

FEBRUARY

UPCOMING DATES

*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

Sarah Gillen, NMCEM
KI5RLE/ WSCU393
Valencia County Emergency
Manager

**Speaking about
Ruidoso and her
experiences there**

DOTS and DASHES

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CLUB STUFF

Pictures from Our Christmas Party
The group decorating did a great job!



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February – Bill Mader The New Mexico QSO Party is the second weekend of April. He will focus on operating from one's home and what it takes to have fun in a contest.

March – Neil Addis, w7fed, presentation about the NMFCC. Who we are, what we do, and how it benefits the amateur radio community **ELECTION COMMITTEE PUT TOGETHER.**

April – Digital Radio Presentation

May – Voting for new president? Field Day Planning. (Month ahead of our normal schedule to due speaker availability)

June – Field Day

July - Bill Mader Discussion about Field Day and Operating Techniques



HANDICAP RAMP AND PARKING COMING OUR WAY

Email John KE0TVT (jthaney84@yahoo.com) to get a work plan(s) emailed to you as well as and to volunteer and indicate which of the listed tools you will bring. Questions, call John at 573-864-3959 or Ralph NM5RC at 505-821-7636.

UPDATED INFO: BOY SCOUTS TO REBUILD REAR STEPS

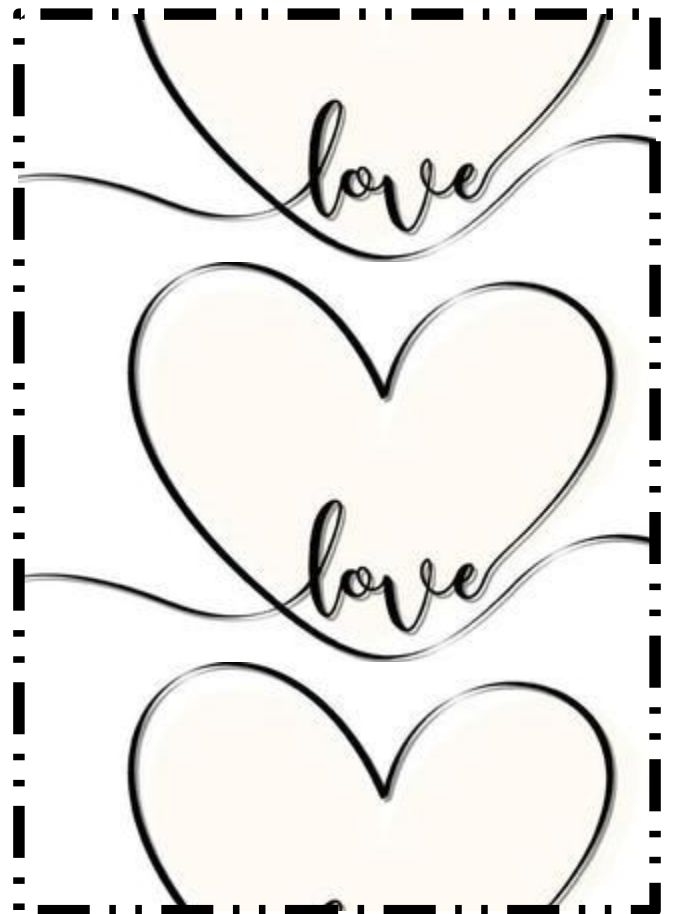
The rehab of the rear stairs part of the overall handicap ramp project has been taken on by Mark Crain as his Eagle Scout project. Mark is a member of Scout Troop 360 which has a long history of producing Eagle Scouts and for many years lots of its Scouts have participated in our Radio Merit Badge and Amateur Radio licensing activities.

They went well above the basic “getter done” level.



Be Sure you THANK The set up and clean up committee. Did you know they came in the next day to clean after our party? They had decorations, set up heavy tables and so on. Be sure you THANK them.

The party was fun. Thanks to everyone who brought door prizes. The food was great. Thanks to everyone who brought good food.



Meeting Notes

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Looking for volunteers and speakers and suggestions and contacts. IF you have any ideas or contacts we can contact for speaking let us know!

Wednesday Night Net

* See our website for net running protocol*

Jan 22 – Al, W5ACW
Jan 29 – Gene, KI5BZI
Feb 05 – John, K8JWSF
Feb 12 – Earl, KB5UEW
Feb 19 – Nick, KI5MFF
Feb 26 – Ralph, NM5RC
Mar 05 – Greg, KG5OCW
Mar 12 – Al, W5ACW
Mar 19 – Gene, KI5BZI
Mar 26 – John, K8JWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dreibelbis, J E (Jay) WB5RRO

Zuni, Ashton K W5KAZ

Gray, Gil N2GG

Hunt, Elvira KD5UJQ

McLaughlin, Mark KD7ZNE

Osborn, Loren "Oz" KK7OZ

Pankretz, Steve KD5PSF

Weis, Frederic KF5DTU

Ybarra, Richard AB1Q

INFORMATION

Website:

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

Facebook:

Valencia County Amateur Radio Association

Dues may be paid by PayPal
nm5cl@att.net
Enter: "Membership Dues Payment"

Main repeater

145.430 Mhz,

Valencia Middle School repeater

443.425 Mhz

Read this:

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASSES

January 13 – 17, 2025
NM DOH, Santa Fe

This training is free but there will be the standard fees for licensing upon completion of the classes.

Click on the link below for all information

<http://kc5our.com/wordpress/tech-license-classes/>

WEBSITES TO VISIT

Have you seen this site?

<https://hamamerica.org/>

The goal of our Ham club is to connect all Ham's across the world. The Ham America Radio Club promotes the hobby of Ham Radio throughout our communities.

HARC - Connecting Ham's and Ham Club's Everywhere.

You may hear of a new newsletter editor soon. Be sure to support and thank that person!

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