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HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

BOB CORNETT K5PSG
ZANE CRESAP
KATHY GREGORY KC6WOB
KEN HAYDEN N7ZAP
BETTY LYON N5BEL
REX REILLY W6ASV

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

For the last few monthly club meetings, we have not had a program for after the general club business discussion. In an attempt to change that, a few contacts have been made to start to line up speakers. Below is listing of what has occurred to date.

November-

Jann Smith will speak on Computer Science Rules and Girls in Technology. Jann currently works at Sandia Labs as a manager. In the past Jann has worked at NASA. She is also a wife and mother of two children.

December - Christmas Party

January -

Nathanial Pfiefer is scheduled to speak. Nathan is an amateur radio operator. He is a Mechanical engineer and is involved in search and rescue and Scouts.

February – no program yet!

March – no program yet!

April – no program yet!

May - no program yet!

Month will be finalizing Ham radio plans -- preparations and discussion for field day.

June - Ham Radio Field Day

September - Pot Luck and QSL card show off.

- *Everyone brings an item to share. The club could provide a smoked brisket.*
- *Everyone bring their own personal qsl cards and some of their most favorite cards received.*

Other potential programs options could include:

- Planning and zoning and city manager of Los Lunas to come talk about antenna laws, answer questions, etc.
- NOA Weather station - intro to sky warn program, cooperative stations, etc. and safety with weather.
<https://www.weather.gov/education/citizen>
- Robotics team
- Builder's club and home brew show. Come show us what you have made and what you are working on.
- Ryan Keith- is an amateur operator and electrical engineer. He can potential present on work in radar and image processing.
- Fox Hunting- Gerry Boyd is a local ham operator with extensive background in radio orienteering and customize radio design.

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- Civil Air Patrol.
<https://www.nmwg.cap.gov/>
- Digital operating modes - computer connecting to amateurs' radio? Packet radio? This may be a good avenue for bringing newer and younger operators into amateur radio and would also compliment emergency operations for efficient message passing.

Last minute planning option:

lots of videos of programs given to another club. Some might work for us in desperation
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq9nFTkJJAjOdPZVytoPOc/g/videos>.

Again, these are some possibilities and feedback would be greatly appreciated. 73,

*John Eldridge, KB5ENN
VCARA Vice President*

VCARA MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2021

The General VCARA meeting for October 26th commenced at 19:00 local time in person at clubhouse. Officers present included: Greg KG5OCW, Charlie NM5CL Earl KB5UEW, Ralph NM5RC, Chris W5CSG and Kevin K5ZOO (via zoom).

Officer's Report:

Charlie NM5CL - Treasurers Financial Report

- Beginning balance of \$17,198 (including grants)
- Debits 312.27
- Credits 85.89
- Outstanding checks 244.00
- Checkbook Balance \$17,328

Old Business:

Towers - Earl & Chris - Church says that the tower(s) has been approved.

- Chris - Culvert (Dig down and settle culvert into the ground)? Backhoe on loan if we pay the operator and cover fuel.
- Towers are 4 - 6 weeks out order wise. Don't dig the holes until we are ready to pour the concrete.

Internet Access - John - Boss buys off on MOU (for antenna at school). Plans for interlinking equipment discuss in the next meeting. Microwave internet connection (Cost?) We can join rocky mountain amateur radio group. Need to research equipment.

New Business:


Various tasks required –

- Reach out to the **tower company** and get price and time estimate. (Chris) Ballpark cost for towers (\$5800 with rotor bearing/mast/baseplate).
 - Motion to approve purchase up to \$6000. Moved by Charlie - Motion Carried.

Events Calendar

Thu, Nov 18, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Nov 20, 2021, 9 - Noon
Builder's Club Meeting
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.



Tues, Nov 23, 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, Nov 24, 2021 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Nov 25, 2021, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Nov 27, 2021, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Mon, Nov 29, 2021 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting
Click on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

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

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

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

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

Sat, Dec 4, 2021, 9-Noon
Builder's Club Meeting
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

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

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

Sat, Dec 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, Dec 13, 2021 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting
Click on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

Wed, Dec 15, 2021, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

- Offer from Loch Page (Former Member) for the club to take old equipment. Greg will respond in the affirmative.
- Zoom schedule confusion. **Builders Club Schedule** will be clarified and posted on the website.
- **Membership drive** - Rex thinking about Christmas Parade. Discussion on getting kids exposed to Ham Radio. Should there be a physical mailing for field day? Motion moved and carried.
- **Duke City Hamfest** reminder.
- **Radio merit badge** program. Will we be sponsoring this?

Besides the 6 officers there were 12 other members, having 18 present for the meeting. Meeting was closed at 7:42pm local time. Respectfully submitted by

Greg Mershon, KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary

BOY SCOUTING AND OTHER CLASSES

This letter was written on November 1, 2021 to our Past President Earl and forwarded for relay to the rest of VCARA.

Just to keep everybody in the loop regarding the Radio Merit

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Badge class we've been discussing;

I got certified last Friday through the Scouting Council as a Merit Badge Counselor for Radio, First Aid, Fire Safety, Emergency Preparedness, Camping and Wilderness Survival. So we can run any of those in-house whenever the club wants to.

I also, today, had the State EMS Director authorize the Community Responder School to run BLS courses up through the Emergency Medical Responder level, which is about 90% of the EMT course. I'll be running EMR courses as charity fundraisers soon with the 'profits' going to the animal shelter for about \$40 each including the BLS cert. and doing a hybrid online/offline Wilderness Medic course this spring.

So let me know how to make any of that useful for the club, :))

RR:)

Rex Reilly, W6ASV
www.ResponderSchool.org



**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

- Nov 17 – Greg, KG5OCW
- Nov 24 – Al, W5ACW
- Dec 01 – Gene, KI5BZI
- Dec 08 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Dec 15 – John, K8JWS
- Dec 22 – Earl, KB5UEW
- Dec 29 – Russ, KD5UJR

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

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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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