

# JANUARY

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

### UPCOMING DATES

#### JANUARY

*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

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.

#### Newsletter Editor Note

Well, the newsletter is a little bit light this month. Why? It's been a short time from the last month newsletter to this one. Plus, this newsletter editor was off at Judge School for a while and has been learning everything about everything (Ok not really but I have been learning a lot!)

See you next month!

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

Facebook:  
Valencia County Amateur  
Radio Association

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Payment"

## Meeting Notes

I didn't get many notes from the last meeting. I'm sure it was interesting.

*Next Meeting  
Be Prepared*

So here are some great things to be aware of this season.

*January*

*Wednesday Night Net*

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

Click on the link to follow it easily.

Did you know Santa is on the airwaves?

<https://www.cqsanta.com/>

A Ham's Night Before Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxJpunNf5WI>

Dec 06 – Earl, KB5UEW  
Dec 13 – Charlie, NM5CL  
Dec 20 – Nick, KI5MFF  
Dec 27 – Ralph, NM5RC

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*January*

Clark, Ralph  
Cornett, Mary Ann  
Cusack, Trudy  
Eldridge, John  
Johnson, Claudia  
Locke, John  
Redeye, Thomas  
Steinke, Elizabeth  
Weeks, Ken

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# OTHER NEWS and INFO

**KIDS SCHOOL CLUB** The kids were the first contact made by this station during their special event:

WA3NAN is the call sign of the Goddard Amateur Radio Club (GARC) at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), located in Greenbelt, Maryland, USA, 20771. Greenbelt is just outside the Washington, D.C. Beltway, about 8 miles northeast of downtown Washington, D.C.

The Club was founded in 1969 during the Apollo (moon mission) era by Goddard civil servants. Later, membership was opened to family members and contractor personnel who support GSFC operations, as it is today.

For many years GARC member volunteers provided retransmission of Space Shuttle air-to-ground communications on multiple HF and VHF frequencies; allowing hams around the world to keep informed in real-time about space exploration and developments.

Recently the Club station was moved to a new location, called Area 100. New facilities including four 50-foot antenna poles were made available at the new site and are now in service with beam antennas. We currently can operate on all HF bands and VHF/UHF. We are in the process of erecting a new VHF/UHF satellite station with tracking antennas.

The club is now active in ARRL Field Day and other contests.

The Club operates under the Goddard Employees Welfare Assn. (GEWA) under the same rules as clubs on military bases

The trustee of the Club call sign is Tom, AB3LN, who is an Extra Class ham, licensed since 2010

The Club's mailing address is Peter Fetterer's work mailbox as listed in QRZ.

For QSL card service, please SASE to KB3GTN's address in QRZ (QSL Manager)

We are currently on [QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com) and are getting set up on LOTW and TQSL. Look for us on the air (both SSB and CW).

73, Goddard Amateur Radio Club (GARC)



<https://www.christmascourtradio.com/where-to-listen/>

HEY! It's not Ham Radio or Amateur Radio but Check out this interesting site! Something you might get a kick out of and the grandkids and kids might enjoy