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issue

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Amateur Radio
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HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO THE FOLLOWING:

JIM DUFFY KE5NIC
CHRISTINE GILLESPIE W5CLG
PATRICK MOORE KI5WO
GABRIEL OROZCO KE5RYP
TY TILL K5WY

TOWER BASES TASK FORCE

Hi VCARA Members;

Dates for tower base work will be on Friday Apr 22 and 29. This is due to no concrete delivery on Saturdays as previously planned.

We still need five more helpers for both days.

Please volunteer, even if you can only come for the morning or the afternoon efforts. Email or call Ralph NM5RC - nm5rc@msn.com 505-821-7636

ANTICIPATED WORK DAY SCHEDULE

- Prior Anchor legs to bottom tower section hardware located and verified
- 0830 Breakfast burritos, etc. available
- 0900 Initial crew on site and ready to go to work

Project materials and tools on site

Project work plan review and safety briefing

0920 Anchor legs installation starts

1145 Everything ready for concrete pour



The crew showed up as scheduled on Friday, April 1 and the work went as planned with no issues. Work was completed by mid afternoon.



- Lunch hamburgers arrive
- 1230 Additional/replacement crew on site ready to go to work
Project work plan review and safety briefing
- 1245 Verify all concrete tools are ready
- 1300 Concrete arrives, pour begins
- 1400 Work finished, tools cleaned, wrap up

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -
Only Apr 22 shown here, but need is same for Apr 29

MORNING SHIFT - SHAPE HOLE BOTTOM; ATTACH ANCHORS TO BOTTOM SECTION OF TOWER AND SET OVER HOLE			
Assignment	Who		Notes
1 Superintendent	Chris WSCSG	✓	Also, technical guru on tower assembly
2 Safety Officer	Charlie NM5CL	✓	Safety meeting; if necessary may stop work
3 Food Coordinator	Ralph NM5RC	✓	Arranges for prework bkfst burritos, OJ and coffee
4 Reporter	Charlie NM5CL	✓	Takes photos & submits w write-up to newsletter editor
PRIMARY CREW			
5 Foreman	Nick K15MFF	✓	
6	Earl KB5UEW	✓	
7	????		
8	????		
9	Andrew NMSAE	✓	Capable of working in hole
STANDBY IN CASE SOMEONE HAS TO CANCEL AND FOR ASSISTANCE AS/WHERE NEEDED			
10	Van K5VWH	✓	
11	????		
AFTERNOON SHIFT - POUR AND FINISH CONCRETE			
Assignment	Who		Notes
1 Superintendent	Chris WSCSG	✓	
2 Safety Officer	Charlie NM5CL	✓	Safety meeting; if necessary may stop work
3 Food Coordinator	Ralph NM5RC	✓	Arranges for prework hamburgers, fries and drinks
4 Reporter	Charlie NM5CL	✓	Takes photos & submits w write-up to newsletter editor
PRIMARY CREW			
5 Foreman	Nick K15MFF	✓	
6	Earl KB5UEW	✓	
7	Jim W5JBS	✓	
8	????		
9	????		
STANDBY IN CASE SOMEONE HAS TO CANCEL AND FOR ASSISTANCE AS/WHERE NEEDED			
10	Van K5VWH	✓	
11	????		

For those already listed on schedule, let me know if I've messed up on your listing.

*Ralph, NM5RC
VCARA Special
Events Coordinator*

VCARA GENERAL MEETING, MARCH 22, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm MST. Board members in attendance were KG5OCW, NM5CL, NM5RC, K5ZOO, KB5UEW and KB5ENN.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag after which attendees introduced themselves.

There were 12 attending (in person and in Zoom).

Officer's Report:

Treasurer NM5CL gave the financial reports.

- Beginning Balance \$10,058.97.
- Debits – 00
- Credits 257.03
- Outstanding Checks 00
- Outstanding Deposits 00
- Ending Balance \$10,289.03.

President K5ZOO reported:

- antenna is ready to setup.
- Field day is approaching.
- Will there be a Fox hunt? Everyone present voted Yes, proceed as planned.

NM5RC Special Events Coord -

- NM QSO party, 2nd Saturday of April(9). Folks all around the country are hunting for

Events Calendar

**Fri, Apr 22,2022, 8:30pm
Tower Base Work**
Volunteers needed. See schedule at left.

**Sat, Apr 23, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Sat, April 23, 2022,
Dawn until approx 11:00am
SPRING TAILGATE**
Stoneface Tavern
8201 San Pedro NE, Albuq

**Tue, Apr 26, 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, Apr 27, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Apr 28, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Fri, Apr 22,2022, 8:30pm
Tower Base Work**
Volunteers needed. See schedule at left.

**Sat, Apr 30, 2022, 9-Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

NM contacts. Club station will be on the air. NewmexicoQSO.org.

- Tome Hill support operation. Contact Charlie NM5CL for details on how to help. 146.700 frequency. (club repeater on water tower).

Old Business: none mentioned.

New business:

- Digital Mobile Radio discussion. (Chris Bahl) Cheap radio (via a repeater) one can talk all around the world.
- Digital Mobile Radio Net? Charlie volunteers for net control.

Without any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 followed by a presentation by Earl KB5UEW on electrical properties.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Mershon KG5OCW
VCARA Secretary

SILENT KEYS:
Robert Cornett, K5PSG
Passed away on 4/1/2022
and
Merit Clifford, KF5ZVY
Passed away on 4/6/2022

**Happy
Easter
Holiday**



The crew that showed up on Friday, April 8.



CALENDAR - CONTINUED

Mon, May 2, 2022, 7pm
Builder's Club Meeting

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

Wed, May 4, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

Wed, May 4, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 5, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 7, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

Wed, May 11, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.

Thu, May 12, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz
Emergency scheduled net.

Sat, May 14, 2022, 9- 11am
VE Testing @ clubhouse
Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447
csgillespie@msn.com for info.

**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

Apr 27 – Russ, KD5UJR
May 04 – Ralph, NM5RC
May 11 – Greg, KG5OCW
May 18 – Al, W5ACW
May 25 – Gene, KI5BZI
Jun 01 – Elvira, KD5UJQ
Jun 08 – Chris, KF5EMP
(Sub needed)
Jun 15 – John, K8JWS

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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gregmershon2@msn.com

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currently vacant

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Gillespie, W5CSG
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but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*

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AND GET ON
THE AIR**