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HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

JIM FRAZIER KC5EUA,
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& RALPH SMITH KB0OYZ

VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2021

The General VCARA meeting for August 24th commenced at 19:00 local time on Zoom and in person at clubhouse. In attendance were officers; Kevin K5ZOO, John KB5ENN, Greg KG5OCW, Charlie NM5CL, Earl KB5UEW, Chris W5CSG, Elvira KD5UJQ and Ralph NM5RC.

Officer's Report:

1. President K5ZOO Kevin – Socorro Ham Fest upcoming (Oct 16th).
2. Treasurer NM5CL Charlie
 - a. Beginning bank balance in January of \$17,347.65.
 - b. Ending balance is \$16,989.46.
 - c. July Debits \$241.63.
 - d. July Credits \$83.44.

Old Business:

1. none.
2. Quorum not met from last meeting in July.

New Business:

Internet Service for the club house: Comcast/Century Link (45\$/ month with 2 year contract) Will it effect dues?

- a. Raise Dues 1\$ per year (only generates 50 dollars)?

- b. Decrease donation to Church by \$50 to offset cost of the internet?
- c. Raise the dues by \$10 a year to cover the internet?
- d. Create a 'Sustaining Member' membership with increased dues?
- e. Get internet from the church and run a network line?

Form a committee to discuss costs? Motion and Seconded. (Passed)

Meeting was adjourned at 19:44 local time. 15 were in attendance including those on a zoom connection. Earl KB5UEW won raffle. Respectfully submitted by

Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary

NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This article was posted last year, during the pandemic crisis and lockdown. It's not over yet, so here is the list again, for those wanting to use their ham radios more. *It's the ultimate in social distancing.*

Daily:

- **7:00 AM** – The SCAT Net meets Monday-Saturday on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100

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- Hz PL) Sandia Crest linked repeaters.
- **8:45 AM** – Rusty’s Raiders Net meets Monday-Friday on the 146.64 (67 Hz PL) Mt Taylor, 146.90 (-, 67 Hz PL) Albuquerque, 146.94 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Mt. Taylor, 146.96 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Capilla Peak, 147.06 (+, 67 Hz PL) Tapia Mesa, 442.60 (100 Hz PL) Sandia Crest, and 449.55 (71.9 Hz PL), linked repeaters.

Sundays (only):

- **5:00 PM MST** or 7:30 PM MDT – New Mexico ARES/EmComm HF Net meets on the First Sunday of each month on 3939 kHz LSB to discuss amateur radio support of all types of emergency



- communications including (but not limited to) MARS, SAR, CAP, public service events. All stations invited.
- **8:00 PM** – Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club Net meets on the 146.88 MHz (-, no PL) Los Alamos repeater.
 - **9:00 PM** – The Amateur Radio Caravan Club Net meets on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) linked repeaters

Mondays (only):

- **7:30 PM** – Sandoval County ARES Net meets each Monday except for the third Monday of each month on the 147.10 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), 147.08 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), 443.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL), and 443.10 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) Sandoval County repeaters.
- **8:00 PM** – 2-meter Weak Signal Net meets on 144.250 MHz USB
- **8:30 PM** – Northern New Mexico Amateur Radio Net meets on the 145.19 MHz (-, 67 Hz PL) Pajarito Mountain repeater. Backup repeater is the 147.02 MHz (+, 141.3 Hz PL) Tesuque Peak repeater.

Tuesdays (only):

- **6:30 PM** – KC5JBO Memorial Simplex Net meets on 146.40 MHz simplex (Albuquerque area)
- **7:00 PM** – Eastern New Mexico University Amateur Radio Club Net meets on the 146.82 (-, 67 Hz PL) Portales repeater
- **7:30 PM** – Tailgate Tuesday Net meets on the 145.33 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) and 444.00 MHz (+, 100 Hz PL) Sandia Crest linked repeaters.
- **8:00 PM** – Trivia Net – A weekly net challenging listeners to answer trivia about various old movies, radio and TV shows. Upper Rio FM Society repeaters:


Events Calendar

Wed, Sept 22, 2021, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Sept 22, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Sept 23, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Setp 25, 2021, 9- Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced



Tues, Sept 28, 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, Sept 29, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

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

Sat, Oct 2, 2021, 9- Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

146.940 (- 100), 146.96 (- 100), 442.600 (+ 100) and other linked repeaters.

Wednesdays (only):

CALENDAR – CONTINUED

**Wed, Oct 6, 2021, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Oct 6, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.**

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

**Sat, Oct 9, 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, Oct 13, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.**

**Thu, Oct 14, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.**

**Sat, Oct 16, 2021, 9- Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social
distancing is strictly enforced.**

**Sat, Oct 16, 2021, TBA
Socorro HamFest**

- **7:30 PM** – Socorro ARES Net meets on the 146.68 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Socorro repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – *The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association Net meets on the 145.430 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Valencia County repeater.*
- **8:00 PM** – 220 Rag Chewers Net meets on the 224.480 MHz Albuquerque repeater.
- **8:00 PM** – 70-centimeter Weak Signal Net meets on 432.150 MHz USB
- **8:30 PM** (last Wed. of each month) – Valencia County Amateur Radio Association 70-centimeter Net meets on 442.700 MHz (+ 5 Mhz, 100 Hz PL) to exercise the VCARA 70cm repeater.

Thursdays (only):

- **7:00 PM** – Bernalillo County ARES Net meets on the 145.13 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL), 145.15 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL), and 442.050 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Albuquerque area linked repeaters.
- **7:30 PM** – *Tri-County ARES Net, For*



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coordination of ARES members in Socorro, Torrance and Valencia counties meets on the 146.96 MHz (-, 100 Hz PL) Capilla Peak repeater.

- **8:00 PM** – New Mexico DSTAR Net meets on any DSTAR repeater in the world that can be linked to the REF055A reflector.
- **8:00 PM** – Tri-County ARES Simplex Net, Monthly exercise net for ARES members in Socorro, Torrance and Valencia counties meets on the fourth Thursday of the month on 146.55 MHz simplex.
- **8:30 PM** – The New Mexico Swapnet meets on any New Mexico Mega Link or Upper Rio FM Society repeater.

Fridays (only):

- **9:00 AM** – New Mexico Department of Health Net meets on the New Mexico Mega Link repeater system

Saturdays (only):

- **7:00 PM** – East Mountain FM Simplex Net meets on 146.55 MHz simplex. Open to all hams.

And if the listing is off, please feel free to let me know. I like having an updated list of nets.

*Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ
Newsletter Editor*

**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

- Sep 22 – Greg, KG5OCW
- Sep 29 – Al W5ACW
- Oct 06 – Gene, KI5BZI
- Oct 13 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Oct 20 – John, K8JWS
- Oct 27 – Earl, KB5UEW
- Nov 03 – Russ, KD5UJR
- Nov 10 – Ralph, NM5RC

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

VCARA Club Contacts

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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*



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