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issue

**Valencia County  
Amateur Radio  
Association  
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## NEW MEXICO LOCAL NETS

This article was posted over 2 years ago. Little did we know that we were going to be hit with a pandemic and lockdown. So here is the list again, for those wanting to use their ham radios more.

### Daily:

- **7:00 AM** – The SCAT Net meets Monday-Saturday on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) Sandia Crest linked repeaters.
- **8:45 AM** – Rusty's Raiders Net meets Monday-Friday on the 146.64 (67 Hz PL) Mt Taylor, 146.90 (-, 67 Hz PL) Albuquerque, 146.94 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Mt. Taylor, 146.96 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Capilla Peak, 147.06 (+, 67 Hz PL) Tapia Mesa, 442.60 (100 Hz PL) Sandia Crest, and 449.55 (71.9 Hz PL), linked repeaters.

### Sundays (only):

- **5:00 PM** MST or 7:30 PM MDT – New Mexico

ARES/EmComm HF Net meets on the First Sunday of each month on 3939 kHz LSB to discuss amateur radio support of all types of emergency

communications including (but not limited to) MARS, SAR, CAP, public service events. All stations invited.

- **8:00 PM** – Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club Net meets on the 146.88 MHz (-, no PL) Los Alamos repeater.
- **9:00 PM** – The Amateur Radio Caravan Club Net meets on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) linked repeaters

### Mondays (only):

- **7:30 PM** – Sandoval County ARES Net meets each Monday except for the third Monday of each month on the 147.10 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), 147.08 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), 443.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), and 443.10 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) Sandoval County repeaters.
- **8:00 PM** – 2-meter Weak Signal Net meets on 144.250 MHz USB
- **8:30 PM** – Northern New Mexico Amateur Radio Net meets on the 145.19 MHz (-, 67 Hz PL) Pajarito Mountain repeater. Backup repeater is the 147.02 MHz (+, 141.3 Hz PL) Tesuque Peak repeater.

### Tuesdays (only):

- **6:30 PM** – KC5JBO Memorial Simplex Net meets on 146.40 MHz simplex (Albuquerque area)
- **7:00 PM** – Eastern New Mexico University Amateur

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

DAVID CALHOUN WD4KUY,  
SUSAN COX, LAURIE DUFFY KE5QFG,  
GOOSE GAUSSOIN K5EMH,  
JUSTIN ELDRIDGE W8JME,  
PAUL KINZELMAN K1PK,  
DANIEL MIODUSZEWSKI KF5RFR,  
VIC PINZONE N2VP,  
AL WATTERS KI5CUX

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Radio Club Net meets on the 146.82 (-, 67 Hz PL) Portales repeater

- **7:30 PM** – Tailgate Tuesday Net meets on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) Sandia Crest linked repeaters.
- **8:00 PM** – Trivia Net – A weekly net challenging listeners to answer trivia about various old movies, radio and TV shows. Upper Rio FM Society repeaters: 146.940 (- 100), 146.96 (- 100), 442.600 (+ 100) and other linked repeaters.

**Wednesdays (only):**

- **7:30 PM** – Socorro ARES Net meets on the 146.68 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Socorro repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – **The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association Net** meets on the 145.430 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Valencia County repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – 220 Rag Chewers Net meets on the 224.480 MHz Albuquerque repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – 70-centimeter Weak Signal Net meets on 432.150 MHz USB
- **8:30 PM** (last Wed. of each month) – **Valencia County Amateur Radio Association 70-centimeter Net** meets on 442.700 MHz (+ 5 Mhz, 100 Hz PL) to exercise the VCARA 70cm repeater

**Thursdays (only):**

- **7:00 PM** – Bernalillo County ARES Net meets on the 145.13 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL), 145.15 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL), and 442.050 MHz (-, 100 Hz

PL) Albuquerque area linked repeaters.

- **7:30 PM – Tri-County ARES Net, For coordination of ARES members in Socorro, Torrance and Valencia counties** meets on the 146.96 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Capilla Peak repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – New Mexico DSTAR Net meets on any DSTAR repeater in the world that can be linked to the REF055A reflector.
- **8:00 PM – Tri-County ARES Simplex Net, Monthly exercise net for ARES members in Socorro, Torrance and Valencia counties** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month on 146.55 MHz simplex.
- **8:30 PM** – The New Mexico Swapnet meets on any New Mexico Mega Link or Upper Rio FM Society repeater.

**Fridays (only):**

- **9:00 AM** – New Mexico Department of Health Net meets on the New Mexico Mega Link repeater system

**Saturdays (only):**

- **7:00 PM** – East Mountain FM Simplex Net meets on 146.55 MHz simplex. Open to all hams.

*Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ  
Newsletter Editor*

**VCARA MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
JULY 28, 2020**

The General VCARA meeting for July 28<sup>th</sup> commenced at 19:00 local time on VHF repeater (145.430 MHz with Negative 600 KHz and 100 Hz tone). In attendance were the following officers:

- President K5ZOO Kevin,
- Secretary: KG5OCW Greg,
- Treasurer: NM5CL Charlie,
- Past President: KB5UEW Earl,
- ARES Chairman: W5CSG Chris,
- Newsletter Editor: Elvira KD5UJQ, and
- Special Events Coordinator: NM5RC Ralph.

.In addition, 9 Stations checked in: KI5BZI, W5ACW, K5VWH, N5PR, KD5MHO, N9YEX, W5CLG, KG5CYA and K7ZM.

**Announcements:**

- Saturday morning breakfast club at the clubhouse is open. Grab your own breakfast and meet at 9 at the clubhouse.
- Weekly Wednesday Night tomorrow (July 29).
- Club Dues are due.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** none

Meeting was adjourned at 19:20 local time after the discussion of the above items. Net was turned over to normal traffic.

Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW*  
*VCARA Secretary*

## ARRL PODCASTS SCHEDULE

The latest episode of the *On the Air* podcast (Episode 8) features an interview with brothers Andy, KK4LWR, and Tony, KD8RTT, Milluzzi about the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative. The *On the Air* podcast is a monthly companion to *On the Air* magazine, ARRL's magazine for beginner-to-intermediate ham radio operators.



The latest episode of the *Eclectic Tech* podcast (Episode 14) deals with interference issues and features a chat with David Hodge, N6AN, about his work at Caltech with the radio astronomy team.



The *On the Air* and *Eclectic Tech* podcasts are sponsored by Icom. Both podcasts are available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android), as well as on Blubrry -- [On the Air](#) | [Eclectic Tech](#).

**Something else  
to occupy your  
lock-down days!**

## Events Calendar

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



**Tues, Aug 25, 2020 7-8pm**  
**VCARA Monthly Meeting**  
**on-the-air 145.430 mhz**

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

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

**Wed, Sept 2, 2020 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Sept 3, 2020, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Wed, Sept 9, 2020 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Sept 10, 2020, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Wed, Sept 16, 2020 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**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

Aug 19 - Ralph, NM5RC  
Aug 26 - Greg, KG5OCW  
Sep 02 - Al, W5ACW  
Sep 09 - Gene, KI5BZI  
Sep 16 - Elvira, KD5UJQ  
Sep 23 - John, K8TE  
Sep 30 - Earl, KB5UEW  
Oct 07 - Russ, KD5UJR

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

## VCARA Club Contacts

### Officers

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currently vacant

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

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