

Dots~N~ Dashes

May2021 issue

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

Inside this Issue

- 1 President's Column
- 2 Events Calendar
- 2 Minutes of Meeting
- 3 Minutes of Officer's Board Meeting
- 4 For Sale
- 5 VCARA Net Operators & Contacts

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:

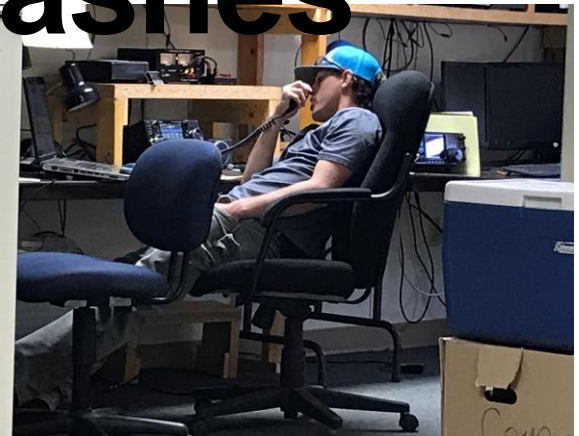
Starting with the next club meeting on Tuesday 25 May @

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

May 2021 Issue

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 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.

May 2021 Issue

and all officers in attendance voted "YES".

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

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary*



**SILENT KEY
MEMBER'S STUFF FOR
SALE**

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
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 - n~Dashes

ARES Chairperson: Chris
Gillespie, W5CSG

Club Station License

Trustee: Paul Ridley, N5PR

Website: www.kc5our.com

Webmaster: Charlie Lyon,
NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net

www.facebook.com/VaCtyARA

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.*

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

US POSTAGE
Required

**BE SAFE, STAY
HOME & GET
ON THE AIR!**