

# Dots~N~ Dashes

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issue

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## UPCOMING DUES

Hello, VCARA Club Member,

This year's field day event is fast approaching and is June 25-26, 2022. Field Day marks our club's June meeting, a chance to socialize with some of the members that are not able to attend the monthly meetings at the club house, and brings with it a new slate of elected officers. The Field Day event also constitutes the clubs start of a new dues year and the annual meeting as required by our 501(c)(3) non-profit charter.

The VCARA is very fortunate to have strong community support through which we have obtained multiple radios, equipment, antenna towers, and a club house that is the envy of many amateur radio organizations. While the club's expenses are minimal for its size and level of activity, its recent income from dues and



donations has also been minimal. Our club dues have been constant for many years (maybe 10 year or more). Club expenses for insurance, donations to the church that provides the club house space, food and drinks for field day and other social events, and a few other items have been rising to the point where they are now higher than club income.

During the May club meeting, officers and club members discussed our options to bring income and expenses together. Prior to that meeting, a committee made a review of dues charged by similar radio clubs around the state and found that VCARA dues have been significantly lower than most other clubs. Based on this review and an assessment of available financial options, a proposal and vote was made at the May meeting to increase dues for this coming year. The wording of our club's charter may also necessitate some modifications to it to reflect the new dues rates.

## HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS TO:

GEORGE DODSON K5DTG, ANDREW ELDRIDGE NM5AE,  
GENE FISHKI5BZI, CLAUDIA GALE,  
CHARLIE LYON NM5CL, GLORIA MIRABAL KB5MJE,  
STEVE REMENAR AF5CX, WILLIAM SAWDERS K7ZM,  
ANDY TILL KF5EMS, KAREN WATTERS

## July 2022 Issue

Club dues cover the year running from Field Day to the next year's Field Day.

For this upcoming year the new scale is:

\$20 per Individual

\$30 per Family

\$10 per Associate

This new rate scale is a modest increase over our past rates, and the club officers ask for your understanding in making this rate increase.

Thank you,

*John Eldridge, KB5ENN,  
VCARA Vice President.*

## 2022 FIELD DAY WAS LOTS OF FUN

A lot a club members and a bunch of visitors gathered (a total of 61 signed in) at the Bosque Farms Community Center on June 25-26 to participate in ARRL's Field Day. Special thanks to John KD5MHO for again bringing the grill and cooking the hamburgers and hotdogs which anchored our Saturday lunch. Christin W6CLG should also receive special mention for

providing her famous breakfast burritos on Sunday.

We operated three stations from noon to noon— a CW station with a multi-band vertical antenna, a HF phone station with a tri-band beam antenna on top of N5PR's jack-up tower, and W5CSG's 6 meter station with a beam antenna on top of a tower that had to be assembled then simultaneously tilted and walked into place.

Except for 6 meters which was TOTALLY DEAD, the other bands generally cooperated to allow us to make 158 CW contacts and 221 voice contacts. For our ARRL submittal we also claimed 750 bonus points which gave us a total score of 1,824.

Again Earl KB5UEW (our new President) was seen trying to keep us with a pack of kids searching for the hidden fox transmitter.

## Events Calendar

**Thu, July 21, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Mon, July 25, 2022, 7pm**  
**Builder's Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.



**Tues, July 26, 2022**  
**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 July 27, 2022, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's**  
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

**Wed, July 27, 2022, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

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

**Sat, July 30, 2022, 9 - Noon**  
**Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
Bring your own breakfast.

**Wed, Aug 3, 2022 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

Put the fourth full weekend of June 2023 on your calendar for Field Day 2023.

The bands are picking up so we can expect even more contacts.

## NOTE FROM EDITOR

Dear members,

Maybe you aren't able to attend any of the meetings or the Koffee Klatches, or the clubhouse

breakfasts. There still is a way to submit your dues.

I have attached an application that reflects the new dues. You will need to print out the application form and mail with your check to the address on the application.

Hopefully your processed check will be your receipt for now.

We look forward to seeing you in future events.

*Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ*  
VCARA Newsletter  
Editor

### CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Thu, Aug 4, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Aug 6, 2022, 9 - Noon**  
**Builder's Club Meeting & Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
Bring your own breakfast.

**Mon, Aug 8, 2022, 7pm**  
**Builder's Club Meeting**  
Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

**Wed Aug 10, 2022, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's**  
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

**Wed, Aug 10, 2022 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Aug 11, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Aug 13, 2022, 9- 11am**  
**VE Testing @ clubhouse**  
Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447  
[csgillespie@msn.com](mailto:csgillespie@msn.com) for info.

**Wed, Aug 17, 2022, 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
See Net Operator schedule

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





**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

Jul 27 – Gene, KI5BZI  
Aug 03 – John, K8JWS  
Aug 10 – Earl, KB5UEW  
Aug 17 – Charlie, NM5CL  
Aug 24 – Nick, KI5MFF  
Aug 31 – Ralph, NM5RC  
Sep 07 – Greg, KG5OCW  
Sep 14 – Al, W5ACW  
Sep 21 – Gene, KI5BZI

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

## VCARA Club Contacts

### Officers

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Ralph Clark, NM5RC

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

**Repeater Chairperson:**  
currently vacant

**ARES Chairperson:** Chris  
Gillespie, W5CSG

**Club Station License**

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days prior to meetings.

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

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