

## FEBRUARY

# DOTS and DASHES

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association  
Newsletter

### UPCOMING DATES

January 26-28  
Winter Field Day  
See article in this newsletter

### FEBRUARY

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.

APRIL  
NM QSO PARTY  
See article in this newsletter

### Next Meeting

### Be Prepared

*March*

### A Letter From A CLUB MEMBER

#### Maraschino Fruit Cake, Zane Cresap

I have never been fond of candied fruit. I found this recipe a long time ago and fell in love with it because of the date, nuts and cherries. Sometimes I throw in some dried apples or pineapple or any dried fruit I have on hand. I usually double this recipe because at my house those no sense in making just one loaf. I have also frequently made smaller loaves and given them as gifts.

1 28 oz jar maraschino cherries

1 15 oz pkg. Raisins, dates or both.

1 C chopped walnuts (I like more so I put in more)

1 C Sugar

1 C Butter

4 Eggs

1 tsp vanilla

½ tsp salt

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Grease and flour a 9x5 inch loaf pan. Drain juice from cherries. Cut cherries in half. In a medium bowl toss cherries, raisins, and nuts with ½ cup flour until fruit is coated. In large bowl with mixer at med. Speed. Beat sugar and butter until well mixed, constantly scraping bowl with spatula. Beat in remaining 2 cups flour, eggs, vanilla and salt until well mixed. Milk or Maraschino cherry juice can be added to the batter to make it soft enough to fold in easy. Fold fruit into batter. Pour into pan. Bake 1 ½ hours until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. I start checking at 1 hour for doneness. Cool on a wire rack for 15 minutes and remove from pan to cool completely on rack.

Wrap. Refrigerate. Keeps 5-6 weeks. Makes 1 loaf that is 3 ¾ lbs.

This newsletter only got one recipe. Are there others? There was some great food dishes there. Share your recipe.  
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## Wednesday Night Net

\* See our website for net running protocol\*

Jan 03 - Greg, KG5OCW  
 Jan 10 - Al, W5ACW  
 Jan 17 - Gene, KI5BZI  
 Jan 24 - Chris, KF5EMP  
 Jan 31 - John, K8JWS

Feb 07 - Earl, KB5UEW  
 Feb 14 - Charlie, NM5CL  
 Feb 21 - Nick, KI5MFF  
 Feb 28 - Ralph, NM5RC

Mar 06 - Greg, KG5OCW  
 Mar 13 - Al, W5ACW  
 Mar 20 - Gene, KI5BZI  
 Mar 27 - Chris, KF5EMP



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**February**

Dreibelbis, J E (Jay)  
 Zuni, Ashton K  
 Gray, Gil  
 Hunt, Elvira  
 McLaughlin, Mark \*  
 Osborn, Loren "Oz"  
 Pankretz, Steve  
 Quick, John  
 Weis, Frederic  
 Ybarra, Richard

## Meeting Notes

In December we had our annual Christmas Party. Enjoy pictures from the event.



We all wore our best!

There was good food



See other photos below!

### Who Cleaned Up?

There is one person in our group who came in and cleaned bathrooms and vacuumed and mopped one Sat.

Be sure you figure out who that was and give her a large thank you. (\*Hint there are two that are typically the ones who clean)

There are others who picked up chairs, picked up tables, and took garbage out after the party. Be sure you thank them.

One thing as a club we probably do need to address is who cleans? Who cleans the bathrooms? How often? Vacuums? etc

### Who Cleans

*Who keeps this place so clean*

*Has no one has ever seen*

*The little lady who works so hard*

*She moves in and out the germs to guard  
 Some times when we are all most a sleep*

*At her we get a little peep*

*As her peach coat goes whizzing by  
 We know that all the germs will have to die*

*She dusts and mops in and out she flops  
 She cleans the bins she scrubs the loo*

*And all of this for me and you*

*She buffs the floors I bet she's sore  
 So much for her to do*

*Portion of a poem (Author unknown)*

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# **FUTURE EVENTS!**



**HELP CLUB STATION KC5OUR GET ON THE AIR FOR WINTER FIELD DAY** Winter Field Day runs 24 hours from noon on Saturday, January 26, to noon on Sunday, January 27. Your participation/help is needed for us to again make a bunch of contacts. Not to worry if you don't have HF privileges or a bit rusty/experienced on HF as mentors/control operators are available. An operator schedule will be available at the club on Saturday mornings and at the January 23rd meeting.

## **KC5OUR IS AIMING FOR ANOTHER RECORD SETTING NEW MEXICO QSO PARTY EFFORT**

That is record setting for us. As usual, the annual 2024 NMQSOP is on second Saturday of April (the 12th) from 8 AM to 8 PM. An operator schedule is at club so you can reserve a spot to sit at the mic and/or as a coach/control operator. If you are new, inexperienced or a bit rusty at the mic, the club officers would really encourage you to come out and get on the air with one of our helpful mentors. Yes, April 12 is a ways off, but signing up early will give you to claim a convenient time slot as well as get it on your personal calendar so it will really happen. We have a great station and propagation this good won't come around again for a dozen years, so come out and have a great time and help us set a new record of number of participants as well as number of QSOs.

Direct questions to Ralph - nm5rc at msn.com



Hello,

Justin Tauriainen (KI5GOP) checking in. I'm a new member to the club. I recently brought in a 2 element yag antenna for a HT. It was fairly simple to build and it is quick to deploy as it is held together with shock-chord. (Think of tent poles.)I was asked to share the build instructions.

This **2 Element Quick Yagi** is from Adam K6ARK. On his website, he provides the needed parts list and links to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). He also provides the .STL files for the **Arrow Shaft Brackets**. I was able to download said .STL files and find someone through [Treatstock](https://www.treatstock.com) to 3D print the Arrow Shaft Brackets. I used **LV 3D Printing** through Treatsock and was pleased with there customer service. They asked questions and made suggestions.

Hopefully this information and resources can be useful to the club members.

KI5GOP



**This Club is only as good as it's member's participation.** We encourage you each to think how you might best help this club. It might not seem like much but if everyone does a little no one has to do a lot. Some things you can do - just about anything else you want to suggest - give a talk or presentation on something you are interested in or enjoy doing. - arrange for a talk or presentation

- participate in a special event (SEE this newsletters for some opportunities. - elmer someone
- write a newsletter article

