

# Dots~N~Dashes

August 2021 issue

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## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

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## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

VCARA  
Members,

Field Day Jun 26, 2021 was the traditional ending for fiscal year 2020/2021 and the beginning of fiscal year 2021/2022. And with that, **membership dues for the new fiscal year became due.**

The good news is that membership dues have not been increased and remain at \$15.00 for an individual and \$18.00 for family. An unlicensed individual may become an associate member at the reduced rate of \$6.00 per year.

If you have not yet renewed your annual membership, please send a check or money order for the correct amount in USD to the address below. Or catch me at the clubhouse on a Saturday.

If you are unsure of your status, please contact the club treasurer by phone or email. Some examples are: newer members who only



**On Wednesday, August 11, at 1:30 PM, 12 club members gathered at the Los Lunas Denney's to restart our every other week Koffee Klatches.**

paid for ½ year when joining, or an older member (in length of time, not age) who has paid more than one year in advance.

Contact me by phone or email if you have any questions on any of the 2 issues mentioned. 73,

*Charlie, NM5CL*

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*Phone: (505) 450-8536*

*Club mailing address: VCARA*

*Attn: Treasurer*

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## KOFFEE KLATCH RESUMES!

Also, the informal bi-weekly Koffee Klatch, which was temporarily terminated during the Pandemic, is now scheduled to begin again, **starting Wednesday August 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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We meet at Denny's Restaurant in Los Lunas and begin seating at 1:30pm. This is a very informal get together, no agenda, no roll call, no dress-up, just come as you are and enjoy fellowship with your ham friends and their guests for an hour or two.

Hopefully the COVID situation will remain calm so this tradition can continue without interruption. If your schedule allows, put these on your calendar for an enjoyable visit with nice bunch of folks. Spouses, kids and friends are always welcome. 73,

*Charlie, NM5CL  
VCARA Treasurer*

## WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE TOWERS?

### Background:

1. VCARA has three repeaters and the long range plan has always been to link them together - talk to one, transmit on all.
2. Install two ~50-ft towers at our new (well, not so new now) club station. One for repeater linking and one for a HF beam/center support of a 40/80 meter inverted V dipole.
3. We solicited and received Walmart and Facebook grants of ~\$10K to purchase the towers and any linking equipment.
4. The virus situation delayed us some and then a change in the church's leadership (which has graciously letting us use space for our club) has now required re-approval for installation of the towers.

### Recent Activity:

Several club members led by Chris W5CSG met with the Church Council on August 8<sup>th</sup> to explain what Amateur Radio is, our role in emergency/public service communications, and the why and what of the planned towers. Photos of the church and our building from various



## Events Calendar

**Sat, Aug 21, 2021, 9 - Noon**  
**Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Tues, Aug 24, 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, Aug 25, 2021, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Aug 25, 2021 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Aug 26, 2021, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Aug 28, 2021, 9 - Noon**  
**Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Sept 1, 2021 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Sept 2, 2021, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

directions with the proposed tower inserted were a key part of the presentation.

The Council decided to recommend approval to their

Board - hopefully in the next newsletter will report final approval and that the towers have been ordered.

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC  
VCARA Special  
Events Coordinator*

plans.

**Who Should Attend:**

- All First Responders
- Governmental Administrative/Elected Officials
- Citizen/Community Volunteer
- Community Emergency Management Personnel
- Community Stakeholders
- Churches and Faith Based Organizations

Use the link below to register  
<https://ruraltraining.org/course/mgt-405-v-mobilizing-faith-based-community-organizations-in-preparing-for-disasters/?scheduled=true&id=3428>.

Respectfully,

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**CALENDAR – CONTINUED**

**Sat, Sept 4, 2021, 9 - Noon  
Builder's Club Meeting &  
Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Sept 8, 2021, 1:30pm  
Koffee Klatch at Denny's  
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM**

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

**Thu, Sept 9, 2021, 7:30pm  
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Sept 11, 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)

**Mon, Sept 13, 2021 7pm  
Builder's Club Zoom Mtg**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Sept 15, 2021 8pm  
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**VIRTUAL ZOOM  
CLASSES AVAILABLE**

**MGT 405: Mobilizing Faith-Based Community Organizations in Preparing for Disaster**-Virtual Zoom Delivery is an 8-hour, DHS/FEMA-certified, tuition-free, management[1]level course. This course covers emergency planning and brings together emergency managers and first responders with Faith-Based Community Organization (FBCO) leaders in a shared learning environment. This course facilitates effective communication to develop comprehensive local emergency



First Saturday in August found members making contacts across the nation, the builders group designing their one microphone for all their radios device, and others discussing a variety of radio (and other) topics..



**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 18 – Elvira, KD5UJQ  
Aug 25 – John, K8JWS  
Sep 01 – Earl, KB5UEW  
Sep 08 – Russ, KD5UJR  
Sep 15 – Ralph, NM5RC  
Sep 22 – Greg, KG5OCW  
Sep 29 – Al W5ACW  
Oct 06 – Gene, KI5BZI  
Oct 13 – Elvira, KD5UJQ

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

## VCARA Club Contacts

### Officers

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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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