



# Dots~N~Dashes

December 2021  
issue

**Valencia County  
Amateur Radio  
Association  
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## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

CHRIS BAHL KI5PGD,  
GEORGE CUSACK K6GTC,  
MARY L. DREIBELBIS WD5JMN,  
ALFRED T. MIRABAL KA5FRB,  
LOCH PAGE KF5ZED &  
ROB SHANGER K5PPN

## MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

### *VCARA Waffle Breakfast:*

The annual Waffle Breakfast was held Saturday Dec

18 and was very successful thanks to the efforts of Head Cook and Bottle Washer Rex W6ASV. Rex had the tables all arranged and the cooking station set up days ahead of time and Saturday members were greeted with the sweet aroma of waffles and sausage when they began arriving at 0900. Thank you, Rex, for your excellent work. *(Final attendance count: 14)*

### *Christmas in Bethlehem Special Events Station:*

The IC-7300 HF station was activated at 0900, calling "CQ Christmas From Bethlehem" and QSO's filling two logbook pages (50 contacts) were made by operators Chris KI5PGD, Judy WB5LYJ, Nick KI5MFF and Rex W6ASV. *Special Events Station will continue until Christmas Eve.*

*Charlie NM5CL  
VCARA Treasurer*

## VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF



## NOVEMBER 23, 2021

The General VCARA meeting for November 23<sup>rd</sup> commenced at 19:00 local time in person at clubhouse. Officers present included: Greg KG5OCW (via zoom), Charlie NM5CL (via zoom), Ralph NM5RC, Chris W5CSG and Kevin K5ZOO.

### *Officer's Report:*

**Charlie NM5CL - Treasurers**  
Financial Report for October

- Beginning balance of \$17,572.30
  - Debits 144.00
  - Credits 24.42
  - Outstanding checks 100.00
  - Outstanding deposits 00
  - Checkbook Balance \$17,353
- Financial Report for November
- HF Tower purchase \$8,350
  - Checkbook Balance (as of Nov 23,2021) \$8,067.60

**Chris W5CSG-Repeater Chair**  
Towers purchased. (2) HF Antenna tower is 60 foot heavy duty. 2<sup>nd</sup> HD 50 foot tower for linking equipment; Rated for climbing. It should arrive around

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the first of the year. Culvert for base sections will allow for installation in sand.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

- Menus for **Pete's restaurant** (6th from 5 to 7 pm maybe the 11th? Rex will follow up) for the VCARA Christmas party.
- **Tickets for door prizes** – member contribute what they can please. Dollar store items for the dinner as raffle prizes needed.
- **HT Radiodity GD7HT Yeasu FT 2980R** first prize (December 8 arrival)
- Quarterly class for the community – First aid class? (Rex) Take it to the church and see if they are interested.

Besides the 5 officers there were 8 other members, having 18 present for the meeting. Meeting was closed at 7:30 local time.

Presentation by Jann Smith on Computer Science followed.

Respectfully submitted by

*Greg Mershon, KG5OCW*  
VCARA Secretary

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual VCARA Christmas party was held at the Bosque Farms Community Center on December 12 with great success. The party was a potluck style dinner with a spiral ham and a beef brisket as the entrée. Many delicious side dishes and desserts brought by membership were added to complete the offering. The blessing of the meal was given by Paul N5PR.



**Events Calendar**

**Sat, Dec 18, 2021, 9–10:30**  
**Waffle Breakfast & "Christmas In Bethlehem" Special Event Station.**

Drop by for a waffle and sausage and then get on the air on HF using the club station. A special prize will be awarded to all those who make 10 or more contacts. (Operate SSB voice or CW – your choice.)

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

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

**Mon, Dec 28, 2021 7pm**  
**Builder's Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Dec 29, 2021, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**  
**CALENDAR - CONTINUED**

**Wed, Dec 29, 2021 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

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

After the meal the attendees were

**CALENDAR – Continued**

**Sat, Jan 1, 2022, 9-Noon  
Builder’s Club Meeting**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Jan 5, 2022 8pm  
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Jan 6, 2022, 7:30pm  
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Jan 8, 2022, 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, Jan 10, 2022 7pm  
Builder’s Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Jan 12, 2022, 1:30pm  
Koffee Klatch at Denny’s  
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM**

**Wed, Jan 12, 2022 8pm  
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
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**Thu, Jan 13, 2022, 7:30pm  
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treated to drawings for door prizes, and there were plenty of these, all donated by membership. In fact, everyone in attendance had their number drawn at least twice.

The main lottery ticket drawing was held to finalize the evening. This drawing consists of lottery tickets purchased at the club’s monthly meetings throughout the year. Jim W5JBS held the ticket for the 1st Prize mobile radio FT-2980R. Winners of smaller prizes included John K8JWS, Paul N5PR, Mark N9YEX and Betty N5BEL.

Ham of the Year was awarded to John “Nick” Carter KI5MFF.

*Charlie NM5CL  
VCARA Treasurer*



**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

- Dec 22 - Earl, KB5UEW
- Dec 29 - Russ, KD5UJR
- Jan 05 - Ralph, NM5RC
- Jan 12 - Greg, KG5OCW
- Jan 19 - Al, W5ACW
- Jan 26 - Gene, KI5BZI
- Feb 02 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Feb 09 - John, K8JWS
- Feb 16 - Earl, KB5UEW

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

## VCARA Club Contacts

### Officers

**President:** Kevin Welander,  
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**Vice President:** John Eldridge,  
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**Treasurer:** Charlie Lyon,  
NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net

**Secretary:** Greg Mershon,  
KG5OCW  
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**Past President:** Earl Cox,  
KB5UEW kb5uew@yahoo.com

**Special Events Coordinator:**  
Ralph Clark, NM5RC

Club email [kc5our@arrl.net](mailto:kc5our@arrl.net)  
**Repeater Chairperson:**  
currently vacant

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

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days prior to meetings.  
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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*

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*Merry  
Christmas*

Prayers for our silent  
keys:

Larry Allen &  
Pete Spotts NM5PS