

# OCTOBER

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

### UPCOMING DATES

#### **OCTOBER**

*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*

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

*17 6p Presidency Meeting  
7p Club Meeting*

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### ***POTLUCK***

### ***SEPTEMBER 26***

***Bring yummy food***

### A Letter From A CLUB MEMBER

Mr. Kennedy, KJ5AEV had about 8 middle school students get on the radio recently.

Many more children (and adults) were looking on with curiosity. First lunch had a great experience with the help of the Net Control Station and stations from the High Noon Net, Michael KD0JUD, and Charlie, NM5CL both made QSO's with every student from first lunch before the traffic net began.

Both of you guys know how to get the kids talking! Many thanks to you both to provide the kids with a very positive experience, and in some cases, drag some conversation out of them.

During the second lunch we logged a POTA operator in northern Montana. All told, we had about 7 or 8 students get on the radio and give it a go. Roger, ZL1XR and Eddy, MW0WVK also passed on their "hello's" to the kids looking on so the station is definitely getting out there. All in all, it seems to be catching on with the kids.

Again, thanks so much to Ralph, NM5RC for all you accomplished obtaining the grant funding and obtaining and sorting out all the equipment for the VMS station! Saying you're awesome is a gross understatement. We all can't wait to see you out at Valencia Middle School running the station and passing on your knowledge to the student

Nick  
KI5MFF





## Meeting Minutes

### *Wednesday Night Net*

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

Sep 27 – Gene, KI5BZI  
Oct 04 – John, K8JWS  
Oct 11 – Earl, KB5UEW  
Oct 18 – Charlie, NM5CL  
Oct 25 – Nick, KI5MFF

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **OCTOBER**

Eichert, Diana "Liz"  
Cox, Earl  
Hunt, Russ  
Johnson, Mark  
Libertell, Pat  
Mershon, Greg  
Miller, Jay  
Parsch, Ric  
Smith, Jim  
Smith, Kathy  
Ybarra, Phyllis

### **BOOK EXCHANGE**

Just as you enter the club room where we meet there is a long white bookshelf on the Left Side of the Wall.

Feel free to bring some books and take some books. If you have something good to share and you don't want it back, leave it there.

Old magazines are also appropriate there.

### **PICTURES WANTED**

**This newsletter editor doesn't always make it to meetings. If you take any photos and you want to share, please send them to my email:**

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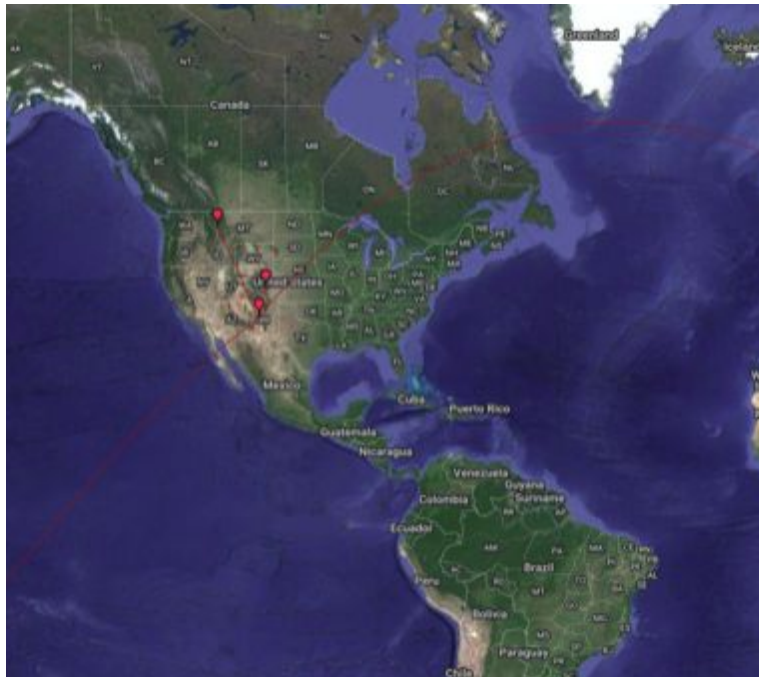


# OTHER NEWS and INFO

*Next Meeting*  
*Be Prepared*

*NOVEMBER*

Watch this Space  
for More Information



Today was the first lunch session of the Valencia Middle School Radio Station operation. We had 4 kids get on the air for the first time and made a total of 11 contacts. Some were SOTA, some POTA and a few from the kids calling CQ. Many more kids and staff were in the classroom eating lunch and hopefully we'll get them interested as well.

Attached is the map of the contacts made on HF.

It is my understanding that the after-school program will start up next month. We'll be calling on club members