



Dots ~N~ Dashes

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HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

**John Erni K5VJY, Elvira Hunt KD5UJQ,
Mark McLaughlin KD7ZNE,
Steve Pankretz KD5PSF,
Fred Weis KF5DTU,
Lisa Wiseman KC5DIW,
Richard Ybarra AB1Q, Ken Zuni W5KAZ**

MESSAGE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR

The 2021 NM QSO Party is 8 AM to 8 PM MDT on Saturday, April 10, 2021. Full info can be found at:
<http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/>.

It's a great time to get on the radio, when other stations are looking for you. Does not matter how big or small a station you have, or if you want to operate from your home station, use your mobile rig, set up a field station, operate as a single op or gather a bunch to participate, there is an entry category for you. We've been cooped up long enough, IT IS TIME TO GET ON THE AIR!

Club station? Up in the air as of early February due to the virus situation. Expect more info by the March newsletter. If you have thoughts, suggestions, and/or comments about putting KC5OUR on the air, drop a note to our Special Events Coordinator (Ralph NM5RC nm5rc at msn.com).

*Special Events
Coordinator,
Ralph Clark NM5RC*

VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021

The General VCARA meeting for January 26th commenced at 19:00 local time on Zoom. In attendance were officers; Kevin K5ZOO, John KB5ENN, Greg KG5OCW, Charlie NM5CL, Earl KB5UEW, Chris W5CSG and Ralph NM5RC.

Officer's Report:

1. **President K5ZOO Kevin** - was hosting the zoom meeting and requested feedback.
2. **Treasurer NM5CL Charlie**
 - a. Beginning bank balance in September of \$17,421.26.
 - b. Current balance is \$18,289.63.
3. **ARES Chairperson W5CSG Chris** -
 - a. ARES exercise was a success.
 - b. 146.700 repeater is back on the air. Thanks to the efforts of John Carter, Charlie and Ty.
4. **Special Events Coordinator NM5RC Ralph** - Winter field day is this weekend (1/30) Noon to Noon, club affiliation VCARA.

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Meeting was adjourned at 19:34 local time after the discussion of the above items. 21 were on attendance including officers, and John Schaaf, Gene K15BZI, Joseph Conner K5STI, Frederick Weis, Gil N2GG, Van K5VWH, Alfred Miribal, John L K6KUF, Steve Sanborn, James Smith, John KD5MH0, Dave Calhoun, Paul N5PR, and John Eldridge. Net was turned over to normal traffic. Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*

NEW AT CLUBHOUSE

If you are a male club member who has been reluctant to invite your spouse, mother, daughter, girlfriend, etc. to the KC5OUR Club House due to the sorry state of the women restroom facilities, invite away as that situation is a thing of the past. And if you are female club member or spouse/friend/etc., please come by and inspect the new facilities.

Remember our clubhouse in Rio Communities? Yes the women’s restroom was a definitely a ‘hold your bladder until you got home or at least across the river to McDonalds’ experience. And then due to some existing facilities our current clubhouse left us with a dingy unisex restroom, which was often in a sorry state as well.

BUT, NOW we have a nice WOMEN ONLY restroom, which has been soap and Clorox cleaned from ceiling to (and including floors). And it has a brand new toilet too. Oh, and a new BRIGHT light too.

A special thanks to those members, who installed the new toilet, changed the signs, installed the new lighting and did all the scrubbing. Also special thanks to the male club members who have pledged not to use the women’s restroom even if there is a line for the men’s.

**NEW MEXICO
TECHFEST**

Fellow New Mexico Hams —

Rocky Mountain Ham Radio - New Mexico (RMHAM) is pleased to announce its seventh annual New Mexico TechFest, an ARRL-sanctioned operating specialty event, on Saturday, February 27, 2021. TechFest features a day of quality presentations and demonstrations provided by some of New Mexico and Colorado’s (and beyond) leading technical hams on a variety of emerging and relevant topics within amateur radio. Its purpose is to facilitate the sharing of

Events Calendar



Tues, Feb 23, 2021 7-8pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
Contact Kevin for zoom info.

Wed, Feb 24, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Feb 25, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 27, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Sat, Feb 27, 2021 8 - 4pm
New Mexico TechFest See article at left.

Wed, Mar 3, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Mar 4, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Mar 6, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
Builders Club meeting
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Wed, Mar 10, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

technical knowledge and collaboration within the amateur radio community, and to encourage the discussion of new ideas with one another.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and uncertainty around New Mexico's public health orders, this year's event will be conducted virtually.

The presentation lineup for this year's New Mexico TechFest has been released, and online registration for the event is now OPEN!

Please visit <https://www.rmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest> to view the lineup, read the abstracts, learn about this year's speakers, and register to attend TechFest.

TechFest is open to all interested hams. Admission is \$10. Proceeds will offset event related expenses...see website for details.

Presentation-related prizes will be drawn throughout the event. In addition, this year's TechFest will feature the launch of a pico balloon (weather permitting), intended to travel across the country and possibly the world while carrying a VHF APRS or HF WSPR beacon. Hams will be able to track the location of this balloon online once launched.

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Lots of information awaits you at the New Mexico TechFest (<http://www.rmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest>). We look forward to your participation! 73,

*Brian N5ZGT, President,
Rocky Mountain Ham Radio,
New Mexico*

CALENDAR – CONTINUED

Thu, Mar 11, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Mar 13, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
VE Testing by appointment
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Wed, Mar 17, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Mar 18, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Mar 20, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

SILENT KEY

Jens Rossler KG5HNR recently passed away while in Texas with his XYL.

RALPH's TRIVIA QUESTION:

At what club event was this photo taken? Event? Year? Location? What is the station they are operating called? Who are the four club members shown?



2018 Field Day GOTV
(got on the Air Station).
Della KESGGG, Michael,
Adam & Andrew NMSAE.

**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 10 – Greg KG5OCW
Feb 17 – Al W5ACW
Feb 24 – Gene KI5BZI
Mar 3 – Elvira KD5UJQ
Mar 10 – John K8JWS
Mar 17 – Earl KB5UEW
Mar 24 – Russ KD5UJR
Mar 31 – Ralph NM5RC

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

President: Kevin Weland, K5ZOO, kevinweland@msn.com
Vice President: John Eldridge, KB5ENN, jmeldri@q.com
Treasurer: Charlie Lyon, NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net
Secretary: Greg Mershon, KG5OCW, gregmershon2@msn.com

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Special Events Coordinator: Ralph Clark, NM5RC

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Repeater Chairperson: currently vacant

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

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Newsletter: Emailed about 10 days prior to meetings.
Editor: Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ, russnvera@gmail.com

*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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