

JULY

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

4th 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.

Next Meeting
Be Prepared

JULY
*will be a guest speaker
from a different club.*

CLUB NEWS

Election Results

President John Schaaf KB8JWS
Vice President John Haney KE0TVT
Secretary Chris Schaaf KE5EMP
Treasurer Charlie Lyon NM5CL
Past President Earl Cox KB5UEW

Let's be sure to give all of these members who were willing to serve another year or fill in for the first time all the support we can. This is not the most fun job at times.

If everyone were to help a little no one would have to do everything. Think about one small job you can do and let's all pitch in.

See you at Field Day!

Website:

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

Facebook:

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association

Dues may be paid by PayPal

nm5cl@att.net

Enter: "Membership Dues Payment"

vms repeater

? Need to correct!





The club is accepting bids on the following items. They may be seen at the clubhouse Saturdays 0900-1200. No reasonable offer refused.

Yaesu FT DX-1200 Like New condition

LDG YT-1200 Autotuner
 Heathkit HM2102 Power Meter
 Heathkit SB-200 Linear Amplifier
 Never used.
 Many other misc. items, too many to list.

Contact:
 Treasurer, Charlie NM5CL
 or any club officer.

Meeting Notes

June 22-23. Bands: 160-, 80-, 40-, 20-,15- and 10-Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, Any mode supporting the Field Day exchange is allowed.



Wednesday Night Net

* See our website for net running protocol*

Jun 05 – Nick, KI5MFF
 Jun 12 – Ralph, NM5RC
 Jun 19 – Greg, KG5OCW
 Jun 26 – Al, W5ACW

July We should have a guest speaker from another club

August Looking for ideas and suggestions.

*Super Antenna Going In!
 See article Below!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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Update on the Valencia Middle School Club Radio Station, KJ5DZQ:

It is with great honor that I inform you that on May 21, 2024 a VMS student passed his Technician exam and earned the callsign KJ5GMO. This student (Name redacted for FERPA purposes) was further awarded a Yaesu FT-70 radio in recognition of his accomplishment and I for one, wish him well on his Amateur Radio journey. This achievement is a credit to the hard work and study put in by the student. In addition, this would not have been possible without Mr. William Kennedy KJ5AEV, the faculty and staff at VMS as well as the Valencia County Amateur Radio Association Membership. A membership, who, without their guidance and hard work, the station and program would not have come to fruition. Also, many thanks to Chris Gillespie W5CSG, Betty Lyon N5BEL and Al Watters W5ACW who selflessly volunteered their time to perform the VE session that led to the VMS student earning his Technicians license.

Over the past year, the station at VMS began as an idea, to the awarding of a grant from Meta written by Mr. Ralph Clark NM5RC, culminating in the installation of the station in July, 2023 by Chris Gillespie, Charlie Lyon NM5CL and William Kennedy. The resulting club was awarded the callsign KJ5DZQ. All this hard work resulted in much interest at the school in Amateur Radio and ultimately to one of the radio club students earning his license. There is currently a VHF/UHF station, a HF station and a Repeater on 443.425 - offset 100.0hz PL tone located at the school for all to use and enjoy. Please look for our new licensee on this and other repeaters and have a chat with him.

Next school year, Amateur Radio is an elective course along with Robotics and we will be testing approximately 30 students in December as part of their grade for the class. Much hard work has gone into this program by Mr. Kennedy, who attended a course at the ARRL Headquarters for educators and culminated in Amateur Radio being incorporated into the schools Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum.

It has been an interesting journey over the past 10 months. If you are interested in becoming a mentor and to learn more about Mr. Kennedys plans for the 2024/2025 school year, chat him up at the Clubhouse on a Saturday, look him up on QRZ.com, or contact him via the clubs member roster. Many thanks to all unnamed individuals who assisted in making this program come to pass and we look forward to many others assisting with the program in the future.

Nick KI5MFF

NEW SUPER ANTENNAS JUST IN TIME FOR FIELD DAY

On a sweltering June 15 Saturday morning running on a few hours after high noon, a few hardy members gathered to tilt over our 60-ft HF tower to remove the small beam antenna and top shaft to install longer shaft on which a massive three band beam plus a three band rotatable dipole. This gives us SUPER antennas for 10, 15 and 20 meters on the beam plus the dipole provides 40 meter and Wark 12 and 17 meter bands. WOW, the dream antenna farm for the most ambitious Ham.

Special thanks to PG Enterprises for the use of a man lift and to two of their employees for their on-the-lift efforts in the boiling sun. The efforts were led by Tyson K5WY, Chili's W5CSG and Nick KI5MFF with a few others chipping in.

DONATION AND FUNDRAISER

The Poor Picture Quality is on me...
I did a bad job of taking a good photo of these two radios.

Here is the deal - an anonymous donor has heard the plea for funds and concern that dues are not covering our expenses. This person has graciously donated TWO Radios brand new in the box. You have two months to buy tickets! May and then in June at Field Day. The winning tickets will be drawn at the Field Day Event.



Baofeng 21.
New with directions.



Baofeng Tri Band Radio With Two antennas. Antennai

More Super antenna photos

