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Valencia County Amateur Radio Association P.O. Box 268 Peralta, New Mexico 87042

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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS TO:

VAN HARLINE KV5VWH CREIGHTON EDINGTON KF5KWP THOMAS SMITH KF5JKL

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

VCARA Member,

Club officers had a meeting on 8 May to cover a few topics. Please read below about some upcoming changes and needed help.

Club Meetings:

Starting with the next club meeting on Tuesday 25 May @

7pm we will go back to in person meetings, for those that are comfortable doing so. If you do not want to attend in person the meeting will also be broadcast over Zoom. Use the same Zoom link and pass code from the previous meetings.

Officer Elections:

The term for our current officers are coming to an end. All are eligible to continue serving for 1 more year. If anyone would like to nominate a new officer an election will be held. If no

nominations are received the current officers will continue their roll for 1 more year. President and VP can only be held for a 2 year period per the club bylaws.

Field Day:



KC5OUR ON THE AIR FOR THE NM QSO PARTY

Our club's KC5OUR station was on the air on a Saturday, April 10th, for the NM QSO Party. While we did not make a lot of contacts, those participating had some relaxed fun with the alternating pileups and slim pickings. Photo shows NM5AE, Andrew, taking a turn at our IC-7300's mic.

ARRL field day is June 26 and 27. We are proceeding with planning the event as it looks like things should be opening back up. The club needs someone to take charge and lead the organization of the event. Ralph has used the attached checklist for the past events to insure nothing is missed. If you are interested in helping the club out by taking on the roll please let an officer know. This does not mean you have to do everything. We just need a single point of contact to take the lead. The Bosque Farms community center reservation has been confirmed. The current plan is to only run 2 HF stations and Chris's 6 meter station. The HF stations will run as GOTA, CW, or club contest depending on operator and need. If you have never attended field

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day it is a great event. Check out this link for more details http://www.arrl.org/field-day

Club Open house for church:

The ongoing effort to install a tower at the club house has run into some opposition by the church board. To better explain what our club and amateur radio means for the community we will host an open house. We currently have a member reaching out to the church leadership to come up with a date. Once we have the date we will be looking for volunteers to help. We will be looking to setup the mobile tower that is used at field day, a CW station, HF station, wires X, and a couple briefings. Please be on the lookout for more information as we set dates.

Kevin "Zoo" Welander K5ZOO VCARA President.

VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2021

The General VCARA meeting for April 27th commenced at 19:00 local time on Zoom. In attendance were officers; Kevin K5ZOO, John KB5ENN, Greg KG5OCW, Charlie NM5CL, Earl KB5UEW, Elvira KD5UJQ and Ralph NM5RC.

Officer's Report:

- 1. **President K5ZOO Kevin** Echolink setup with raspberry pi? Possible builders club project.
- 2. **Vice-President KB5ENN John** Field Day planning?
- 3. Secretary KG5OCW Greg
 No announcements.

4. Treasurer NM5CL Charlie

- ➤ Beg. Balance \$18,341.52
- Debits \$451.08
- Credits \$1200.50 (includes Silent Key sales)
- Checkbook balance \$19,090.94
- ➤ Bank Balance \$19,090.94 (expect reduction from SK sales to widow)
- 5. Past President KB5UEW
 Earl Builders club update:
 looking for input and
 projects. Gene will run next

projects. Gene will run next builders club, as Earl will be out of town.

- 6. Special Events Coordinator NM5RC Ralph Thanks for all contributors to the vertical antenna project. About 8 hours of work on the NM QSO party with spotty band conditions.
- 7. Newsletter Editor KD5UJQ Elvira Please send news and articles to include in the next news, and any change in email addresses.

Old Business:

1. Working on details for club payment to the Church.

Events Calendar

Wed, May 19, 2021 8pm *VCARA Net 145.430 mhz* See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 20, 2021, 7:30pm *Tri-County Net 146.96mhz* Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 22, 2021, 9 - Noon *Breakfast @ clubhouse*BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Mon, May 24, 2021 7pm *Builder's Club Meeting* Click on the link below: http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC.

Tues, May 25, 2021 7-8pm Monthly Mtg @ clubhouse Members NOT comfortable with attending in person may join the meeting on Zoom @ https://zoom.us/j/97115355215 Meeting ID: 971 1535 5215 Passcode: VCARA.

Wed, May 26, 2021 8pm *VCARA Net 145.430 mhz* See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 27, 2021, 7:30pm *Tri-County Net 146.96mhz* Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 29, 2021, 9 - Noon *Breakfast* @ *clubhouse* BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Payment was approved in the

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

Wed, June 2, 2021 8pm *VCARA Net 145.430 mhz* See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, June 3, 2021, 7:30pm *Tri-County Net 146.96mhz* Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, June 5, 2021, 9 - Noon *Breakfast* @ *clubhouse* BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Mon, June 7, 2021 7pm *Builder's Club Meeting* Click on the link below: http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC.

Wed, June 9, 2021 8pm *VCARA Net 145.430 mhz* See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, June 10, 2021, 7:30pm *Tri-County Net 146.96mhz* Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, June 12, 2021, 9- Noon Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

VE Testing by appointment (Contact Chris @505-450-7447 or email: csgillespie@msn.com)

Wed, June 16, 2021 8pm *VCARA Net 145.430 mhz* See Net Operator schedule.

last meeting.

- 2. Chris may have a contact at the church to discuss payment information with a church contact.
- 3. Follow up on officers meeting (meet in person).

New Business: See officer's report.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:29 local time after the discussion of the above items. 13 were on attendance including officers, and the following members: John KD5MHO, Gene KI5BZI, Steve AC8PC, Jim W5JBS, Fred KF5DTU and Russ KD5UJR. Net was turned over to normal traffic. Respectfully submitted by

Greg Mershon, KG5OCW VCARA Secretary

VCARA OFFICER'S BOARD MEETING OF MAY 8, 2021

The Officers Board meeting started at 10:55 local time. In attendance were John, Charlie, Earl via Zoom, and myself. Non-officers in attendance were Chris G, Ralph C, and Van H.

Topics covered:

Repeaters/towers/internet.
Goal is to get approval for a tower at the club house before pursuing other options. Chris G is going to reach out to the church for a date to do an open house. We will use this as

opportunity to teach the church what we do and what it means for their property. We will have the crank up tower from field day there along with a piece of the type of tower we will put up. This is to give the best visual of what it will be. Chris will also reach out to the Valencia county emergency manager to see if she will come and talk about how the club can integrated into their comm plans.

Ralph is seeing about getting a photo-shop image of the area with the tower for further visual reference.

Field Day:

We are going to proceed as if field day will be a go. Discussed only running a 3 radio's HF/GOTA based on who will be using it and a CW/GOTA based on who will be using it. This will allow a simpler setup and allow flexibility on use of the radios.

We will also have Chris running his 6 meter station. I will be sending out a email asking for a volunteer to head up organizing the event.

Club meetings:

With the COVID restrictions opening up and the talk about the state fully opening next month, we are going to move to in person meetings.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 25th @ 1900 at the club house and via Zoom for the people who are still not comfortable meeting in person. It was motioned by Chris for me to pursue getting internet setup at the club house. Charlie seconded

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and all officers in attendance voted "YES".

Meeting ended at 12:30 local time. Respectfully submitted by

Greg Mershon, KG5OCW VCARA Secretary



The club is assisting KG5HNR's widow with the sale of his radio equipment. Yes, these remaining items are old and outdated, but for a VERY SMALL fraction of what these cost new they might just be what you need in your shack. These can be



inspected at the club any Saturday morning. Work a deal with Charlie NM5CL (nm5cl at att.net).









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

May 19 – Russ, KD5UJR May 26 – Ralph, NM5RC Jun 02 – Greg, KG5OCW Jun 09 – Al, W5ACW Jun 16 – Gene, KI5BZI Jun 23 – Elvira, KD5UJQ Jun 30 – John, K8JWS

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

President: Kevin Welander, K5ZOO, kevinwelander@msn.com Vice President: John Eldridge, KB5ENN, jmeldri@q.com Treasurer: Charlie Lyon,

NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net Secretary: Greg Mershon,

KG5OCW

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Ralph Clark, NM5RC

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Repeater Chairperson:
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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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