

APRIL

UPCOMING DATES

*Every Saturday
9-12 Breakfast club at
club house.*

*First and Third Saturday 9-12
Builder's club at Club house
Bring a breakfast!*

*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.*

**NEW MEXICO QSO
PARTY 2025
Saturday, April 12, 2025
<http://www.NewMexicoQSOParty.org>**

Next Meeting Be Prepared

Neil Addis, w7fed,
presentation about the
NMFCC. Who we are,
what we do, and how it
benefits the amateur radio
community

DOTS and DASHES

**Valencia County Amateur Radio Association
Newsletter**

The Last Meeting

Well Shoot. I missed the presentation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

The new president will need help with arranging meetings and speakers. IF you have any ideas – please share.

Silent Key Notice With great sorrow I pass on the news that our dear friend and fellow ham "Gene" Fish, Jr, KI5BZI became a SK this morning, Monday, March 17.

Gene's passing was completely unexpected. He apparently died in his sleep and was unresponsive when found by his wife, Ruth. Attempts to revive Gene were unsuccessful.

Condolences may be sent to Gene's widow at:
PO Box 188, Los Lunas 87031
or phone: 505-228-7765



WORK DAY

On Saturday, March 15, 11 club members braved cool, breezy, and cloudy weather to get three major things on the club work list completed. The concrete pad at the base of the new ramp was poured with the removal of the forms expected on Saturday the 22nd. The damaged radials, 12 in all, were removed and replaced for the vertical HF antenna on the west side of the clubhouse. They were also clearly marked so hopefully the guy with the toy tractor/tiller will not again destroy them!

The crew also went thru all of the "stuff" on the tables on the east side of the meeting room and cleared the tables. Some of the items went to Valencia Middle School for the students to tinker with, but most went to the dumpster. This "stuff" has lingered on the tables for quite some time.

Some IT work on the club desktop computer was also completed.

Following completion of those tasks, all enjoyed a chili and cornbread muffin lunch!

The remaining tasks on the club "to-do" list will be completed at a later date, most probably on regular Saturday gatherings.



Thank you!



GOOD NEWS!



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped clean up and lay cement at the end of the ramp. Not everyone is pictured. Those who participated were: Club members participating in this workday were: Ty K5WY, Charlie NM5CL, Ralph NM5RC, John E KB5ENN, Mark N9YEX, Bill KJ5AEV, Nick KI5MFF, Manuel KJ5GMO, George K6GTC, Liz KI5PGJ, John H KE0TVT (and Huey).

ABOUT OUR CLUB

Wednesday Night Net

* See our website for net running protocol*

Mar 19 – Gene, KI5BZI
Mar 26 – John, K8JWS

Apr 02 – John, K8JWS
Apr 09 – Earl, KB5UEW
Apr 16 – Nick, KI5MFF
Apr 23 – Charlie, NM5CL
Apr 30 – Greg, KG5OCW

May 07 – Al, W5ACW
May 14 – John, K8JWS
May 21 – Earl, KB5UEW
May 28 – Nick, KI5MFF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March Birthdays

Campbell, Bruce
Eldridge, Emmaline
Marsanick, Lawrence
Ridley, Paul
Sanborn, Steve
Till, Tyrone
Welander, Kevin

NO April Birthdays



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

WEBSITES TO VISIT

<https://www.qsl.net/nmfcc/>

This is the repeater frequency coordination website.

TESTING

The W5YI testing group went to Valencia Middle School twice for testing students for their Technician license. Six students took the exam and three passed and now have their Technician licenses. Through the META Grant, the club awards the students who have obtained their license a Yaesu FT-70 HT and a Ham Radio Reference notebook.
Congratulations!

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