

# VALENCIA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

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Amateur Radio  
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## Minutes of VCARA Jan 22, 2008 meeting

President Mark K5WMH opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by self-introductions.

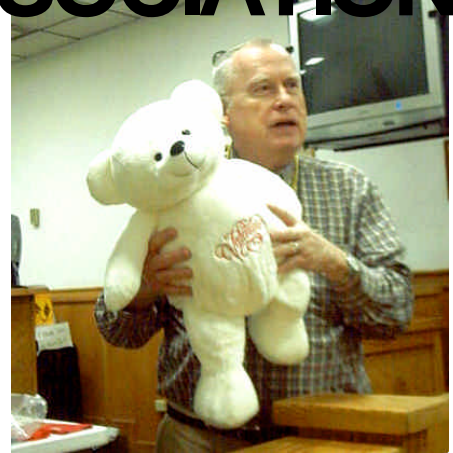
### Officers Report:

Mark also thanked the Christmas Committee for the work they did in making a very successful dinner.

Treasurer Russ KD5UJR reported the club having \$1643.56 in the treasury. He also has applications for membership.

Repeater Chairman John WA5VJY said a new lightning arrestor was needed for the VHF repeater. Motion to purchase one was made by Charlotte KD5OHZ and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat KA5PAT. Motion was carried by the membership present.

ARES Chairperson Joyce KD5IAI said there would be a meeting for ARES members Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> to learn how to program the W2A handheld radios owned by ARES. Also, on March 15<sup>th</sup> there would be a SkyWarn meeting at the Los Lunas Fire Dept for those interested.



**Ralph NM5RC auctioned  
donated item from W5CLG**

Webmaster Chris reported, that he will be adding pictures from the Scouts Merit Badge day held in 2005 to the club website pages.

### Old Business:

Pat still has T-shirts with the club logo. See him if you would like to have one.

### New Business:

- (1) Mark said the club needs to purchase a Battery Saver unit if the club is going to be using the Icom 706 for Field Day, due to the 706 not being able to tolerate low voltage. Ralph NM5RC made the motion to purchase one, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Norm KE5HBM. Motion passed.
- (2) Mark K5WMH and Paul N5PR will be in charge of planning Field Day this year, aided by anyone else interested in helping.
- (3) The club IC756 is now equipped with a RigBlaster

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Plus digital unit, so we can now use it for RTTY and PSK.

The meeting was closed at 7:38 p.m. Small tool set was won by Pat Riggins. An ARES program was presented by Ralph NM5RC and Goose K5EMH.

*Paul Ridley N5PR*  
Secretary VCARA

### ARES Presentation and Recruitment



### First Contact Award Paul N5PR

Do you want to recognize someone who just made their first two-way radio communications by Amateur radio? Perhaps you just made your first CW contact or first HF contact and want to have a certificate to remember that exciting time.

Whether you are presenting the award to someone or creating a landmark of your own Amateur Radio journey, use the on-line form to fill in the QSO information and the operator who is being presented with this certificate and ARRL will mail a beautiful First Contact Award.

The award can be mailed directly to the recipient or it can be presented in person or at a club meeting.

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/award/certificate/1contact.html>

### SCOUT TECHNICIAN CLASS - the story continues

Just for your information on a non-club item, thought you would like to know the scouts, that passed their technician test a couple of weeks ago. They will be participating in a hidden transmitter hunt this month. The Albuquerque hunters will be hosting it in Los Lunas for them.

Also, a guy from ComCast has indicated he will be diverting some surplus 70 cm commercial radios to these scouts. The radios have been reprogrammed to New Mexico's 70 cm repeaters and simplex frequencies.

As few of us that have/use 70 cm, the scouts may have their own private system.

*73, Ralph NM5RC*

## Events Calendar

Wed, Feb 20, 2008 2pm  
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM  
**Coffee Klatch**

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, Feb 20, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.



Tues, Feb 26, 2008 7pm  
Municipal Court Blvd,  
525 Becker Street, Belen  
VCARA Meeting  
Regular Meeting



Wed, Feb 27, 2007 7:30pm  
ARES Net 146.700 mhz  
Emergency Communications.

Wed, Feb 27, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, March 5, 2008 2pm  
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM  
**Coffee Klatch**  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, March 5, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, March 12, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Sat, Mar 15, 2008 9:00am  
Los Lunas Fire Department  
**Sky-Warn Session**  
Weather 101 course. 2.5 hours.

## Events Calendar - continued

Wed, March 19, 2008 2pm  
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM  
*Coffee Klatch*

Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, March 19, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Tues, March 25, 2008 7pm  
Municipal Court Blvd,  
525 Becker Street, Belen  
VCARA Meeting  
Regular Meeting

Wed, Mar 26, 2007 7:30pm  
ARES Net 146.700 mhz  
Emergency Communications.

Wed, March 26, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, April 2, 2008 2pm  
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM  
*Coffee Klatch*  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Wed, April 2, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, April 9, 2008 8pm  
VCARA Net 146.700 mhz  
See Net Operator schedule.

Wed, April 16, 2008 2pm  
Village Inn, Los Lunas NM  
*Coffee Klatch*  
Bi-weekly unofficial meet.

Unclaimed Christmas gifts from W5CSG & W5CLG were at last meeting.



**Next meeting  
February 26, 2008  
at 7:00 PM**

**On-hand Raffle items include:**  
**3 t-shirts, VOM, Hex set, and screwdriver set.**  
**Thanks for all your donations!**

I am sure everyone has printed out their own copy of the new National Response Framework at <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/nrf/nrf-core.pdf>

EMI has now released the Independent Study for **IS-800.B National Response Framework, An Introduction** at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS800b.asp>

**All are strongly encouraged to take the course**

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# KC5OUR Repeater & Net Operators

Every Wednesday at 8pm

VHF repeater - 146.700 MHz  
Negative 600 KHz, 100 Hz tone  
UHF repeater - 442.700 MHz  
Positive 5 MHz & 100 Hz tone

- Feb 13 - KN0LMO Dave K.
- Feb 20 - K5EMH Goose G..
- Feb 27 - KD5IAI Joyce R.
- Mar 5 - KD5NGI/KE5LUZ or KD5MHO Terri/Mary/John
- Mar 12 - KD5UJQ/KD5UJR Elvira/Russell H.

If you can't run the NET when scheduled, please find someone to take your turn

## VCARA Club Contacts

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*It is not the class of license that the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license.*

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### Valentines Day auction



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