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*Valencia County Amateur Radio Association
Newsletter*

A Letter From The Presidency

UPCOMING DATES

April

26 8pm Weekly Net

27 7:30pm ARES net

May

3rd 8pm Weekly net

4th 7:30pm ARES Net

13th VE TESTING

VE testing is conducted monthly the 2nd Saturday at the VCARA Clubhouse. See our website for Important Info on this process.

23rd

6pm Presidency Mtg.

7pm Regular Meeting.

Agenda will include

- Elections of officers.
- Field Day Planning

IF you want to run for office or are willing to serve as an officer, please let John Schaaf, K8JWS know.

Well, it's not from the Presidency this month but this will be the spot for a presidency member to share a quick note about whatever they want to.

What is the most important thing right now?

That we give Elvira Hunt, KD5UJQ a great big THANKS for all of her work. Elvira took on the newsletter at a time when no one wanted to do it and did it for many many years. She has been very dedicated and even when she was unable to attend meetings, Elvira still did the newsletter.

****** EVERYONE. Please take a minute to send her a thank you.** russnvera@gmail.com

In the mean time, this is KC5MTI, otherwise known as Ginger Eldridge. I will be working to do a monthly newsletter for the VCARA Club. I don't imagine it will be as organized as Elvira's but I'll do my best!

If you have anything to put in the newsletter then please email me at apoemge@q.com

WHY VOLUNTEER

- Many Hands make light work. Volunteering means that the few people who do the work won't burn out and quit.

Plus Studies Show among other things:

- Volunteering connects you to others
- Volunteering counteracts stress, anger and anxiety. It combats depression.
- Volunteering increases self esteem.
- Volunteering provides a sense of meaning.
- Volunteering provides social experiences you might not get otherwise.



Wednesday Night Net

** See our website for net running protocol**

Apr 26 – Charlie, NM5CL

May 03 – Nick, KI5MFF

May 10 – Ralph, NM5RC

May 17 – Greg, KB5OCW

May 24 – Al, W5ACW

May 31 – Gene, KI5BZI

Jun 07 – Chris, KF5EMP

Jun 14 – John, K8JWS

Jun 21 – Earl, KB5UEW

Jun 28 – Charlie, NM5CL

Meeting Minutes

No Decisions were made as there were not enough presidency members to hold official votes.

No Treasurer report was given this month. If you are interested in funds please contact Charlie Lyons, NM5CL.

Discussions about field day

- Where do we want to hold field day. At the club or at the Bosque Farms Community Center?

- Food? Will someone bring a grill and who will shop for food?

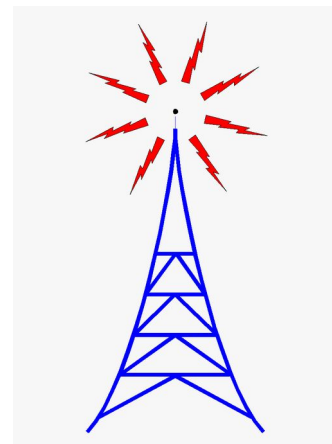
Discussions about Elections

- Volunteers were requested (no one stepped up)

Presentation

Ralph Clark, NM5RC, presented about the logging software the club uses.

He described the software suite, the features that were available on the software and gave a walk through how to log contacts. He also provided information about adapting or customizing the software for individual preferences.



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THIS WILL BE COMPLETED AFTER ELECTIONS

OTHER NEWS and INFO

This is a page for member's to provide information. Do you have something to sell? Do you want to share with us some information about something interesting? Have a photo of an event? Suggestion or article you want to write? Send me an email apoemge@q.com

Next Meeting Be Prepared

June

27th- 28th

FIELD DAY

Place to be decided.

IF you are willing to shop for food for this event, please let Earl Cox or John Schaaf K8JWS, know.

New officers Take over

Dues are due!

NM QSO PARTY CLUB MADE A RECORD NUMBER OF CONTACTS

by NM5RC

For the first time, on the second Saturday of April, KC5OUR was on the air for the full 12 hours of the NM QSO Party. Nick, KI5MFF, led the effort as we averaged one contact every 1 minute and 38.4 seconds, made 438 contacts, contacted 41 of the 50 states, 6 of the 13 Canadian provinces/territories, 14 countries and 5 of 7 continents while using 7 bands. Our furthest contact was 13,773 KM distance to Melbourne, Australia. Impressive performance!

The logging program indicated our score was 28,908, but the contest submittal showed twice that. In either case this is WAY MORE than KC5OUR has ever achieved. It's interesting that some of the states we missed were near by, i.e., Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma. Admitting limited knowledge about the magic of radio wave propagation, NM5RC speculated although lots of contacts were rolling in from the east coast during the day, maybe trying 40 Meters earlier when the band was short may have logged those states. Each state logged is another multiplier, i.e., contacts are multiplied by the 'multipliers' to get the contest score so another state would have added 438 points.



Nick, KI5MFF, wrapped up the Party with a two hour run of two contacts per minute and our contact map!