only to current ARES members
 - o County Fire Chief they would like to have a tech class for their employees.
 - o Board Member at large open position? Research by laws and put to a vote of necessary.

New Business:

- o Name badges available and updated.
- o Builders club gets started in January.
- o Price for plates discussion (\$15 for adults, \$10 kids 10 and under) cash, check, etc at the door to Charlie.

- o Thanks to volunteers for shack setup. Special thanks to Chris, Steve and Ty.
- o \$70 in Raffle tickets sold. Raffle was won by K5WY

Meeting was adjourned and followed by a Presentation & Discussion on VCARA's current and future repeater linking technology (W5CSG). Amazon Smile link for the club (purchases benefit the club).

Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*

TOYS FOR TOTS

Over the years, VCARA has donated new unwrapped toys to the Valencia County Sheriff Office for their Toys For Tots campaign at Christmastime. We will continue to do that this year but with one exception.

VCSO is accepting prepaid gift cards in lieu of toys, and is then making purchase of toys to distribute. SEE ATTACHED LETTER.

VCARA will accept toys and gift cards for this year's Toys For Tots drive, but gift cards are recommended. Please bring your contributions to the club on Saturday, December 07 or to the Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 14. Betty N5BEL will be collecting your donations.

Events Calendar

**Wed, Dec 11, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Dec 12, 2019, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Dec 14, 2019, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas**
VE Testing at clubhouse 10am
For info email kc5our@arrl.net.



**Sat, Dec 14, 2019, 4-6pm
VCARA Christmas Dinner
Casa de Pizza, 106 Vallejos
Lane, Los Lunas, NM**
If going, contact Ralph at 505-821-7636 or nm5rc@msn.com.

**Week of Dec 18 -- 24, 2019
Special Event Station-
Christmas in Bethlehem**
Clubhouse open to public. To reserve slot contact Ralph 505-821-7636 or nm5rc@msn.com.

**Wed, Dec 18, 2019, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Dec 18, 2019 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

If you are not attending the Christmas dinner, please put your gift card contribution in the mail to the club P.O. Box. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Merry Christmas! 73,

*Charlie, NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer*

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✓ \$10 for children 10 and under

Pay at the door (cash or check made out to VCARA) when you pick up your door prize ticket.

Reservations: Not required, BUT - If you are planning on coming, please email or call Ralph NM5RC (505-821-7636 or nm5rc@msn.com) so we can give the restaurant an approximate number. If your plans change at the last minute so you can come but did not get on the list, you are still welcome to come.

Deserts: Christine W5CLG has committed to bring a large Banana Pudding desert. If someone else would commit to bring a sheet cake, and if we could get someone else to commit for plastic ware and desert paper plates, we should be good to go. Please coordinate your willingness to help by calling or emailing Christine at 505-450-8364 or cricket87068@yahoo.com. Plan on bringing your items at 3:30 PM so we get things set up.

Help Setting Up: Several volunteers are needed at 3:30 PM to help setting out table decorations and displaying the door prizes. No sign up sheet – just show up and pitch in.

Door Prizes: Yes we are continuing our “everyone gets at least one door prize” tradition. Lots of neat stuff! Feel to free to bring a door prize (or several) to add to the goodie table.

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

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

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

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

**Sat, Dec 28, 2019, 8am-10
Annual Waffle Breakfast @
clubhouse**

**Wed, Jan 1, 2020, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Jan 1, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Jan 2, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Jan 4, 2020, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas**

**VERTICAL HF
ANTENNA GOES UP**

On Saturday, November 23, Ty K5WY and Steve AC8PC honchoed a bunch of club members in preparing and raising KC5OUR's vertical HF antenna. Just in time for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM BETHLEHEM SPECIAL EVENT STATION. Be sure to reserve some mic time for you and your kids and grandkids.

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
VCARA Special Events
Coordinator*

**VCARA's
CHRISTMAS PARTY
INFORMATION**

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2019 - Time: 4-6 PM

Location: Casa de Pizza - 106 Vallejos Lane, Los Lunas, NM 87031 (Just east of the railroad tracks behind the new Main Street Car Wash, across the street from the Farmers Market.)

Menu: Roast beef dinner - see 'desert' below

Cost:

✓ \$15 including dinner, drink, taxes and tip -

Annual Radio Drawing:

Drawing for two (maybe even three) radios to some of lucky individuals who bought a door prize ticket at one of regular 2019 meetings. Yep, all of those tickets will be in the bucket. Must be present to win.

Toys for Tots: For many years club members have supported the Valencia County Sherriff with their Toys for Tots drive. If you want to participate this year, you can get your prepaid gift card (or cards) or a new unwrapped toy (or toys) to Charlie NM5CL or Betty N5BEL either before or at our Christmas Party.

Annual Waffle Breakfast: Put the club’s Waffle and Sausage Breakfast on your calendar. Saturday, December 28, 8-10 AM at our KC5OUR Shack.

A few folks pitching in to help would be appreciated – Don’t have to sign up in advance to help.

Family and friends welcome – Reservations not required.

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
VCARA Special Events
Coordinator*

**COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY
RESPONSE TEAM
(CERT)**

Valencia County Office of Emergency Management would like to announce the inaugural

CERT Training in February 2020. Please come out and Join the Team in being PREPARED.

What is it? The CERT program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains then basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Please Contact myself for more information in reference to the CERT program please feel free to email me at sarah.gillen@co.valencia.nm.us

CALENDAR OF TRAINING:
January 24th 2020: 6:00 pm (1800) to 7:00 pm (1900) **CERT Materials and Meet and Greet**
Homework: Unit 1 and 2; Power point and Read for Class on Saturday

February 1st 2020: 0800-1200 (8am to 12pm) Unit 1: **Disaster Preparedness** and Unit 2: **Fire Safety and Utility Controls**

Homework: Power point and Read Units 3 and 4 for Class

February 8th 2020: 0800-1200 (8am to 12pm) Unit 3: **Disaster Medical Operations Part 1** and Unit 4: **Disaster Medical Operations Part 2**
Homework: Power Point and Read Units 5 and 6 for Class

February 15th 2020: 0800-1200 (8am to 12pm) Unit 5: **Light Search and Rescue Operations** and Unit 6: **CERT Organization**
Homework: Power Point and Read Units 7 and 8

February 22nd 2020: 0800-1700 (8am to 12pm) Units 7: **Disaster Psychology** and Unit 8: **Terrorism and CERT**
Homework: review all materials for Final and Final Exercise and Drill

February 29th 2020: 0800-1700 (8am to 12pm) Review of all Materials for Final/ Assign CERT Backpacks

March 1st 2020: 0900-1200 (9am to Noon)
Final and Final Exercise/ Drill

Note: You must attend all Sessions in order to graduate the program.

*Sarah Gillen, Valencia County
Emergency Manager*



KC5OUR Repeater & Net Operators

Every Wednesday at 8pm

VHF repeater - 145.430 MHz

Negative 600 KHz, 100 Hz tone

UHF repeater – 442.700 MHz

Positive 5 MHz & 100 Hz tone

Dec 18 – Russ, KD5UJR

Dec 25 – NO NET

Jan 01 – Ralph, NM5RC

Jan 08 – Charlie, NM5CL

Jan 15 – Greg, KG5OCW

Jan 22 – Al, KI5CUX

Jan 29 – Elvira, KD5UJQ

Jan 29 – Charlie, NM5CL
(70cm Net)

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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