VCARA Monthly Meeting Minutes
10-27-2026

Attendees: 14 Participants. See attached Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Start: 1901. End: 1929

President John Schaaf (K8JWS) welcomed all and invited all to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions by all attendees. John H. announced he had resigned as Secretary and this would be his last meeting in that position.

Secretary John H. (KE0TVT) read highlights from the last monthly meeting with the minutes projected on the large screen TV. John S. asked for adoption the minutes, Nick (KI5MFF) made motion to approve, seconded by Bill (KJ5AEV), upon voting passed unanimously.

John H. presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached copy) in Betty's absence via the large screen TV. A discussion concerning including the Treasures report into the monthly minutes on the Club web site ended with a vote to go ahead and include it. John S. asked for adoption of the report, Bill K. (KJ5AEV) made the motion to approve, seconded by Rick (KG5CYA), upon voting passed unanimously.

John H. gave an update on the funds VCARA was approved to receive from the Jubilee Craft Fair. The amount that will be given to VCARA for use with the VMS will be determined by how much they clear at the Craft Fair. It is anticipated that we will know by late November. Attendance at the Fair seemed less this year due to the weather. The Club was represented by several club members with a display.

OLD BUSINESS:

- John S. reminded all of the annual Christmas Party was discussed. Paul R. (N5PR) made a motion to approve the date and time, seconded by John C (KD5MHO), upon voting a potluck dinner to be held at the clubhouse on December 5 at 1800.
- There were no other committee reports

NEW BUSINESS:

The general consensus concerning conducting the Bethlehem Special Event Station again this year was positive, but to not have a waffle breakfast. John S. encouraged all to get involved with operating the station and getting on-the-air.

John S. asked for new ideas for the Builders Club as they are wrapping up their last project. These projects were mentioned: build roll-up jpole antennas for the VMS students who attained their Technician license, and construct some Mesh Core units. It was requested that the Builders Club give a presentation to the members of the radio project they have been working on for the past couple of years.

Chris S. (KF5EMP) stated, as Social Media Working Group lead, that he would like to get more younger people interested in amateur radio thru social media.

John S.
A call for any more new business resulted in no response.

John S. adjourned the meeting (No Motion).

The meeting was followed by an interesting program given by Nick about the Great American ShakeOut exercise that the AREAS group participated in.

Created by: John Haney (KE0TVT), Secretary
Date/Time: October 29, 2026 - ~1050

Paul (N5PR) won the raffle

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TREASURER REPORT
OCTOBER 31, 2026

Beginning Bank Balance: $ 41,071.62 (September 01, 2026)

Debits:
$ 806.98 – Betty E. Lyon, Paid for New Printer
$ 492.34 – Betty E. Lyon, Paid for 6 Tables, Pot Luck Food
1,299.32– Total

Credits
$ 10.00 – Cokes
$ 35.00 – Raffle
$ 1.00 – Account monthly interest
$ 46.00 – Total

Outstanding Checks:
$ .00
.00 - T**otal**

Outstanding Deposits:
$ 00.00 - T**otal**

Checkbook Balance: $ 39,818.30 (September 30, 2026)
Bank Balance: $ 39,818.30 (September 30, 2026)

****NOTE: Co-mingled funds report****

ARDC Grant #2: $ 24,570.00 –$ 14,396.46 = $ 10,173.54 Balance
AARL Grant #1: $ 3,000.00 - $ 1,216.96 = $ 1,783.04 Balance
META Grant#1: $ 20,000.00 - $ 0.00 = $ 20,000.00 Balance
VCARA: $ 7,859.72 - $ .00 = $ 7,861.72 Balance

Respectfully Submitted:
Betty E. Lyon, N5BEL
Treasurer, VCARA

VCARA MEETING SIGN-IN

DATE: Oct. 27, 2026

	NAME	CALL SIGN	VCARA MEMBER (VOTING)	VCARA MEMBER (NON-VOTING)	VISITOR	ARRL MEMBER
1	John Haney	KEØTVT	X			
2	Paul Ridley	N5PR	X			X
3	Albert Watters	W5ACW	X			X
4	Jim Smith	W5JBS	X			
5	John Cresap	KD5MHO	X			X
6	William Kennedy	KJ5AEV	X			X
7	Ty	K5WY	X			NO
8	Nick	K15MFF	Y			Y
9	Ian Logan	KC5DAS	Y			Y
10	Kyle Logan	N/A	X		Y	N
11	Chris Schaaf	KF5EMF	Y			Y
12	Rick Davis	KG5CYA	Y			Y
13	John Schaaf	R8JWS	Y			Y
14	MAES FRANCISCO	K15WRS	Y			
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