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VCARA GENERAL MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm MST. Board members in attendance were NM5CL and W5CSG. **There not being a quorum**, this meeting could not conduct official club business.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag after which attendees introduced themselves. There were 23 attending which included 5 visitors. Treasurer NM5CL gave the financial reports for November and December 2021. Bank balance for year end 2021 = \$9,858.71.

Under Old Business: W5CSG stated the tower purchase delivery date is delayed due to the Pandemic. The 145.43 repeater died and has been sent to Yaesu for warranty repairs. The 442.700 unit was borrowed and temporarily retuned to 145.43 and placed in service at Meadow Lake. The old Motorola unit was turned up for

service at the UHF site. K8JWS stated the next Los Lunas Schools meeting will be February 15 where the MOU with VCARA will be addressed. KI5PGJ discussed DMR operations.

New business: The club has some excess Rohn tower segments which could be offered for sale to members along with some abandoned coax feed line. An informal motion was made and seconded to appoint a committee to set a sale value for these properties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm and a presentation on SAR was given by guest Nathaniel Pfeifer KG5PYL. Raffle ticket winner was John KI5QKV. Respectfully submittd,

*Charlie NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer*

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

J.E.DREIBELBIS WB5RRO, JOHN ERNI K5VJY
ELVIRA HUNT KD5UJQ, MARK MCLAUGHLIN KD7ZNE,
LOREN OZBOURN KK7OZ, STEVE PANKRETZ KD5PSF,
FRED WEIS KF5DTU, LISA WISEMAN KC5DIW,
RICHARD YBARRA AB1Q, KEN ZUNI W5KAZ



CLUB HAS TWO TOWERS FOR SALE

BEING OFFERED AT DISCOUNTED PRICE TO MEMBERS BEFORE BEING MORE WIDELY ADVERTISED

ROHN 25 Tower Sections

- Two 10-ft straight sections
- Located in storage shed at club shack
 - Inspect any Saturday morning
- Current new price is \$160 per each straight section plus shipping.
- Price: \$ 50 per section
 \$ 100 for both

ROHN 45 Tower

- Three 10-ft straight sections plus tapered top section
 - Plus one bent 10-ft 'straight' section -
 Could be cut in half and anchored in concrete as anchor base for tower
- **NOTE:** Club will keep all side antenna supports and other accessories
- Located at Belen water tank on Aragon Road just west of I-25.
 - Check with Chris W5CSG to inspect.
 - Tower is assembled lying on ground. See pictures on next page.
 - Expect some club members can be

recruited to participate with buyer on a Saturday morning work party to dismantle antenna, accessories, parts, etc., and help load on buyer's vehicle.

- Will probably take a scissor jack and a few 2x4s to separate sections.
- Current new price is about \$310 per each straight section and \$360 for top section, so total of \$1290 plus shipping.
- Price::
 - VCARA member: \$100
 - Non-member: \$150

CONDITIONS OF SALE

These towers are used, are not current models, and may have unknown condition problems and the Rhon 45 tower is very old. They are being sold as is where is without any warrantee. Buyer assumes any and all liability in their removal, transportation and use, and agrees the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, Inc., its officers and members have no liability for any use of these towers.



Last Presentation NM Search and Rescue

Events Calendar

Wed, Feb 16, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Feb 17, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 19, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Tue, Feb 22, 2022, 7pm
VCARA Monthly Meeting
Members NOT comfortable with attending in person may join the meeting on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/97115355215>
Meeting ID: 971 1535 5215
Passcode: VCARA

Wed, Feb 23, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Feb 23, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Feb 24, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Feb 26, 2022, 9-Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Mon, Feb 28, 2022, 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting**

Click on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Mar 2, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Mar 3, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**

Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Mar 5, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**

BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Mar 9, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Mar 9, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Mar 10, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**

Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Mar 12, 2022, 9- 11am
VE Testing @ clubhouse**

Contact Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447 csgillespie@msn.com for more information.

**Sat, Mar 12, 2022, 9- Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**

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Last Presentation NMSAR

**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

Feb 16 - Earl, KB5UEW
Feb 23 - Russ, KD5UJR
Mar 02 - Ralph, NM5RC
Mar 09 - Greg, KG5OCW
Mar 16 - Al, W5ACW
Mar 23 - Gene, KI5BZI
Mar 30 - Elvira, KD5UJQ

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

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KG5OCW
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KB5UEW kb5uew@yahoo.com

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Ralph Clark, NM5RC

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Repeater Chairperson:
currently vacant

ARES Chairperson: Chris
Gillespie, W5CSG

Club Station License

Trustee: Paul Ridley, N5PR

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



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