VCARA Monthly Meeting Minutes
8-25-2026

Attendees: 18 Participants. See attached Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Start: 1903. End: 1925

President John Schaaf (K8JWS) welcomed all and invited all to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by introductions by all attendees.

Secretary John H. (KE0TVT) read highlights from the last monthly meeting. John S. asked for adoption the minutes, Nick (KI5MFF) made motion to approve, seconded by Earl (KB5UEW), upon voting passed unanimously.

Treasurer Betty L. (N5BEL) presented the Treasurer's Report (see attached copy) via the large screen TV. She answered several questions, primarily about the grant funds for Valencia Middle School. John S. asked for adoption of the report, Bill K. (KJ5AEV) made the motion to approve, seconded by Ralph C. (NM5RC), 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. The Craft Fair committee asks VCARA to help them promote the fair, so we will send a flyer to all members via the club email system and encourage all to pass the word on to friends and family.

OLD BUSINESS:

- John S. reminded all that next month's meeting will be our annual fall potluck dinner which will be at the clubhouse at 1800. He will send out an email with more details.
- Nick let all know we had a new donated BBQ grill, thank you to David Hall (N7JEI)!
- 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 passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER REPORTS:

- President: nothing, apologized about not responding to emails and suggested if you send him an email you also notify him via text that you have sent him an email.
- Vice President: nothing
- Secretary: nothing
- Treasure: nothing
- Other Committees: nothing

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill K. explained the new School Volunteer Policy of having to get approval before you can go into a classroom. This mostly affects those who mentor or test the students in Bill's Ham Radio/Robotics Class. It was suggested you use Bill and Nick for references.

Gil (N2GG) asked about the status of the Club's repeaters. John S. replied that all were working as intended. John S. mentioned that the Echo Link station at his house is not working properly and he intends to relocate the antenna to remedy the situation.

Gil was requested to give an update on this year's Duke City Hamfest. There will be no Hamfest this year, but there will be a Super Tailgate at the Realtor's Building. Details are on the Caravan Club website.

A DX contact possibility was discussed concerning some island near the North Pole. Chat with Ty (K5WY) for more details.

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

John S. called for a motion to adjourn. It was motioned by Nick and seconded by Earl. Upon voting, was unanimously approved.

The meeting was followed by an interesting program given by John S. about radio-controlled model airplanes.

Created by: John Haney (KE0TVT), Secretary
Date/Time: August 28, 2026; 1200

VCARA MEETING SIGN-IN

DATE: August

	NAME	CALL SIGN	VCARA MEMBER (VOTING)	VCARA MEMBER (NON-VOTING)	VISITOR	ARRL MEMBER
1	Nick Effley	KI5MFF	Y		N	Y
2	Albert Watkins	W5ACW	Y			Y
3	Paul Ridley	N5PR	Y			Y
4	Ralph H. Clark	NM5RC	Y			Y
5	Callie N. Clark	—		Y		—
6	John Eldridge	KB5EWN	Y			—
7	Ty	KI5WIJ	Y			N
8	Gil	N2GG	Y			Y
9	John Cresap	KD5MHG	Y			Y
10	~~Nick Effley~~ repeat	~~KI5MFF~~	~~Y~~		N	~~Y~~
11	Jim Smith	W5JBS	Y			
12	William Kennedy	KJ5AEV	Y			Y
13	MARK JOHNSON	N9YEX	Y			Y
14	Earl Cox	KB5UCW	Y			
15	John Haney	KB9TUT	Y			Y
16	Buddy Iyer	N5BEL	Y			Y
17	John Schaaf	KB5WS	Y			Y

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	NAME	CALL SIGN	VCARA MEMBER (VOTING)	VCARA MEMBER (NON-VOTING)	VISITOR	ARRL MEMBER
~~17~~ 18	Rick Davis	KG5CYA	✓			✓
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VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR HOBBY
VALENCIA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
PO Box 268, Peralta, New Mexico 87042

Beginning Bank Balance: $ 21,516.99 (June 30, 2026)

Debits:
$ 545.62 – Betty Lyon-Field Day Expenses, four new tables and stamps
$ 300.00 – Christ the King Lutheran Church
$ 42.00 – Exam Session VMS – Chris Gillespie - ARDC#2
$ 887.62 -Total

Credits
$20,000.00 – Meta Grant
$ 13.50 – Cokes
$ 130.00 – Dues
$ 20.00 – Raffle
$ .60 – Account monthly interest_
$20,164.10 – Total

Outstanding Checks:
$ 300.00 - Christ the King Lutheran Church
$ 300.00 - Total

Outstanding Deposits:
$ 00.00 - Total

Checkbook Balance: $ 40,793.47 (June 30, 2026)
Bank Balance: $ 41,093.47 (June 30, 2026)

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

ARDC Grant #2: $ 24,570.00 –$ 13,589.48 = $ 10,980.52 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: $ 8,029.91 - $ .00 = $ 8,029.91 Balance

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