

## **A. SOME BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT VCARA**

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### **THE VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION:**

Is THE club for Valencia County Ham radio operators.

Out-of-county members are welcome too.

Is a general interest club with a wide variety of interests and activities.

Has a shack which includes a meeting room and a NICELY EQUIPPED shack.

### **LOCATION AND MAILING AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Clubhouse:

700 Camelot Blvd SW, Los Lunas

In building at the SW corner of parking lot of Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Mailing Address:

VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042

Email Address:

KC5OUR@arrl.net

**WEBSITE**      KC5OUR.com

**CALLSIGN**      KC5OUR                      also have callsign K5OUR which is used for Field Day

**OFFICERS**      Current officers are Listed on website

### **MEMBER ROSTER**

The roster link on the website brings up two rosters:

1. First roster only lists names and callsigns.
2. Second roster which has phone numbers, email addresses and physical addresses requires password for access.

Contact club Treasurer to get password or to have current roster emailed to you.

Roster is maintained by Treasurer.

## **NEWSLETTER**

Distributed by email every month to (hopefully) all members.

If you are not receiving the newsletter, request being added to the distribution list by email to the Treasurer.

Your articles, photos and items of interest are welcome - email to the editor.

## **MEETINGS**

Regular monthly club meetings are held at our clubhouse on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

Except:

No meeting in June due to Field Day.

No meeting in December due to Christmas Party.

Officers usually meet at 6:00 PM and everyone is welcome to attend.

Most folks arrive before the official 7 PM start to meet, visit and eat a cookie.

Note the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday is not always the last Tuesday.

## **VCARA IS AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB**

We are an American Radio Relay League affiliated club. ARRL is the national organization for Amateur Radio operators.

To be an affiliated club, at least 50% of our members must be ARRL members. While we encourage members to join ARRL, ARRL membership is not required to be a VCARA member.

## **VCARA IS A 501 (c)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION**

Thus, contributions to the club (not dues) are tax deductible.

## **MEMBERSHIP FORM**

A membership form is on the next page.

## **NEWLY LICENSED HAMS RECEIVE COMPLEMENTARY MEMBERSHIP**

Folks residing in Valencia County who receive their first Amateur Radio license, or upgrade their license, at our exam sessions receive a complementary membership for the rest of the July-June membership year.

*Note to officers: Believe this was approved by the board, but do not know if specific procedures are in place so it really happens.*

## VCARA Membership Application

**We would love to have you join us!**

**It is easy to join. Just complete this form and mail it with your check to  
VCARA Treasurer, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042  
or hand the form with your payment to one of the club officers.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Regular Membership   | <input type="checkbox"/> Renewing member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family Membership    | or                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 Associate Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> New member      |

**Club "Dues Year" is July 1 through June 30.**

**After January 1, the dues are \$10, \$15, \$5 for the rest of the dues year.**

Are you an ARRL member? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \* \_\_\_\_\_

Names (& call signs if Hams) and birth month\*\* of those included in family membership:

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\* Email address will only be used to send our monthly newsletter and occasional special club mailings.

\*\* Birth month requested for Happy Birthday greetings in newsletter.

Your email, address and phone will be included in our membership directory published on our web site in an area that is only viewable by club members. Your personal information and email will never be given out or distributed.

The latest edition of the club's monthly newsletter can be seen on our website at

[www.KC5OUR.com](http://www.KC5OUR.com)