

# Dots~N~ Dashes

August 2022  
issue

**Valencia County  
Amateur Radio  
Association  
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## GUEST SPEAKER

Roger Kennedy a world renowned astrophysicist spoke at our June meeting about the sun spot cycle which affects radio wave propagation. He also discussed a WHOLE LOT of other changing effects the sun has on our lives, communications, the electrical grid and more. Great presentation.

We try to bring in professionals in various fields to speak to us each month. This is a good incentive to show up for monthly meetings. And the refreshments aren't bad either.



*Ralph Clark, NM5RC  
VCARA Special Events  
Coordinator*

## OTHER VCARA CLUB EVENTS

Hi to all the wonderful members of the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association,

We are really getting ready to raise KC5OUR's East Tower.

On Saturday morning, July 30, starting at 9 AM we will

## HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS TO:

DAVID CALHOUN AG5WR, SUSAN COX,  
LAURIE DUFFY KE5QFG, JUSTIN ELDRIDGE W8JME,  
GOOSE GAUSSOIN+ K5EMH,  
TIM GONTERMAN KI5UEO, VIC PINZONE N2VP,  
AL WATTERS W5ACW

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gather at the club house for the final pre tower raising effort.

It will be an inside job - i.e., the efforts will be inside the club house.

### Objectives:

1. Pull the nested tower sections apart.
2. Verify we have all the parts and pieces needed for the tower, the three microwave units, the ethernet cable (including switch, lightening protector and connectors), the VHF/UHF antenna (now on the building), the coax cable (including connectors, shield grounding and lightening protector), mounting hardware, etc., etc.
3. Talk through the assembly and tower raising including identifying all tools, supports, etc. that will be needed. As part of this determine who will be

bringing this stuff.

4. Set a day to raise the tower.

Please come and participate. Being familiar with the parts and participating in the discussion of the how will make for the efficient and safe tower raising effort.

Per our usual Saturday morning at the club gatherings, those who want may grab a take-out breakfast on their way to the club to eat and gab a bit before the serious work gets under way.

Just as a heads up note => Expect the tower raising Saturday morning (day not yet set) effort will begin at 8 AM so we can work while it is cool. And yes, breakfast burritos, orange juice, coffee and donuts will be provided that day.

See you there and 73,

*Ralph NM5RC,  
Special Events  
Coordinator*

## ONLINE CLASSES AVAILABLE

ICS  
300Intermediate  
Incident Command  
System (ICS) for  
Expanding  
Incidents (Los

## Events Calendar



**Tues, Aug 23, 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 Aug 24, 2022, 1:30pm**

### **Koffee Klatch at Denny's**

Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

**Wed, Aug 24, 2022, 8pm**

### **VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**

See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Aug 25, 2022, 7:30pm**

### **Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**

Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Aug 27, 2022, 9 - Noon**

### **Breakfast @ clubhouse**

Bring your own breakfast.

**Mon, Aug 29, 2022, 7pm**

### **Builder's Club Meeting**

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

**Wed, Aug 31, 2022 8pm**

### **VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**

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**VCARA FIELD DAY**



Makaya Giljave | News-Bulletin photo

The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association held its annual field day on June 25 at the Bosque Farms Community Center. For 24 hours straight, the group set up different stations, operating at different frequencies to communicate with people from all over the world using both verbal communication and morse code. Their operation was entirely powered using generators and other secondary power sources. The National Association for Amateur Radio organizes a field day every year to practice emergency preparedness, public service and community outreach.

Article appeared in the July 7 edition of the Valencia County News-Bulletin. Mary Ann NS7X and Chris Bahl KI5PGD at the CW station

**Alamos):** This course is for individuals who may assume a supervisory role in expanding Incidents. This includes Command and General Staff positions as well as Divisions/Group Supervisors and/or Unit Leader level positions that may be activated

## CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Thu, Sept 1, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
 Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Sept 3, 2022, 9 - Noon**  
**Builder's Club Meeting & Breakfast @ clubhouse**  
 Bring your own breakfast.

**Wed Sept 7, 2022, 1:30pm**  
**Koffee Klatch at Denny's**  
 Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM

**Wed, Sept 7, 2022 8pm**  
**VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**  
 See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Sept 8, 2022, 7:30pm**  
**Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**  
 Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Sept 10, 2022, 9- 11am**  
**VE Testing @ clubhouse**  
 Chris W5CSG 505-450-7447  
 csgillespie@msn.com for info.

**Mon, Sept 12, 2022, 7pm**  
**Builder's Club Meeting**  
 Click on the link below:  
<http://bit.ly/KC5OUR-BC>.

during expanding incidents that typically extend into multiple Operational Periods.

### **MGT-452 Physical and Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure (Albuquerque):**

This course provides participants from throughout the various levels of government, private industry, and community an understanding of the interdependency between physical and cybersecurity disciplines and opportunities to collaboratively formulate enterprise risk management strategies to enhance infrastructure security and resilience efforts.

For additional information,

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## **U.S. Fire Administration Podcasts Now Available**

Every day, FEMA's U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) supports and strengthens fire and emergency medical services and stakeholders to prepare for, prevent, mitigate and respond to all hazards.

From providing free training and education programs for fire departments and emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, to an extensive library and publications on a wide variety of fire and EMS topics, USFA, National Fire Academy and the National Emergency Training Center enhance and expand the knowledge and skills of fire and emergency services personnel.

To expand the available resources and engage new audiences, [USFA recently launched a podcast!](#)

Hosted by USFA, the podcast features our nation's fire and emergency medical services experts. The podcast covers existing and emerging topics and strategies to reduce fire and life safety risks to our communities and emergency responders. You can subscribe to the podcast for free on Apple or Google podcast platforms.

To learn more about the U.S. Fire Administration, visit [USFA.fema.gov](https://USFA.fema.gov).

**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

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.

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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

**Silent Key, K5EMH  
Goose Gaussoin  
passed away:**

[https://www.noblin.com/obituary/Everett-Gaussoin?fbclid=IwAR3SbRWCC0ktipKOdHVM7g1Nzr1wgubxra5E\\_uIHIEsM0iUch3o9gtGF4q4](https://www.noblin.com/obituary/Everett-Gaussoin?fbclid=IwAR3SbRWCC0ktipKOdHVM7g1Nzr1wgubxra5E_uIHIEsM0iUch3o9gtGF4q4)