



DOTS and DASHES

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association
Newsletter

UPCOMING DATES

June

Every Saturday
9-12 Breakfast club at
club house.

First and Third Saturday 9-12
Builder's club at Club house

Every Wednesday
8pm Weekly Net

Every Thursday
7:30pm ARES net

23-24^h
FIELD DAY
At the Club House.
New officers Take over
Dues are due!

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25
Meeting

A Letter From The Presidency

Greetings fellow VCARA members!
My name is John Schaaf (sounds like Shawf), K8JWS.

If you don't know me very well, I have been a ham since February of 1996 as a Tech Plus. I upgraded to General in June of 2000 and received my current vanity call sign that month also.

I moved to my home in Los Lunas in 11/2008. I started my current job with the Los Lunas Schools in January of 2009 as a level 2 Computer Technician and have worked my way up over the last 14 years to Network Support Specialist (Network Admin). I have been fairly active with the club for the last 7 or 8 years. I upgraded to Extra in May of 2017. I am a VE with the club, and I was Vice president last year. I am looking forward to my term as club President and will do my best to live up to the standards of previous club Presidents.

As President, I am going to study our officer's manual which also contains our by-laws and constitution, get these documents updated for the future as they were last updated in 2005, try and stick to our monthly calendar, and run the club to the best of my ability.

Please don't forget, Field Day is June 24th and 25th this year, there is no meeting in the club house in June, several of us are at the club house every Saturday morning from 9am to Noon, Builders group is on the 1st and 3rd Saturday, and VE Testing is on the 2nd Saturday.

If you have anything you would like to suggest to me, ideas for meeting presentations, anything for the club, etc., please feel free to reach out to me at any time. My information can be found in the members area of our website.

See you soon and 73, John, K8JWS

Who is This?

Learn why these two are in a tower above trees and who they are below.





OTHER NEWS and INFO

DUES

\$25.00 Individual
\$35.00 Family
\$15.00 Associate (non-licensed)

Wednesday Night Net

* See our website for net running protocol*

June:

Jun 07 – Chris, KF5EMP
Jun 14 – John, K8JWS
Jun 21 – Earl, KB5UEW
Jun 28 – Charlie, NM5CL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

Clark, Callie
Eldridge, Andrew
Fish, Ellis "Gene"
Lyon, Charlie
Mirabal, Gloria
Remenar, Steve
Rumschlag, Joyce
Sawders, William
Sawders, Andrew
Watters, Karen

And because they were not included last month

June

Cresap, John
Eldridge, Ginger
Schaaf, John
Schaaf, Christopher
Smith, Maryanne



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

MAY MEETING

Election Results:

President- John Schaaf
Vice President- Earl Cox
Treasurer- Charlie Lyon
Secretary- John Eldridge
Newsletter- Ginger Eldridge

Elections were held and the excitement of Field Day final plans were discussed.

We also discussed why and how to set up an official Ham Radio Club email list.

Other News:

we now have 54 VCARA members with ARRL membership, or 62.1% (51% is required for club ARRL affiliation.)

PUTTING IN WIFI

Check out the photos in this newsletter.

These are pictures from the Wifi Tower Work.

Club members did the work to establish a usable Radio path between VCARA HQ and LL Mid school.

When successfully accomplished, the LL School District will provide VCARA with sufficient bandwidth for i-net access at the clubhouse, with



Putting in WIFI

On the tower at the school is Allan N5BGC, a volunteer tower-climber from Santa Fe. His task was to remove an unused beam antenna from the tower and then attach and align the VCARA MW antenna

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Next Meetings *Be Prepared*

July 25

We will be hearing from
Earl Cox about the history
of transceivers .

Field Day Help Needed

Looking for someone who
will do the NTS Messages
for us.

Contact Ralph, NM5RC
if you are interested

CHECK THIS OUT

