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VCARA CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY

Good afternoon fellow hams and members,
Time really flies and here we are preparing for our club's annual Christmas party.

First of all, we will meet at Rutilio's Family Restaurant in Los Lunas. The restaurant is normally closed evenings, and the owner has graciously agreed to open and staff the facility especially for our event. So we will enjoy our event in the main room and not be crowded in the smaller side room as we were a couple of years ago. See the enclosed attachment for date, time, cost and menu.

As in the past, each guest will be given a ticket upon arrival. These will be for door prizes. More on this later.

At the end of the festivities we will have the drawings for the grand prize radio and a couple of second place prizes of lesser

value. The raffle tickets in the bucket come from the raffle ticket sales during the monthly meetings throughout the current year. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.** If your ticket is drawn and you are not there, your ticket is put aside and another ticket is drawn. This continues until we have a winner present.

Now, back to door prizes. We like to have everyone be a winner, and in order to do this, we need a lot of small, inexpensive items donated by guests. These can be seasonal type items found at the Dollar Store or other brick and mortar QTH. \$10 - \$15 will get you a serious selection of items to donate. Are you an artisan of sorts? Donate something from your craft, i.e, embroidery,

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

ZANE CRESAP
KATHY GREGORY KC6WOB
KEN HAYDEN N7ZAP
GENE LALONDE KI5SMZ
BETTY LYON N5BEL
REX REILLY W6ASV

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

CHRIS BAHL KI5PGD
GEORGE CUSACK K6GTC
MARY LOUISE DREIBELBIS WD5JMN
JOHN HANEY KE0TVT
JULY MILLER WB5LYJ
ALFRED T. MIRABAL KA5FRB
LOCH PAGE KF5ZED
ROB SHANGER K5PPN

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jewelry, leather work, framed photos, etc., you get the idea.

If you have any questions or ideas to improve the success of our event, please contact me or any one of the other club officers.

Final note: We are not participating in Toys For Tots this year. If you already have obtained a Toy, go ahead and bring it and it will be delivered to the VC Sheriff's office.

Season's Greetings to all, 73,

*Charlie NM5CL
Treasurer, VCARA
nm5cl@att.net
505-450-8536,*

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
INFORMATION**

Dear fellow members,

The date for our annual Christmas Dinner and party is merely two weeks away. We will enjoy a buffet style dinner at Rutilio's Family Restaurant in Los Lunas beginning at 5:00pm on December 10, 2022.

**VCARA CHRISTMAS
DINNER
RUTILIO'S RESTAURANT –
LOS LUNAS**

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10, 2022
5:00 – 7:00PM**

MENU

Green Chili Chicken Enchiladas
Carne Adovada
Beans
Rice
Tortillas
Drinks: iced tea, lemonade, water and coffee

\$13.99 per person + 20% gratuity + 8.55 % tax
(\$16.79 + \$1.19 tax = **\$17.98**)

**Let's call it an even
\$18.00/guest**

Pay at the door when you arrive – cash or check will be accepted. Correct change will be helpful.

Please advise in advance if someone in your party needs special accommodations.

If you plan to attend and have not already confirmed with me, please reply with your name/call sign and number of guests in your party. I need to provide a final headcount to the restaurant next week. 73,

Charlie, NM5CL
Treasurer, VCARA

**DECEMBER 3rd
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

VCARA Club Members:


Events Calendar

**Sat, Dec 3, 2022, 9 - Noon
Breakfast @ clubhouse**

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

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

**Sat, Dec 10, 2022, 9 - Noon
W5YI Testing @ clubhouse**
contact Chris 505-450-7447
or csgillespie@msn.com
for more information.



**Sat, Dec 10, 2022, 5-7pm
VCARA Christmas Party**
Members and guests are asked
for a Toys4 Tots donation

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

**Wed Dec 14, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas, NM**

**Wed, Dec 14, 2022, 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz
See Net Operator schedule.**

December 17, 2022, from 8 to 10+ AM.

KC5OUR's Bethlehem Station will be on the air starting with the waffle breakfast on December 17 and continuing through Christmas Eve on December 24. And this will be with our 'good' HF antennas on our new 60-ft tower! Plan on getting in some fun mic time and visiting with hundreds of Hams who want to talk with you in Bethlehem, New Mexico.

A note to our new members: VCARA was started in Belen and Belen is Spanish for Bethlehem, hence our sending out Christmas greetings from Bethlehem, New Mexico. We have historically tried to make a lot of contacts from our KC5OUR shack with a special effort to accommodate and mentor new Hams, youth and family members. But, members are also allowed to use 'KC5OUR' from their home stations and bring their logs in before the end of the year.

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
Special Events Coordinator*



Short notice again, but the Man-Lift is available again Saturday (9 AM to 1 PM) for tower and

antenna work.

Your assistance with this effort would really be appreciated.

Weather forecast is that it will be a nice morning.

Work planned includes: Putting a second beam on top of the west tower so we will give us another two popular bands. Stringing 400 LED lights on the star and raising it for the season. Associated coax and other cable work.

You don't have to be in prime physical shape to help - the star prep, being ready to run to the hardware store for parts, encouraging words, etc., etc. are all easy, but important efforts.

Breakfast burritos, orange juice, coffee and donuts will be there at 8:30.

Thank you and 73,

*Ralph Clark, NM5RC
Special Events Coordinator*

**UPCOMING CLUB
ACTIVITIES**

Club Christmas Party:
Saturday, December 10, 2022,
5 to 7 PM.

Waffle Breakfast to kick off our Annual Bethlehem Station Operation - Saturday,

CALENDAR - CONTINUED

**Thu, Dec 15, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Dec 17, 2022, 8- Noon
Waffle Breakfast &
"Christmas In Bethlehem"
Special Event Station.**

Drop by for a waffle and sausage and then get on the air on HF using the club station. A special prize will be awarded to all those who make 10 or more contacts. (Operate SSB voice or CW – your choice.)

**Wed, Dec 21, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**Thu, Dec 22, 2022, 7:30pm
Tri-County Net 146.96mhz**
Emergency scheduled net.

**Sat, Dec 24, 2022, 9 - Noon
Christmas In Bethlehem
Special Event Station ends**

**Wed Dec 28, 2022, 1:30pm
Koffee Klatch at Denny's
Restaurant, Los Lunas,NM**

**Wed, Dec 28, 2022 8pm
VCARA Net 145.430 mhz**
See Net Operator schedule.

**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

Dec 07 – John, K8JWS
Dec 14 – Earl, KB5UEW
Dec 21 – Charlie, NM5CL
Dec 28 – Nick, KI5MFF

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

VCARA Club Contacts

Officers

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currently vacant

ARES Chairperson: Chris
Gillespie, W5CSG

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

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THE AIR**