

# DECEMBER

## *DOTS and DASHES* Valencia County Amateur Radio Association Newsletter

### UPCOMING DATES

#### DECEMBER

*9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 10 Meter  
Competition*

*16 – 5-7pm  
Christmas Party  
Pot Luck (See article)*

*23 - Bethlehem Station  
Kick Off*

*25<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting*

*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*

*4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10-12  
ARES Group*

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

### A Letter From A CLUB MEMBER

**DO YOU KNOW???** Probably one of the hardest things about being an officer is finding speakers every month???

After an officer has used up his contacts and asked his friends to speak, it's often hard to find someone to come talk.

**DO YOU KNOW???**

We have tried to contact the balloonists who do ham radio but have had no luck. We thought this might be a good talk for a meeting.

If you want to arrange for someone you know to come visit and share their ballooning ham radio stories, let us know.

**DO YOU KNOW!??**

We would love to have you come speak about an interesting event you had on the radio or some cool thing you built.

We would love for you to arrange for a friend come share what he or she does for work or emergency communications or just about anything you can think.

**DO YOU KNOW???**

If every person in the club did either a presentation or found a presenter we would fill up over 2 years of meetings!





## Meeting Notes

### OCTOBER MEETING

We had a potluck party and planned our Christmas party.

Charlie's Wife Betty if you have questions or want to help.

### NOVEMBER Meeting

Bill Kennedy from Valencia Middle School will be coming to present. He is our middle school club sponsor.

### Wednesday Night Net

*\* See our website for net running protocol\**

Nov 01 – Ralph, NM5RC

Nov 08 – Greg,  
KG5OCW

Nov 15 – Al, W5ACW

Nov 22 – Gene, KI5BZI

Nov 29 – John, K8JWS

Dec 06 – Earl, KB5UEW

Dec 13 – Charlie, NM5CL

Dec 20 – Nick, KI5MFF

Dec 27 – Ralph, NM5RC

This year the Christmas party will be held at our club house on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Potluck – Bring printed copies of a family holiday favorite recipe and enough to feed at least 6-8 people.

### Ornament Gift Exchange –

We will NOT be playing dirty Santa or any other steal the gift kind of game. Bring a nice ornament for the give away table and we will draw numbers for you to pick an ornament.

Decorations- If you have some bring them and come a little bit early to help decorate. Call

Website:

<http://kc5our.com/wordpress/>

Facebook:

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association

Dues may be paid by PayPal

nm5cl@att.net

Enter: "Membership Dues Payment"

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

#### December

Bahl, Chris

Carter, John "Nick"

Cusack, George

Dreibelbis, MaryLouise

Farrell, Jim

Haney, John

Miller, Judy

## Contact Us

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# **OTHER NEWS and INFO**

KC5OUR'S GREETINGS FROM BETHLEHEM, NEW MEXICO, SPECIAL EVENT STATION

December 16-24

Each year for about a week before Christmas club members put KC5OUR on the HF bands to send out season greetings from Bethlehem, New Mexico. This year this fun no pressure activity will run from Saturday, December 16 thru Sunday, December 24.

Bethlehem? Well, the club first met in Belen and in Spanish that is Bethlehem.

This year all Members are encouraged to operate our great club station. This is good time for member who do not have HF Priviledges,\* haven't been on the HF bands for a while, or need a bit of coaching on the equipment to get on the air with a coach and/or control operator.

CURRENT PLANS are for the station will be open on Saturdays the 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Several open days are planned and will be announced later. If you have a date and time you want to come, just let one of the officers know so access and if needed a coach can be recruited.

- Hey, the ten meter band is wide open even to very modest stations with limited antennas. And, and those having a Technician license voice prevlidges on a part of that band.

And our long established tradition is allow club members to use club call sign KC5OUR on their within Valencia County home station to send out Greetings from Bethlehem. Just remember to log your contacts and submit them to Ralph NM5RC ( nm5rc @ msn.com) before the end of the year - adi. file appreciated, but paper log OK - if paper logging, please use our special log sheet as it makes posting to the computer a lot easier. Email NM5RC if you would like a copy of this year's paper log sheet and the 'QSO cheat sheet' to get you started. The cheat sheet has the frequencies (+/-) we have advertised.

THIS YEAR'S GOAL 800 contacts!

HELP NEEDED: Need several volunteers to operate the station for 4-6 hour blocks during the week. Willingness to coach others is a plus. Please let NM5RC your willingness to help.

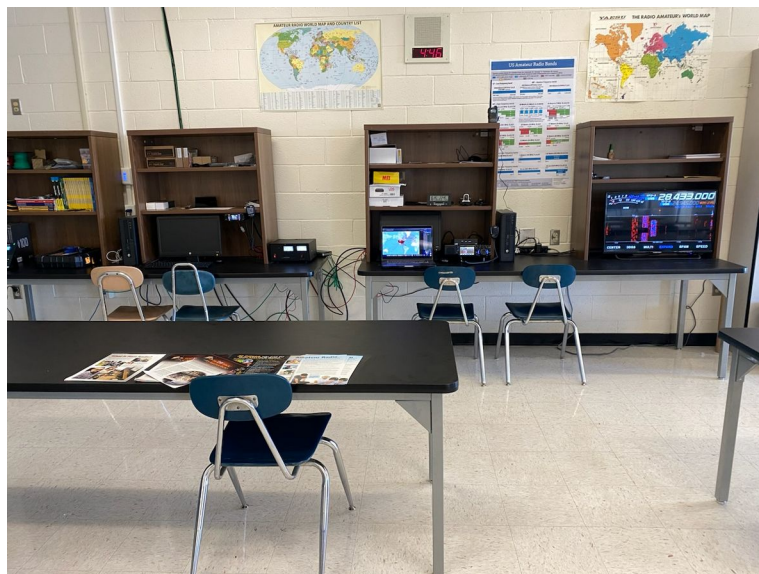
QUESTIONS: Email your questions to NM5RC or call him at 505-821-7636.

*Next Meeting*  
*Be Prepared*

*December 16*

*The meeting will be the  
Pot luck dinner at the  
club house*

*Bring an ornament for  
our prize table!*



A few photos of the Valencia Middle School Club Stations.

