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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

This coming Tuesday is Veterans Day. I wish to thank all the Veterans in our club for their service and sacrifice to our country. We have a large veterans population in the club and everytime I see you I still see the pride for our country in your spirit.

Here are some highlights of events over the last two weeks. More detail for these events can be found in the newsletter. David Clifford WA6CCB has transferred ownership of the 443.750 repeater on Sandia Crest to HDARC. This past Wednesday we conducted our last mentoring session with the UNM Small Satellite Program in their bid towards licensure. KJ5KUF John and KJ5ATL Elaine has volunteered to share the responsibility to ensure we have Coffee and Donuts at our monthly membership meeting. Big big 73 to both of you. Yul WA5YUL is asking for donations of HAM radio equipment to be shipped to Jamaica as a form of Hurricane relief. I am sad to announce the passing of HDARC member Kieth KI5WZA. A big 73 to Jean Morse-Sanchez KG5ZRU for agreeing to join the Saturday Chat Shack Net Controller Group. She will be covering the 5th saturday slot starting in Jan. 2026

In this issue you will read about Marik Clifford who is the granddaughter of David Clifford. When David donated the repeater to the club I heard many great stories about him and Marik. He was especially proud of her endeavors in HAM radio. He talked about how during the ARRL Centennial celebration they visited ARRL headquarters in Newington CT and the Centennial celebration conference. I searched the QST Magazine for that period and found published pictures of David and Marik at the celebration; QST Oct 2014, Pg 7 and 82. In the coming months you will learn more about the youngest HAM ever in our area and how HDARC plans to honor her memory in perpetuity.

Here are some important updates for this week:

The FCC did issue an impact of services notice due the Government shutdown. Details in the VE section within.

Yul WA5YUL is leading an effort to aid in Hurricane relief in Jamaica.

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun. Each week is a new Net Controller so that volunteers can practice their skills as Net Control in a relaxed and supportive environment. More info inside.

The HDARC East Mountain Group has asked to host our club's 2026 Winter Field Day Event in January 2026. I accepted the request.

We have members who have already registered to participate in the HDARC January 2026 HOMEBREW Exhibition. More details within

Our next large Social Event will be our Winter Holiday Party on Saturday December 13. I am looking forward to this event. Reach out to me if you wish to be a part of the planning team. You can reach out to me o at 1930 hours checking in on HDARC 2 Night , by email hdarcpres@gmail.com or call/text at 505-401-0219. I hope to hear you on HDARC 2 Night and Saturdays Statewide Chat Shack Net.

73 Mike KI5NBP



THE SOUNDER SECTION

"To join together by pressure, fuse together for strength"

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies

The Club operates on the HDARC Repeater

443.750+ PL 100 on the Sandia Crest.

This repeater is dedicated to the memory of

Marik Clifford **KF5ZVY/SK**

The Club uses two Simplex frequencies, 146.460 and 446.025

Join the FUN, join the Club

Are you aware that the HDARC is one of the most active Amateur Radio Clubs in New Mexico? Well, it is! Read on and find out! Tell a friend! www.nm5hd.org

To become a club member go to www.nm5hd.org and click on the "become a member" tab to join the ever growing group of the coolest Hams in New Mexico, you'll be glad you did!



Join the ARRL

The American Radio Relay League, the ARRL, a non-profit organization, is the largest membership association of amateur radio enthusiasts in the United States. The ARRL represents the interests of amateur radio operators before federal regulatory

bodies, the ARRL provides technical advice and assistance to amateur radio enthusiasts, it also supports a number of educational programs and sponsors emergency communications service throughout the country. The HDARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club and a ARRL Special Service Club. We encourage you to join. Click on this link: <https://www.arrl.org/membership>



Welcome New Members

Mike Rohrbacher KE4VNN
Bob Henry KD5MHQ

New Member Orientation

Don Shoemaker N9DCS is leading the club's efforts to provide a new member orientation within weeks of a member joining. I look forward to seeing what Don puts together. If you have any ideas or comments on this subject or are a new member who has not received outreach contact Don at dc_shoemaker@comcast.net

Kieth Saint Pierre KI5WZA/SK



We are sad to announce the passing of HDARC member Kieth KI5WZA. Kieth passed away on October 30 2025. He has been a member of our club since July of 2025. If you take a look at his QRZ page Kieth was an active HAM and enthusiast . His family is planning a celebration of life.

Once we have that information it will be forwarded to the membership. May Kieth rest in peace.

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

A Tribute to Marit Clifford KF5ZVY/SK

By Elaine Summerhill - HDARC Secretary and Co-Editor



The recent addition of the HDARC repeater on top of Sandia Mountain would not & could not have taken place without David Clifford WA6CCB wanting to establish a memorial for his granddaughter, Marit Clifford. Marit was the youngest

person to get her Ham license in this area. She got her Tech license at 7 years old, 2 months shy of her 8th birthday, in Jan 2014. She was also a net controller for a youth net. From speaking with David, Marit was bright, beautiful, loving, and compassionate. She loved old movies, especially ones with Audrey Hepburn. Her life was full of potential. Sadly, it was cut too short. High Desert Amateur Radio Club is honored to memorialize Marit's life. Thank you to her grandfather David Clifford for entrusting us with her memory. In the upcoming months the club will be honoring her in different ways.

From the Elmer



C.D. was in his teens when he, like many of us, became enamored with radio technology. So much so that he designed and manufactured a simple radio receiver which he sold at a local toy store. The toy store owner informed C.D. that a wealthy man had bought, and then returned, the receiver. It seems that the wealthy man was expecting more from his purchase – and was disappointed in the product.

C.D., being somewhat concerned, and a little irritated, showed up (uninvited) at the wealthy man's home to find out exactly why the wealthy man returned the receiver. The wealthy man explained that he wanted a radio which was more than just a toy, but one that was built to last. That day, C.D. and the wealthy man became fast friends. C.D. later described their relationship as like a foster father-son friendship.

C.D. continued his interest in amateur radio, and went on to establish a company producing and selling radio receivers to the general public. That's pretty cool if you think about it, but even cooler is the fact that, when still a young man (at the age of 19), he became the owner, publisher, and editor of a new magazine for amateur radio operators. The year was 1915, and the magazine was called QST. (A three month trial subscription cost 25¢.)

The wealthy man who became C.D.'s informal foster father was none other than Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW. C.D. (Clarence D. Tuska) and Maxim are best known as the co-founders of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

By the way, the Radio Act of 1912 was the first law regulating radio usage in the US and was a response to the sinking of the Titanic. This was the point at which amateurs no longer were allowed to self-assign their calls, and the federal government began issuing ham calls. C.D. went from the call he had been using, SNT, to the federally issued 1WD. Additionally, most amateur operations were limited to 200 meters (1500 kHz). The effective ham radio communications range

was about 25 miles.

Seeking a solution to the limited range problem, Maxim pushed for a national organization of hams to establish a system by which information could be relayed by hams across the country – hence the American Radio RELAY League.

I guess you could say that passing traffic (as Maxim envisioned), and developing new technologies (as C.D. did) is not just our tradition. It's also in our blood.

73 MaryAnn NS7X

Club Elmer and HDARC BOD Director

Amateur Radio News on the World Wide Web

Amateur Radio Newsline: <https://www.arnewsline.org/>

ARRL News: <https://www.arrl.org/news>

THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

"Reaching out to each other through the art of verbal dialogue"



Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

Saturday 10 A.M. STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET will use the 444.325 + PL 100 and the 145.290 - PL100 on Sandia Crest in order to access the MegaLink system.



NM5HD Net Controllers :

1st Saturday, John Gleason, K5JVG

2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

4th Saturday, John Dodd KJ5KUF

5th Saturday, Jean Morse-Sanchez KG5ZRU

The NET Controller for this Saturdays session is KJ5KUF John HDARC Board Director.

You can reach this Net from any part of NM because of its design. You just need to be on the right frequency, offset, and PL tone for the local repeater closest to your location at the day and time of the net. For current mega link frequency information go to www.nm5ml.com. If you're having issues programming your radio email hdarcpres@gmail.com. You will be directed to someone in the club that can help you. Please [click here](#) to see the operational status of NM5ML Mega Link Repeaters.

HDARC VP John K5JVG is the Committee Lead for HDARC Net's.

Please consider trying the Net Controller experience. Contact John K5JVG if you are interested. You will be mentored and try it once to see if you like it. No commitments.



HDARC 2 Night

“HDARC 2 Night.” operates seven(7) nights a week at 7:30 PM local on the HDARC Repeater 443.750+ PL 100 located on the Sandia Crest. *This is a casual net.*

- **Do not short key each other**
- **There is a 5 second delay after you release the PPT for the repeater to reset**
- **If you are involved in a QSO, *every 5 minutes or so during the QSO check to see if anyone else would like to join the conversation.***
- **Don't forget to announce your callsign at least every 10 minutes when engaged in a conversion.**
- **The Repeater is connected to ECHOLINK. Look for the callsign KD5MHQ-R to connect.**

There are great exchanges happening, come join the conversations and camaraderie.



New Mexico CW Training Net (NMCWTN)

The New Mexico CW Training Net (NMCWTN) meets on the HDARC repeater (443.75 + 5 MHz, 100 Hz pl) at 1830 hours local on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, local time at least until the time change next month when it will accommodate the RoadRunner Net schedule.

This training net is led by MaryAnn NS7X in hopes that the "Training Net" evolves into a traffic net and eventually will be moved to 80 meters as the NM CW section traffic net. When the NMCWTN picks up formal traffic it can be fed into the RoadRunner Net.

BRAVO SIERRA NET

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun.

THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

443.750 + PL100 Repeater -UPDATE

The Clubs' New 440 repeater

As you know the club repeater is up and running. This week Rob K5NBN and his team went up to the repeater and installed a new hard line which was donated to the club by HDARC Director John KJ5KUF. Rob and Bob KJ5MHQ also conducted some RF interference tests.

We are currently filling the required Form 1 with the NMFCC to register the repeater and assign the NM5HD callsign to the repeater.

Thank you David Clifford WA6CCB for the donation of the repeater. As a Club and as HAMS we will always honor the memory of Marik KF5ZVY/SK.



HDARC Youth Outreach Mission Statement

Over the past few months HDARC President Mike KI5NBP commissioned a committee to develop a Youth Outreach Mission Statement to help guide the clubs direction as we promote HAM radio to Youth. The committee has fulfilled its purpose and submitted the following youth outreach mission statement to the membership for approval which was unanimously adopted at the October 2025 membership meeting.

HDARC Youth Outreach Composite Mission Statement

“The HDARC Youth-Outreach Program defines youth as any person between the ages of 11 and 25, approximately middle school 6th grade age up to an individual pursuing a post-graduate degree. HDARC welcomes youth within this range who have a curious, energetic, and keen desire for scientific learning. Our goal is to engage younger folks with a STEM/STEAM focus and welcome maturing adults who wish to pursue the joy of learning. We broadly wish to engage youth participation in the amateur radio art, offering mentorship, teaching, and a variety of programs with a vision for guiding their development into the leaders of tomorrow. The HDARC recognizes that our degree of success may be unmeasurable and distant. However, we dedicate our near-term commitment to this mission, knowing that we commit ourselves to a generational embrace of RF sciences and its benefit to youth.”

A big 73 to the following members who were a part of the committee:

KJ5KUF John AG5UY Ken KI5YIF John K5JVG John Gabriel KJ5KFG
ED KC2LM

This mission statement will be used as a compass to guide the club in its development and deployment of outreach to youth in relation to HAM radio.

Jamaica Hurricane Relief

Yul WA5YUL is leading an effort in conjunction with other HAMS on the east coast to send HAM radio equipment to Jamaica. The recent Category 5 Hurricane flattened the island's infrastructure to include the primary communication systems. To our knowledge the only viable communication system that is working there at this time is through Starlink.

(<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/desperate-survivors-try-to-kickstart-recovery-as-they-wait-for-help-for-the-living-and-the-dead/ar-AA1PJS0v?ocid=socialshare>). Yul and his contacts are working with [World Central Kitchen to join their relief effort](#) and use their shipping chain to get HAM radio equipment in the hands of HAMS and others in Jamaica so they can have access to another form of communication with each other.

World Central Kitchen is a 501c3 Charity. They are well known for not only feeding those in crisis but their expedited supply chain management in crisis situations is world renown. . For this reason this is the best route to get the donated equipment to Jamaica at this time.

Yul is working on getting into the World Central Kitchens Distribution Chain as I write this. HDARC will serve as the pass through for collection of these items and will work with Yul on getting the shipment sent off. If you wish to donate items contact Yul or myself to arrange pickup. Please tag your items with your callsign. I will create an inventory list that will be added to the shipment that clearly identifies your contribution to the effort. If you have any technical questions about equipment compatibility in Jamaica contact Yul WA5YUL directly at yul.bratcher@att.net .

To learn more about World Central Kitchen [click here](#). If you wish to donate email Yul at yul.bratcher@att.net or the club at hdarcpres@gmail.com..

University of New Mexico Small Satellite Program

Request for Assistance - UPDATE

HDARC conducted the last live training session for students of the UNM Small Satellite Program at the University of New Mexico. These sessions were to assist the students in obtaining their Technicians License. Elizabeth Whitney, President of the UNM Small Satellite Program reached out to the club about their program and an upcoming build of a Sat. Cube they are planning to launch by balloon that they wish to track using Amateur Radio Bands. Elizabeth has requested for HDARC to help her put on a four (4) week event on Wednesday Evenings at UNM. This last live session had an attendance of approx. 15 students. Due to the continuing Government Closure the Week 4 Testing session has been postponed until the FCC resumes missing FRN's and processing license request. We will remain in contact with Elizabeth and hope that we can hold a testing session for them soon.



In order to continue offering support to the UNM Small Satellite Group in the post testing environment, we are looking at asking HDARC membership to sponsor a student of the UNM Small Satellite group by contributing a new dual band HT in a mid priced range. If you have an interest in sponsoring please email the President at hdarcpres@gmail.com. As Ed KC2LM has pointed out, these are scientists that will need equipment that supports their scientific endeavors.

A big 73 to Yul WA5YUL, Ed KC2LM, Don N9DCS, Mike KI5NBP, Mike NM5HD for volunteering as mentors at the last live session.

HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

A draft MOU has been vetted by the SCARES membership. This draft will be forwarded to HDARC leadership this week to review and comment. Once that process is complete, I will send a copy of the MOU to HDARC members by email for review and comment. The hope is to have the MOU ready for a vote to adopt by the November Membership meetings of both groups.

THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

"a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else."

Test Equipment Loaner Program for Members

HDARC Director Harvey Dove KI5YVY is the lead for this program. A copy of the program outline and how to contact Harvey to request a loaner is posted on the home page of NM5hd.org. Click on this link: https://www.nm5hd.org/files/ugd/d9cb96_5fe894d5a99c434191712575def6987b.pdf

The current inventory of loaner test equipment includes:

- MFJ -263 Dummy Loads
- MFJ - 802B Field Strength Meter
- RigExpert AA-650ZOOM Antenna Analyzer



We CURRENTLY have several donated pieces of test equipment. Please consider if you have a piece of gently used and functional test equipment you can donate for this program. The next purchase of test equipment for the program will include RF noise

detectors (MFJ 805). An MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer was donated by Roger K5RPE. 73 Roger

We are looking for volunteers to help us make in house instructional videos to demonstrate how to use each piece of test equipment. Your role would be to be the on air talent. Other members would assist in creating the storyboards, help writing the script, recording, editing, and posting. If you have the hands on knowledge, help us share that with other club members.

RT Systems Programming Software Available for Use

The club has in its possession the following RT Systems programming software available for use:

- Icom-2730
- Alinco-635
- Yaesu FT-60
- Yaesu FT-2900
- Yaesu FTM-6000

Please contact Past President David Ham N6SIK if you wish to use them at n6sik@arrl.net

HDARC Member Name Badges/Hats/Shirts-New



I have been asked by members how to purchase a HDARC Membership Badge. [Click Here](#) to be directed to our vendor's web store. *The site is fully operational again.*



HDARC Shirts,hats,and other Club gear can be ordered from Rio Rancho T-Shirts, 1207 Golf Course Rd SE Ste F, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Speak with Wayne or Penny at: (505)



891-1521.



HDARC Promotional Items: You have recently seen the Promotional Items made by Shirley Godfrey for HDARC.

- Band Plan Tumbler
- Patch
- Mouse Pad

All are customizable with your call sign.

sjgodfrey@aol.com



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

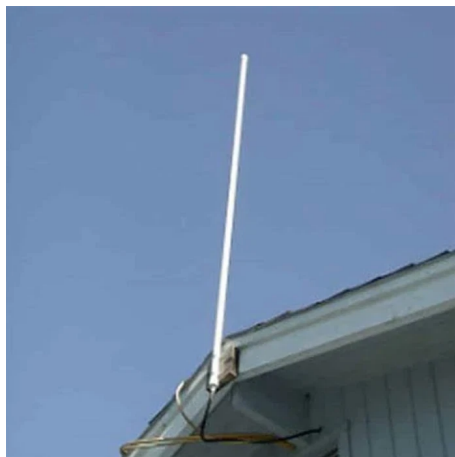
The HDARC East Mountain Group **will be** holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on Thursday November 20 at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. The next luncheon will be November 20, 2025.

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Dr. Fong

Dual Band HAM Antenna DBJ-1

Build Workshop November 15, 2025



HDARC Member John Dodd KJ5KUF made a proposal to the membership that would arrange for Dr. Edison Fong Professor and PhD of Electrical Engineering at the University of California Santa Cruz to present via zoom to the club about his antenna designs. John has bought ten(10) of Dr. Fong's VHF/UHF kits for the club to assemble and members own. Thank you John for your generous donation. I have reached out to Dr. Fong directly and we are working out the details

for a Zoom presentation in conjunction with an antenna build workshop during the November 2025 membership meeting. He has agreed to present via zoom on November 15, 2025.

We gave away 10 Dr. Fong kits this past Saturday. This assembly is simple and a workshop is being offered during the November 15 meeting following Dr. Fong's Webinar. We are adding a testing component so the operator becomes familiar with the use of amateur radio related testing equipment. John Dodd KJ5KUF has agreed to lead the build.

For more information about Dr Fong and his antennas click on this link

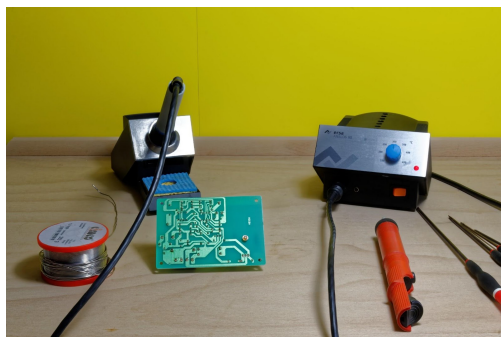
<https://edsantennas.weebly.com/>



HDARC 2025 Holiday Party

Saturday December 13, 2025

The 2025 HDARC Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 13, 2025 at 1600 hours . The location will be the same as previous years; Rudy's BBQ at 10136 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114. This is a pay your way event. After you buy your food, join us on the patio. We will have decorations on the tables. The club will provide drawings for giveaways of equipment, gift cards, and club swag. We have had a blast in previous years, please bring family members and friends. We look forward to sharing stories of the past year with HDARC.



HDARC Club Home Brew Exhibition

January 2026 - UPDATE

The inaugural HDARC homebrew contest is an exhibition of amateur radio related equipment that is built by a licensed amateur radio operator. Typical items are transmitters, receivers, antennas, accessories, or complete transceivers that are fully functional and used on the air. It can be built from a kit or totally from scratch. We have had a year of workshop builds and have seen what others have built. Now is a chance for us to see it all at once in one location and celebrate these

accomplishments. This contest/exhibition will be open to all licensed amateur radio operators. Get your build ready!

The following callsigns has registered to participate in the Exhibition:

K5NBN KI5YIF KD5MHQ KE5DKS KJ5KUF KE7SYQ
KJ5KFG WA5YUL

If you are interested in sharing what you have built with the club please email hdarcpres@gmail.com to express your interest. Invitations will be extended other clubs in our area to join us.

Club Calendar
November 2025 - December 2025
SAVE THE DATES

November 2025

All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: “HDARC 2 Night” casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+
PL 100

Saturday November 8, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club Pres. Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

Wednesday November 12, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday November 15 ,2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: General Membership Meeting - Presentation and Workshop
Dr. Fong Antenna Webinar followed by Dr Fong VHF/UHF Antenna Assembly and Testing

Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4
7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Wednesday November 19, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Thursday November 20, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : HDARC
East Mountain Group monthly luncheon/meeting at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. All are invited to attend. Contact Club

Quartermaster/East Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you have any questions.

<https://menushenu.com/lil-mamas-restaurant-edgewood-menu/>

Wednesday November 19, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday November 22, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club Director John KJ5KUF is our net controller.

Wednesday November 26, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday November 29, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net controller TBD.

December 2025

All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: “HDARC 2 Night” casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100

Wednesday December 3, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday December 6, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. VP John K5JVG is our net controller.

Wednesday December 10, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday December 13, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. President Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

Saturday December 13, 2025 4:00 PM HDARC NM5HD

Holiday Party , Rudy's BBQ Rudy's BBQ at 10136 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114.

Wednesday December 17, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Thursday December 18, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : HDARC

East Mountain Group monthly luncheon/meeting at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. All are invited to attend. Contact Club Quartermaster/East Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you have any questions.

<https://menushenu.com/lil-mamas-restaurant-edgewood-menu/>

Saturday December 20 ,2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: General Membership Meeting and VE Testing

**Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4
7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.**

Wednesday December 24, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Saturday December 27, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Director John KJ5KUF is our net controller.

Wednesday December 31, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

Future Scheduled Club Events

- January 2026 HDARC Club Home Brew Contest
- January 2026 Winter Field Day
- February 2026 Club Officer and BOD elections

Club Events in the Bull Pen (Not Scheduled Yet)

- POTA - Field Days - October - December 2025
- HF Tape Measure Antenna Build
- Beginners Soldering Workshop
- Hamming Around New Mexico
- Operating FT 8 Workshop
- Operating Winlink Workshop
- Club Test Equipment Workshops

V.E. Testing

Important Update: Due to the Government Shutdown, The FCC has suspended its service for the issuance of FRNS and issuing Licenses. Due to the suspension of services, HDARC has suspended testing services until the FCC is operating again. HDARC will give realtime updates to when we will begin testing again.

The HDARC is a sponsor of the Institute of HAM Radio Sciences, which conducts free V.E. testing sessions on behalf of the HDARC at 11:30 on the 3rd Saturday of April, June, August, October, and December immediately following the Monthly HDARC In-Person Club Meeting in classroom #4 at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. Look for the link [**FREE TESTING**](#) on the club web page. Please, pre register on the club web page for testing www.nm5hd.org. For more information contact Yul Bratcher at his email, [**yul.bratcher@att.net**](mailto:yul.bratcher@att.net) A big 73 to YUL and the V.E. team for volunteering their time and resources.

The FCC has issued the following notice: “The government shutdown began at 12:01AM Eastern time on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, when Congress had not passed an appropriations bill or other plan to keep the government funded for the new fiscal year (begins October 1). The Federal Communications Commission, which issues Amateur Radio Service licenses, issued a Public Notice on Tuesday, September 30, indicating that it would suspend most operations following a shutdown. “Aside from a few emergency and auction filing systems, all other Commission electronic filing systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume,”



[QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) through a partnership with GigaParts, has developed a program that is designed to lower the barrier to entry into amateur radio by providing new hams with a high quality radio for only \$17.99 (plus tax and shipping). Effective February 28, 2025, new hams will be entitled to a 70% discount on the Explorer QRZ-1 VHF/UHF handheld transceiver, as well as a variety of accessories. You must have been licensed within the last 6 months to qualify.

The eligible ham must have a QRZ user account and be able to log in and apply for the program. Certain types of identification, including a photo ID, will be required. This information is not shared or exchanged with any party and is used only to validate eligibility under this program.

This program is available exclusively to USA licensed amateur radio operators who obtained their first license from the FCC within the last 6 months. The Jumpstart program may be changed or terminated without notice based on availability and corporate sponsors.

Click here for more info: <https://www.qrz.com/jumpstart>

Classifieds

Welcome to the classified section. The intent is to give members and other HAMS a place to advertise any HAM related equipment they have for sale. It is also a place for members to list what HAM related equipment they are seeking to buy. ***This is a free service with no fees attached.*** ***This week we are featuring items from the Club SK inventory. Contact our Quartermaster Rob KI5NBN at this email if you are interested: dynomutt@reagan.com Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory weekly.***

The Club has received a generous donation of a large tower and antenna array. Please see the pictures below. This unit has a value of thousands of dollars. It would require the recipient to incur the cost of renting a crane to remove the unit from the current property, cost of disassembly, transport and have a pad with the appropriate receiving bolts in place ahead of time at their location plus assembly. The unit is being offered to the general HAM community for a donation. Please contact Past President David Ham N6SIK if you have questions about the unit.

The Sandoval County ARES has the following items for sale. Contact Gary K5BIQ at garycapt@yahoo.com to inquire and make an offer

- ***2- 15" Computer Monitors***
- ***Long LMR-400 coax***

- *Misc length coax*
- *Misc antenna parts*
- *23 amp Samlex 1223 Power Supply*
- *Headset*
- *Misc. parachute cord*
- *MFJ-993B Antenna Tuner*
- *MFJ-989D Versa Tuner*
- *Antenna mast tripod*
- *Kenwood 590s HF/50Mhz Transceiver*
- *Old laptop*
- *Kenwood TS-50 HF Transceiver*
- *Remote Antenna switch, Ameritron RCS-8V*
- *Ameritron ALS-600S Amplifier*

Available for Purchase from the club Inventory

More inventory to be listed soon

CONCLUSION

Check the club's website often, there are interesting things being added weekly. www.nm5hd.org

I want to thank the club's COB, Kenneth Ham, AG5UY, for maintaining the website. 73 to my co-editor Elaine KJ5ATL. Thanks Yul, WA5YUL and V.E. team for what they do to provide free testing to the public. MaryAnn NS7X for the Elmer contribution & leading the NMCWTN. Thank you Rob K5NBN for providing a list of gear to offer to the club members, working on our repeater project, and hosting HDARC 2 Night. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this periodical. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at hdarcpres@gmail.com. If you wish to add content to "The High Desert Dispatch" bi-weekly periodical the deadline for submission is Monday preceding the Wednesday publication date. If you get the chance, monitor the HDARC repeater every night at 1930 hours. Check in on the Statewide CHAT SHACK NET Saturday at 1000 hours local on the Mega Link.

73 Mike



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John Dodd KJ5KUF Director- 2025-2027

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Elmer: MaryAnn Corrnet, NS7X

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Club Programming & Workshop Development: Mike Smith, KI5NBP

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License Testing: Yul Bratcher, WA5YUL

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