

Dots~N~ Dashes

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issue

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Amateur Radio
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VCARA's HAM OF THE YEAR

Nick Carter KI5MFF was selected as VCARA Ham of the Year for 2021. He was presented his plaque at the club business meeting on February 22, 2022. With him in the photo (L-R) is Treasurer KG5OCW and President K5ZOO.

(See below) Here is Nick KI5MFF doing what he loves, working a "Parks on the Air Activation" at the Salinas Pueblo Missions National Park. To date he has activated 9 Parks and 24 peaks (Summits on the Air Activation) on HF with his QRP 10 watt KX-3 and an end-fed wire thrown in a tree or working 2 meters simplex with an HT and a wire antenna. If you hear him calling CQ answer back so he can put you in his logbook.

*Charlie, NM5CL
VCARA Treasurer*



KI5MFF showing Ham of the Year plaque.

VCARA GENERAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm MST. Board members in attendance were NM5CL, KB5UEW, NM5RC, K5ZOO, KB5ENN (zia Zoom) and W5CSG.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag after which attendees introduced themselves. There were 21 attending (in person and in Zoom).



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Officer's Report:

- Treasurer NM5CL gave the financial reports. Beginning Balance for January \$10,202.95. Ending Balance \$10,032.00.

Old Business: none mentioned.

New business:

- We got our **antenna in**. We need go get some items together to get the antenna erected. Ralph has created a work plan. We need to work with the community - nearby houses (knock on the door and and let folks know about the antenna and educate folks about the benefits and emergency preparedness). Volunteers (Saturday at 9:30) needed to walk around and knock on doors. \$4200 more to complete tower installation (mostly from FB grant money).
- Motion made to buy rest of tower supplies now. Motion passed.
- We need to start **prepping for field day** (Community Center in Bosque Farms is

booked).

- **School District MOU meeting** (John) was postponed to the March meeting.
- Rex suggesting we have a club demo at the Fire Station to demo. He also suggested **Electronics Merit Badge and Radio Merit Badge sessions at the club house**. May need to wait a few months (May). Limit groups to size of 20?

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm and Mike Kvasnak gave a presentation on drone mapping. Respectfully submitted,

Greg Mershon KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING:

EMIL CRAWFORD KE5GCH
 EMMALINE ELDRIDGE KF5TBJ
 CHRIS GILLESPIE W5CSG
 PAUL RIDLEY N5PR
 STEVE SANBORN AC8PC
 KEVIN WELANDER K5ZOO

Events Calendar

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Mon, Mar 28, 2022, 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting**
Click on the link below:
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Mar 30, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Mar 31, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Apr 2, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, Apr 6, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM**

**Wed, Apr 6, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

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

**Sat, Apr 9, 2022, 9- 11am
VE Testing @ clubhouse**
Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447
csgillespie@msn.com for info.
**Sat, Apr 9, 2022, 8am-8pm
NM QSO party@clubhouse**
<http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/>

**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

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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.

**BE SAFE
AND GET
ON THE AIR**

**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

- Mar 16 – Al, W5ACW
- Mar 23 – Gene, KI5BZI
- Mar 30 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
- Apr 06 – Chris, KF5EMP
- Apr 13 – John, K8JWS
- Apr 20 – Earl, KB5UEW
- Apr 27 – Russ, KD5UJR

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

President: Kevin Welander,
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currently vacant

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Gillespie, W5CSG
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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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US POSTAGE
Required

**Congratulations to our fellow
club members who upgraded
their license to Amateur Extra
class in February:**
Chris Bahl KI5PGD
Nick Carter KI5MFF
Liz Eichert KI5PGJ

