



Dots ~N~ Dashes

November 2020
issue

**Valencia County
Amateur Radio
Association
P.O. Box 268
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New Mexico
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FACEBOOK GRANT AWARD

On behalf of
VCARA, on
October 23rd
Vice President

John KB5ENN and member
Ralph NM5RC met with
Facebook representatives at the
front gate of their Los Lunas
facility to receive a Thumbs Up
Trophy and Certificate
acknowledging the club
receiving a Facebook
Community Action Grant.

Thank you Facebook! As soon
as the current virus situation
allows we will be installing the
antenna and repeater linking
equipment which will be
purchased with grant funds.

*Ralph Clark NM5RC,
Special Events Coordinator*

VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2020

The General VCARA meeting
for October 27th
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:

Secretary: KG5OCW Greg,
Treasurer: NM5CL Charlie,
Past Pres: KB5UEW Earl,
ARES Chair: W5CSG Chris,
Newsletter Editor: KD5UJQ,
Special Events Coordinator:
NM5RC Ralph .

In addition, 7 Stations checked
in: KG5CYA, W5ACW, N5PR,
W5JBS, N9YEX, KD5UJR and
W5CLG (relayed). Resulting in
a total of 13 check-ins.

Announcements:

- KG5OCW - Stay tuned to facebook for new posts.
- NM5CL - Award from Facebook (see our facebook site for details). Financial reports send out to all officers.
- KB5UEW - 1st Saturday in November, Builders club starting with Aduinos.
- NM5RC - LED lights at the shack. Cost of concrete for bases - quote coming and will be distributed.
- KD5UJQ - Anyone have articles, please send them along. Updated emails also. Birthdays also updated.

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

**DAVID "ROCKY" BENNETT KI5KOM,
ZANE CRESAP, BOB CORNETT K5PSG,
KEN HAYDEN N7ZAP,
KATHY GREGORY KC6WOB
& BETTY LYON N5BEL.**

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- NM5RC - Facebook certificate getting framed.

Old Business:

- Club is still opening up on Saturday Mornings.

New Business:

- Got an award from Facebook. Check our Facebook site for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 1938 local time after the discussion of the above items. Net was turned over to normal traffic.

Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*



**SATURDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB**

CARRY OUT SERVICE ONLY AT LOS LUNAS McD. Grab a breakfast in-a-bag at your favorite drive-up window. Then tool it on over to the clubhouse.

- Club members and visitors are invited to join your fellow hams for informal breakfast and conversation each Saturday morning. BYOB.
- 1st Saturday of the month, the Builder's Club meets with a new project.

- 2nd Saturday of the month, VE testing is conducted at the VCARA Clubhouse. Testing is by appointment only due to the CoronaVirus issue. Please bring the following:

1. Two forms of ID, one must be photo ID
2. Copy of current license if applicable
3. \$14.00 cash, check or money order

We are ADA compliant. Please advise in advance if you have special needs.

- 4th Saturday of each month at 10:00 am, ARES meet at Clubhouse. All ARES members (and non-members) are invited to attend these meetings to participate in training and field exercises.

Unless otherwise posted, we meet from 0900-1200 at the club. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

*Elvira Hunt KD5UJQ
VCARA Newsletter Editor*



Events Calendar

**Thu, Nov 19, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Nov 21, 2020, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Tues, Nov 24, 2020 7-8pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
on-the-air 145.430 mhz**

**Wed, Nov 25, 2020 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Nov 26, 2020, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Nov 28, 2020, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

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

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

**Sat, Dec 5, 2020, 9 - Noon
Informal mtg @ clubhouse**
Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

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

VCARA Membership Application

We would love to have you join us!

It is easy to join. Just complete this form and mail it with your check to
VCARA Secretary, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042
or hand the form with your payment to one of the club officers.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 Regular Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$18 Family Membership | or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$6 Associate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> New member |

Club "Dues Year" is July 1 through June 30.

For new members, after January 1 the dues are \$8, \$9, \$3 for the rest of the dues year.

Are you an ARRL member? Yes No Info needed for club's affiliation.

Name _____ Call Sign _____ Birth Month** _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email * _____

Names (and call signs if Hams) and month of birth month** for those included in family membership:

* Email address will only be used to send our monthly *Dots and Dashes* newsletter and for occasional special club mailings.

** Birth Month is requested for Happy Birthday greetings in the newsletter.

Your email, address and phone will be included in our membership directory published on our web site in an area that is only viewable by club members. Your personal information and email will never be given out or distributed. The latest edition of the newsletter can be seen our website at www.KC5OUR.com

**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

Nov 18 – John, K8JWS
Nov 25 – Earl, KB5UEW
Dec 02 – Russ, KD5UJR
Dec 09 – Ralph, NM5RC
Dec 16 – Greg, KG5OCW
Dec 23 – Al, W5ACW
Dec 30 – Gene, KI5BZI

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

President: Kevin Welander,
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Vice President: John Eldridge,
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KG5OCW
gregmershon2@msn.com

Past President: Earl Cox,
KB5UEW kb5uew@yahoo.com
Special Events Coordinator:
Ralph Clark, NM5RC

Club email kc5our@arrl.net
Repeater Chairperson:
currently vacant

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

Website: www.kc5our.com
Webmaster: Charlie Lyon,
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Newsletter: Emailed about 10
days prior to meetings.
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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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Happy Thanksgiving
BE SAFE, STAY
HOME & GET ON
THE AIR