

# Dots~N~ Dashes

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issue

**Valencia County  
Amateur Radio  
Association  
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New Mexico  
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## GREAT MILESTONE REACHED ON TOWER/REPEATER LINKING PROJECT

THANK YOU, THANK YOU  
AND THANK YOU TO ALL  
WHO HELPED

A bunch of members gathered at the club on Saturday (May 28) morning at 9 AM to install ~ 300 feet of conduit from the building to the two towers. It was a substantial effort that took longer than expected (until 2 PM) and involved a lot of on-the-knees work.

With this, THE FOUNDATION AND BELOW GROUND WORK IS FINISHED! No more shovel work! Now we can proceed to the fun part of checking out all the on-the-tower stuff and looking forward to bolting the tower sections together and tilting them up. Needing a break and with Field Day, the checking out efforts are expected to get under way in mid July and will probably take six or



so weeks. Plan on coming to our Saturday morning gatherings and watch and assist with the checking out activities.

The members and visitors who participated on the 28th included: Charlie NM5CL, Jim W5JBS, Chris W5CSG, Andrew NM5AE, Joe (Andrew's friend who has turned out to help with a lot of other club projects), Rex W6ASV, Tim KI5UEO, John K8JWS, John KI5KQKV, Liz KI5PGJ, Chris KI5PGD, Jim KB5NAT, Ginger KC5MTI, John KB5ENN, Steve KD5PSF and Ralph NM5RC.

Thank you all and 73,

*Ralph, NM5RC  
VCARA Special  
Events Coordinator*

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS TO:

JOHN CRESAP KD5MHO,  
GINGER ELDRIDGE KC5MTI,  
PERRY PIERCE KG5RIU, JOHN SCHAAF K8JWS,  
CHRIS SCHAAF KG5WVC, DANIEL SMITH KE5SBF &  
KENNETH SMITH KE5LZY

**VCARA GENERAL MEETING, MAY 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm MST. Board members in attendance were KG5OCW, NM5CL, NM5RC, KB5UEW, KB5ENN and W5CSG.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag after which attendees introduced themselves. There were 20 attending.

**Officer's Report:**

Treasurer NM5CL gave the financial reports.

- Beginning Balance \$10,648.11.
- Debits – \$2,213.59
- Credits-- \$61,64
- Ending Balance \$8,496.16 (checkbook).
- Bank balance \$10,699.75.

**Old Business:** none mentioned.

**New business:**

- Need to *re-evaluate club dues* (our expenses are greater than our income). Individual to \$20, Family to \$30. The following year Individual to \$25, family to \$35. And a club fund will be setup for assistance for members in financial need. Motion will be made at the annual meeting.
- *New Towers*. Most of the ground work is done. Conduits need to be installed on Saturday 5/28. After that we will pause for field day, and re-convene work in July.

- Paperwork will be finalized with *Facebook* soon, an opportunity for a *new grant* will be possible in the September/October timeframe. Ideas for grant projects needed.
- *Walmart grant* also a possibility. It would be helpful for club members to follow up if we pursue this option.
- Other *fundraising ideas* were discussed.
- *Field Day*-Need to come up with detailed planning
  - 1) Need to identify all hardware, parts, and elements. 5btv will be setup by Charlie.
  - 2) MA5B Antenna, find all the parts. Charlie. (June 4).
  - 3) Paul will be available with the crank up antenna
  - 4) Saturday before field day, we will need to pack up radios and equipment and get ready to transport.
  - 5) Charlie will buy food items from Costco.
  - 6) Bosque Farms Senior Center.
  - 7) Ralph will get the logging computers, logs, etc.
  - 8) John will cook on the grill, club

**Events Calendar**

**Mon, June 13, 2022, 7pm**  
**Builder's Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed June 15, 2022, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM**


**Wed, June 15, 2022, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, June 16, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat June 18, 2022, 9 - Noon**  
**Builder's Club Meeting & Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

**Wed, June 22, 2022, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, June 23, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.



**Sat-Sun, June 25-26, 2022**  
**Field Day @ Bosque Farms Community Center, 950 North Bosque Loop, BF.**  
Setup starts at 8am. Potluch lunch served at 11:30pm.

members can bring pot luck items.

**CALENDAR - CONTINUED**

**Mon, June 27, 2022, 7pm  
Builder's Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed, Jun 29, 2022, 1:30pm  
Koffee Klatch at Denny's  
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Jun 29, 2022 8pm  
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

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

**Sat, July 2, 2022, 9 - Noon  
Builder's Club Meeting &  
Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
BYOB. Masks and social distancing is strictly enforced.

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

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

**Sat, July 9, 2022, 9- 11am  
VE Testing @ clubhouse**  
Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447  
[csgillespie@msn.com](mailto:csgillespie@msn.com) for info.

- **New Officers**-Nominated and accepted
  - President- Earl
  - VP - John S
  - Sec - John E
  - Treasurer – Charlie
  - Past President – Kevin

Without any further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm local time.

Respectfully submitted,

*Greg Mershon  
KG5OCW  
VCARA Secretary*





**VISITORS  
WELCOME**



**Valencia County  
Amateur Radio  
Association  
Field Day  
Saturday & Sunday  
June 25 & 26**

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on- the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations. In addition to having a lot of fun, Amateur Radio operators and clubs are able to practice and demonstrate their capabilities to provide emergency communications.

**SATURDAY**

**8:00 AM Set-up starts:** Radios are set up and antennas start going up. Come watch the fun and lend a hand.

**12:00** Radio operations start.

**12:30 Lunch.** Club will be providing drinks, hotdogs, and hamburgers with all the fixings.

Saturday evening fixings provided for make your own cold cut sandwiches.



**SUNDAY**

**7:00 – 8:00** Sunday morning breakfast burritos for those who are still there and for the returning early risers.



Late morning dismantling starts.

**12 Noon** Radio operations cease and final pack-up starts.

**WHERE?** Bosque Farms Community Center, 950 North Bosque Loop.

**OPERATORS NEEDED!** Get on the air by picking up the mic or tapping out CW on the key. Three stations will be on the air for 24 hours. Coaches are available if you are a new Ham, a bit rusty or would like to experience the thrill of Amateur Radio.

**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

Jun 15 – John, K8JWS  
Jun 22 – Earl, KB5UEW  
Jun 29 – Charlie, NM5CL  
Jul 06 – Ralph, NM5RC  
Jul 13 – Greg, KG5OCW  
Jul 20 – Al, W5ACW  
Jul 27 – Gene, KI5BZI  
Aug 03 – John, K8JWS  
Aug 10 – Earl, KB5UEW

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

## VCARA Club Contacts

### Officers

**President:** Kevin Welander,  
K5ZOO, kevinwelander@msn.com

**Vice President:** John Eldridge,  
KB5ENN, jmeldri@q.com

**Treasurer:** Charlie Lyon,  
NM5CL, nm5cl@att.net

**Secretary:** Greg Mershon,  
KG5OCW  
[gregmershon2@msn.com](mailto:gregmershon2@msn.com)

**Past President:** Earl Cox,  
KB5UEW kb5uew@yahoo.com

**Special Events Coordinator:**  
Ralph Clark, NM5RC

Club email [kc5our@arrl.net](mailto:kc5our@arrl.net)

**Repeater Chairperson:**  
currently vacant

**ARES Chairperson:** Chris  
Gillespie, W5CSG

**Club Station License**

**Trustee:** Paul Ridley, N5PR

**Website:** [www.kc5our.com](http://www.kc5our.com)

**Webmaster:** Charlie Lyon,  
NM5CL, [nm5cl@att.net](mailto:nm5cl@att.net)  
[www.facebook.com/VaCtyARA](http://www.facebook.com/VaCtyARA)

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days prior to meetings.

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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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