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issue

**Valencia County
Amateur Radio
Association
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HAPPY FEB BIRTHDAYS TO:

KEN ZUNI, W5KAZ
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 JOHN ERNI, K5VJY
 ELVIRA HUNT, KD5UJQ
 LISA WISEMAN, KC5DIW
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 MARK MCLAUGHLIN, KD7ZNE
 RICHARD YBARRA, AB1Q

MEADOW LAKE REPEATER BRACKET REDONE

On January 28th about 12 club members gathered at the Meadow

Lake Fire Station to rework the top antenna mast bracket. When we raised the mast and attached it to the building, we found building's top purloin (aka, horizontal structural member) was much thinner than anticipated. There was some concern that the wind shaking the mast for a few years might loosen the screws attaching the bracket to the beam. The redo was to bolt clear through both walls of the thin box beam and re-strap the mast. Actual field conditions in the building attic required revising the plan.

Thankfully, the members' variety of experience, skills and training facilitated the adjustment, although it must be admitted it took three hours rather than the 1.5 hours anticipated.

Special thanks to all those who turned out to help.

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
VCARA Past President*



VOLUNTEERS AT MEADOW LAKE



VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2020

The General VCARA meeting for January 28th was called to order at 19:00 local time. Officers Earl, Charlie, Ralph, Chris, Greg, Ty, Rob and Steve were in attendance. The meeting commenced with first the Pledge of Allegiance and followed by introductions.

OFFICER'S REPORT:
Treasurer

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- Financial Audit Info Presented.
- Debits \$1336.75 (Nov)
- Credits \$634.97 (Nov)
- Outstanding Checks \$175.95 (Nov)
- Checkbook Balance \$4105.75 (Nov)
- Bank Balance \$4281.67 (Nov)
- Debits \$832.00 (Dec)
- Credits - \$2643.13 (Dec)
- Outstanding Checks \$0 (Dec)
- Checkbook Balance \$5916.85 (Dec)
- Bank Balance \$5916.85 (Dec)

President

- Thank you letter for the storage shed and proposed plaque for Payem Ghoreishi.
- Shed leveling work to be done on February 8. (\$240 of materials needed – approved)
- Tome walk coverage needed for Good Friday.
- RFI problem at the Shack – Trace the problem.
- Primary Computer needs a hard drive (approved)

- NM QSO Party on April 12 – Rookie Roundup instead?
- Amazon Smile (Charlie will look at setting up).
- For Insurance Purposes, we need more information on the new building
 - Year Built
 - Square Feet
 - Type of construction
 - Type of Roof
 - Year of any updates to physical plant

Past President -

- 21 folks were in attendance at the Waffle Breakfast
- Board Advisory Member position approved
- Grounds cleaning day for the church?
- VCARA maintaining the building and utilities (repaired furnace in the



building)

Repeater
Chairman

- Meadow Lake Repeater

Events Calendar

Thu, Feb 13, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 15, 2020, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Feb 20, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 22, 2020, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas



Tues, Feb 25, 2020, 7pm
Monthly Mtg @ Clubhouse
Members and guests welcomed.

Wed, Feb 26, 2020, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Feb 27, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Reinforcement complete.

- Repeater Linking – Tower at IT building Los Lunas Schools is a good site for linking use. Waiting on the school board. Once complete

all repeaters will be linked.

- Licensing Class for firefighters – Tentative on April 18.

Meeting had 24 in attendance. \$47 worth of raffle tickets was sold. Meeting was adjourned and followed by a Presentation given by Earl on plans for the Builders Club.

Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*



NM5CL - HAM OF THE YEAR

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Sat, Feb 29, 2020, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas**

**Sat, Feb 29, 2020, 8-5pm
New Mexico TechFest**
Tickets \$10. Register online:
www.nmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest/

**Wed, Mar 4, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Mar 5, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Mar 7, 2020, 9am-10
Breakfast Club Meets at
McDonalds, Los Lunas**

**Wed, Mar 11, 2020, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Mar 11, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Mar 12, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.



**NM DEPT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
& EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
(DHSEM) COURSES**

**AWR-336 HEALTH SECTOR
EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS**

BY: DHSEM & NM DOH.
LOCATION: Isleta Resort & Conf.Ctr, 11000 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105
DATES & TIME: **March 2, 2020 (8am – 5pm)**
COST: There is no cost for registered participants and course materials are provided.
REGISTRATION: go to <http://preparingnewmexico.org>
DESCRIPTION: provides the knowledge required to prepare the seventeen healthcare providers and suppliers identified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to achieve emergency preparedness and planning requirements.

**AWR-232 MASS
FATALITIES PLANNING
AND RESPONSE FOR
RURAL COMMUNITIES**

BY: DHSEM & NM DOH.
LOCATION: Isleta Resort & Conf. Ctr, 11000 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87105
DATES & TIME: **March 2, 2020 (8am – 5pm)**
COST: There is no cost for registered participants and course materials are provided.
REGISTRATION: go to <http://preparingnewmexico.org>
DESCRIPTION: will teach rural participants the basics of mass

fatality response while providing them with opportunities to exchange rural perceptions and brainstorm for solutions to simulated emergencies.

**AWR-132 UNDERSTANDING
AND PLANNING FOR
SCHOOL BOMB INCIDENTS**

OFFERED BY: DHSEM.
LOCATION: Isleta Resort & Conf. Ctr, Seminar Room, 11000 Broadway Blvd SE, Alb, NM
DATES & TIME: **March 2, 2020 (8am – 12noon)**
COST: There is no cost for registered participants and course materials are provided.
REGISTRATION: go to <http://preparingnewmexico.org>
DESCRIPTION: provides participants with the language and tools required to effectively assess school bomb incident response plans and guide recommendations.

**UNMANNED AIRCRAFT
SYSTEMS PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT (UASPD)
OVERVIEW**

OFFERED BY: DHSEM.
LOCATION: Isleta Resort & Conf. Ctr, Seminar Room, 11000 Broadway Blvd SE, Alb, NM
DATES & TIME: **March 2, 2020 (1pm – 5pm)**
COST: There is no cost for registered participants and course materials are provided.
REGISTRATION: go to <http://preparingnewmexico.org>
DESCRIPTION: course is to aid first responders and emergency agencies in the successful development, implementation, and sustainment of a department

or agency’s small unmanned aircraft system (sUAS) program.

**MGT-462
COMMUNITY PLANNING
FOR ECONOMIC
RECOVERY**

OFFERED BY: DHSEM.
LOCATION: Albuquerque Emergency Operations Center 11510 Sunset Gardens SW Albuquerque, NM 87121
DATES & TIME: **March 24, 2020 (8:30am – 5pm)**
COST: No tuition is charged
REGISTER AT ncdpcourses.crlctraining.org
DESCRIPTION: reviews how communities can plan for economic recovery after a disaster..

**FEMA Releases 2020
Homeland Security Exercise
and Evaluation Program
(HSEEP) Doctrine.**

The National Exercise Division has announced the release of the 2020 HSEEP doctrine. In addition, the HSEEP webpage <https://www.fema.gov/hseep> is updated with the new doctrine.

Along with the new 2020 HSEEP doctrine, there is also an Info Sheet and Frequently Asked Question sheet available at: <https://www.fema.gov/hseep>.

Respectfully,

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**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

Feb 19 - Earl, KB5UEW
Feb 26 - Chris, KG5WVC
Feb 26 - Charlie, NM5CL
(70cm Net)
Mar 04 - Ralph, NM5RC
Mar 11 - Greg, KG5OCW
Mar 18 - Al, W5ACW
Mar 25 - Gene, KI5BZI
Mar 25 - Charlie, NM5CL
(70cm Net)

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

**VCARA Club
Contacts**

Officers

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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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US POSTAGE
Required

CLUB HOUSE 34.809402, -106.759032, 1511 M, 4957 FT
MEADOW LAKE FIRE 34.805293, -106.544485, 1659 M,
5442 FT, 145.43 MHZ
CAMINO DEL LIANO TANK 34.651577, -106.810637,
1578 M 5177 FT, 442.70 MHZ
ARAGON TANK 34.671079, -106.798095, 1499 M, 4917
FT, 146.70 MHZ
MEADOW LAKE DB 224 ANT AT 32 FEET TOP 54 FEET
40 FEET LMR400
CAMINO DEL LIANO COMET UHF ANTENNA 33
FEET 80 FEET LMR400
ARAGON TANK DB224 ANT AT 62 FEET 150 FT
LMR400
REPEATERS YAESU DR2
DUPLEXERS ALL BANDPASS BAND REJECT TYPE