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HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS

TO:

JOHN CRESAP, KD5MHO
 JOHN SCHAAF, K8JWS
 CHRIS SCHAAF, KG5WVC
 GINGER ELDRIDGE, KC5MTI
 PERRY PIERCE, KG5RIU
 DANIEL SMITH, KE5SBF
 KENNETH SMITH, KE5LZY

MESSAGE FROM PAST-PRESIDENT

Hi to all the wonderful members of the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association:

A SPECIAL ON-THE-AIR RADIO CLUB MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020 ON OUR 145.430 MHZ REPEATER (negative offset, 100 tone)

PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO ELECT OFFICERS FOR OUR JULY 2020 THRU JUNE 2021 CLUB YEAR.

The nominating committee has presented the following slate of officers for the members' consideration and vote. These individuals have agreed to serve if elected. These nominations were announced on the regular Club net on June 17th and are as follows:

- PRESIDENT
 - Kevin Welander, K5ZOO
 - Rob Shauger, K5PPN
- VICE PRESIDENT
 - John Eldridge, KB5ENN
 - Steve Pankretz, KD5PSF
- SECRETARY
 - Greg Mershon, KG5OCW - to

continue in position if confirmed by members

- TREASURER
 - Charlie Lyon, NM5CL - to continue in position if confirmed by members
- PAST PRESIDENT
 - Earl Cox, KB5UEW - vote not required - this Board position automatically filled by outgoing President

All regular club members current on their dues are eligible to vote.

Additional club business: Other regular club business may be conducted at the meeting.

FIELD DAY REMINDER

Since due to the virus the club will not be gathering for the June 27-28 Field Day, members are encouraged to operate from your own station using your own callsign. If you do this, please submit your report to ARRL and include your VCARA as your club affiliation – please list as ‘VCARA’ so the big old computer looking at the entries will properly credit your efforts.

*Past President,
Ralph Clark NM5RC*

**VCARA MEETING
MINUTES OF
MAY 26, 2020**

The General VCARA meeting for May 26th commenced at 19:00 local time on VHF repeater (145.430 MHz with Negative 600 KHz and 100 Hz tone).

Officer's Report:

1. **Secretary KG5OCW Greg** – Present. Field Day plan needed
2. **Treasurer NM5CL Charlie**
 - a. Present.
 - b. Anyone wanting a field day pin check to money order 6\$ to VCARA mailing address.
 - c. Financial: Books are up to date.
3. **President KB5UEW Earl** - Not present
4. **Past President NM5RC Ralph** – Present. No updated info on Field Day.
5. **Vice Pres. AC8PC Steve** – Present. No Comments.
6. **ARES Chairperson W5CSG Chris** - - Present. 146.700 repeater is off the air, new antenna pending. May set up new repeater at the club house. Since its a backup the lower elevation would not be huge drawback.
7. **Newsletter Editor KD5UJQ Elvira** – Present. Any articles or picture for next newsletter are needed by the 10th.

Old Business:

“It is purposed that due to the COVID virus situation and lacking sufficient information to hold an election, that the election of officers be postponed until Tuesday 23 June 2020 and the newly elected officers to be installed in their positions on field day, 27 June 2020. Motion passes.”

“All of the officers will work together as needed through e-mail and/or phone to find suitable members to become officers to replace those presently in positions where necessary.” : 7:09 Motion passes.

New Business:

Due to uncertainty with Covid-19, cancel Bosque Farms reservation and move Field Day to the Clubhouse. Motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:42 local time after the discussion of the above items. 13 were on attendance including officers, and W5CLG (relayed), K5EMH Goose, KF5DTU Fred, KD5UJR Russ, N9YEX Mark, N5BEL Betty (relayed) and N5PR Paul. Net was turned over to normal traffic. Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*

BIO'S ON NOMINEES

Events Calendar



**Tues, June 23, 2020 7-8pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
on-the-air 145.430 mhz**

**Wed, June 24, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, June 25, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

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

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

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

**Thu, July 9, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Wed, July 15, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, July 16, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

Steve Pankretz was in the Marines from 68-72 as a radio repairman. He graduated from Electronics Technology at BYU. He worked for 33 years for Signetics, Philips Semiconductor, NXP Semiconductor, and Chartered Semiconductors. Many of the engineers at Signetics were Ham's which first led him to obtain the Technician's license in August 2001 and in 2011 passed the General license exam. Steve loves to read and is interested in many things, plus he has a large family of 10 children and 35 grandchildren which keeps him very busy!

Kevin Welander is currently active duty Air Force working as a computer technician. He has been in for just over 18 years. Kevin got my technician in 2018 and shortly after upgrade to a

General. His callsign, K5ZOO, come from a nickname/call sign of Zoo. For the last 5 years Kevin has served on the Board of Directors (BOD) as VP for my skydive club. He was 1 of 7 BOD for a club of 60 people. His other hobbies include Skydiving, jeeps, computers, hunting, forging, and rock climbing. Kevin brings experience from other clubs and organizations he has been a part of and looks forward to learning more about this hobby and helping the club in anyway he can.

John Eldridge earned BSEE and MSEE degrees from LSU in 1983 and 1985 respectively. He has worked at Sandia National Laboratories from 1986 through today. After starting at the labs and with a few months of work behind him, his office mate mentioned that there was an

upcoming amateur radio exam in Santa Fe in a couple of months. Two months later, after studying CW from tapes along with the FCC rules and regulations, the FCC awarded him a novice amateur license -- call sign KB5ENN in 1987. Another exam session about three months later resulted in a license upgrade to technician class. Subsequent license exams resulted in an amateur extra license with the same KB5ENN call sign. John and Ginger, KC5MTI, joined the VCARA club in 1997

after moving to Bosque Farms, and have been members of the club ever since. Their three children are all licensed radio amateurs and club members.



MESSAGE FROM VICE-PRESIDENT

As hams go we all need antennas. These are 2 examples of that. They are 2 pictures of one installation. This is vhf as near as I can tell. It has massive gain parameters. This is Iran's new far reaching digital radar to look for stealth aircraft and cruise missiles. But it could still be put to ham use. You can see it is on a mountain top because of clouds below. Steve ac8pc. looking the world over for antenna ideas!!!

Vice President
Steve Sanborn, AC8PC

US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Fight Workshop June 24, 2020 Time 0900-1130

1. Commander – Welcoming Remarks.
2. NWS Briefing – (30 Min)
3. COE Authorities – PL 84-99 – (30 Min)
4. Regulatory (Permits) – (15 Min)
5. Silver Jackets – (15 Min)
6. Flood Fight Methods (Levee Failure/Treatment) – (30 Min)
7. Flood Fight Methods (Channels, Wildfire burns scar flooding) – (30 Min)
8. Sand Bag Training (Video) – (10 Min)
9. Closing Remarks.

If you have any questions please email us at CESPA-EOC@usace.army.mil or call (505) 342-3686. Register for the training at link provided below.

<https://www.preparingnewmexico.org/Schedule.aspx>

Class size is limited to the first 50 participants.

TELECOM INFO:

Date: June 24, 2020 Time: 0900-1130

Audio #: 866-434-5269

Access Code: 665 7006 Security Code: 3686

WEBSITE:

<https://usace.webex.com/join/SPA-RCO>

**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

- Jun 24 - Ralph, NM5RC
- Jul 01 - Greg, KG5OCW
- Jul 08 - Al, W5ACW
- Jul 15 - Gene, KI5BZI
- Jul 22 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Jul 29 - John, K8JWS
- Aug 05 - Earl, KB5UEW
- Aug 12 - Russ, KD5UJR

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

- President:** Earl Cox, KB5UEW
kb5uew@yahoo.com
- Vice President:** Steve Sanborn, AC8PC, raulguy51@hotmail.com
- Treasurer:** Charlie Lyon, NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net
- Secretary:** Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
gregmershon2@msn.com
- Past President:** Ralph Clark, NM5RC, nm5rc@msn.com
- Special Events Coordinator:** Ralph Clark, NM5RC

Club email kc5our@arrl.net
Repeater Chairperson:
currently vacant - n~Dashes

ARES Chairperson: Chris Gillespie, W5CSG
Club Station License
Trustee: Paul Ridley, N5PR

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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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