

Dots~N~Dashes

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issue

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CLUB MEMBERS RELOCATE ARAGON REPEATER ANTENNA

After gathering at the club

house for coffee (and some of us enjoyed a burrito too) on Saturday, December 4th, W5CSG, KI5MFF, K5ZOO, K5VWH and NM5RC proceeded to our 2-M Belen repeater to do a quick antenna relocation.

Thirty feet of the heavy duty 40-ft Roan 45 tower and the top section are in good shape. The damaged 10-ft section might be cut down to 5 ft and embedded in concrete as a anchor/base for re-installation of the tower to avoid the expense of a special base and anchor bolts. If you are interested in this tower, contact President Kevin. How about a January Saturday morning work day to salvage the tower and gather the aluminum for recycling?



Van, Kevin, Nick and Chris inspect the old antenna and tower.



*Ralph NM5RC
Special Events Coordinator*

PRESENTATION AT OUR NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING WAS A BIG HIT

Jann Smith wowed those attending our November 23rd meeting. Jann manages software programming teams at Sandia National Laboratory. While some of the work is classified, she was able to relate enough to keep us riveted to our chairs – after the meeting a bunch

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

RALPH CLARK NM5RC, DELLA CRAWFORD KE5GCG,
TRUDY CUSACK, TYLER DAVIS W5GNV,
JOHN ELDRIDGE KB5ENN, STEVEN FOSTER KF5ZTZ,
JIM GALE KB5NAT, CLAUDIA JOHNSON KB9NBS,
MARIA PINZONE, PHIL SHAW KE5LZX &
MARY ANN CORNETT NS7X

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cornered her for twenty minutes with questions. Some of the amazing projects she has been involved with include satellites, rockets, space telescopes and earth monitoring. She did note there are many opportunities for people in her area of expertise. While she was a ground breaker when she first started, females are now welcomed with open arms and she encouraged us all to visit with all

our kids', grandkids, great grandkids and other young acquaintances to consider STEM professions.



*Ralph NM5RC
Special Events Coordinator*

ARES

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment, with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in

ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES.

Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. Please inquire at the local level for specific information. Because ARES is an amateur radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.

How to Get Involved in ARES: Fill out the [ARES Registration form](#) and submit it to your local Emergency Coordinator. (Chris Gillespie W5CSG, DEC Valencia County)

Events Calendar

Wed, Jan 19, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Jan 20, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Jan 22, 2022, 9 - Noon
Builder's Club Meeting & Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Tue, Jan 25, 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, Jan 26, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, Jan 26, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, Jan 27, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, Jan 29, 2022, 9-Noon
Builder's Club Meeting
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

[Download to the ARES Manual link \[PDF\]](#)

[ARES Field Resources Manual link \[PDF\]](#)

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 26
Time: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27866
Access Code: NCBRT113
[REGISTER](#)

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 27
Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27867
Access Code: NCBRT113
[REGISTER](#)

Want more information on this course for your agency? Contact the Regional Training Manager for [your FEMA region](#).

The courses are being offered by the Academy of Counter-terrorist education, Louisiana State University, National Center for Biomedical Research and Training. (LSU/NCBRT).

These COVID-19 courses were sent to me, as an ARES member, so that I may be more productive in cases of an emergency. Everyone should be aware of this epidemic, not just ARES members.

*Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ
VCARA Newsletter Editor*



CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Sat, Jan 29, 2022, all day
Winter Tailgate @ the
Stoneface Tavern, 8201
San Pedro NE, Alb, NM.**
Hosted by the 146.580 Simplex Group. Free entry & spaces.

**Mon, Jan 31, 2022, 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting**
Click on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Feb 2, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Feb 3, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Feb 5, 2022, 9 - Noon
Builder's Club Meeting &
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

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

**Wed, Feb 9, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Feb 10, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

*Charlie NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer*

**COVID-19 Biological
Awareness Courses
Available Via Zoom for
January 2021**

Due to popular demand, LSU NCBRT/ACE has scheduled additional deliveries of its course, AWR 324 Biological Incidents Awareness: COVID-19 in January 2021.

A FEMA Student ID is needed for registration. Find your FEMA SID [here](#). Each course is worth 0.4 CEUs.

AWR-324 Biological Incidents Awareness: COVID-19 (4 hrs)

This course is designed to prepare participants to recognize a potential COVID-19 infection, to know how to protect themselves during response, and to identify outside factors, including information control and public messaging, which will require their attention. More information on this course can be found [here](#).

Date: Thursday, Jan. 21
Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM CST
Course ID: 27865
Access Code: NCBRT113
[REGISTER](#)

**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

- Jan 19 - Al, W5ACW
- Jan 26 - Gene, KI5BZI
- Feb 02 - Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Feb 09 - John, K8JWS
- Feb 16 - Earl, KB5UEW
- Feb 23 - Russ, KD5UJR
- Mar 02 - Ralph, NM5RC
- Mar 09 - Greg, KG5OCW
- Mar 16 - Al, W5ACW

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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Silent Key:
Saif Shahid KF6WJZ
died on January 9, 2022
in Albuquerque, NM.

