



The High Desert Dispatch



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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

We have big news this week. First we have an update on the status of the 443.750 repeater being installed on Sandia Crest. Thank you to Rob K5NBN for submitting that to the Dispatch. Once the install is complete all parties involved still need to meet with myself and the Chairman to execute documents that give HDARC ownership of the repeater and execute an MOU between the Club and the proprietor of the building housing and maintaining the repeater on the Sandia Crest. The absence of these agreements at this point does not prohibit us as a club from continued use of the repeater seeing we have the explicit permission of the current owner. As progress evolves , I will keep you informed. We have finalized a schedule to support the UNM Small Satellite Program in their bid towards licensure. HDARC Director / Elmer MaryAnn NS7X is announcing the beginning of a club CW Net in her Elmer section. You can read the details within. Marc KD6KR and I have had several calls and texts during his visit to Europe about his efforts on outreach to European HAM Clubs. He had success with VERON- The Dutch Amateur Radio Society. Read more details within. The Youth Outreach committee has finalized a mission statement on our commitment to youth and HAM Radio. It will be shared at the October meeting.

We will be needing a volunteer to assume the duties of supplying coffee and donuts for our monthly membership meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The club purchases all the items. Cynthia Beiser, KJ5FMW, has been in charge of these duties for almost 2 years. She has done a wonderful job. Thank you Cynthia. The new volunteer would assume the duties for the November 2025 meeting. If interested, please contact me. *If a volunteer does not step forward the coffee and donut service for the monthly club meeting will be suspended until we have a volunteer.*

Thank you to the members who completed the club survey. We had almost a 40 percent response rate. I will be reporting a summary of the results at the October Membership Meeting.

Here are some important updates for this week:

There is a State Wide Chat Shack Net this Saturday on the Mega Link. I am repeating the following announcements in the Dispatch this week, Dr Fong

Antenna Build, Club Home Brew contest, promotional items, and the QRZ jumpstart program for newly licensed technicians. Details within. The HDARC-SCARES MOU proposal is moving forward. More info inside.

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

Mike NM5MC is leading an effort to recruit members who want to be involved in club sanctioned 24 hour field day events (contests). More details inside.

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.

Our next large Social Event will be our Winter Holiday Party in December. I am looking at the first week in December for this event. For the last two years we held it at Rudy's BBQ on the westside. I am looking for ideas and volunteers to help with this year's celebration. Reach out to me if you wish to be a part of the planning team. We will discuss this at the October membership meeting. 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 443.750+ PL 100 in NE Heights. 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

Vic Newton: KX5VN
Shawn Jipp: KI5VFY
Dan Clark: WN5GBX
David Quintana: KO8I
Shirley Godfrey: K5ZPZ
Jack Nutter: KZ5PZ

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

From the Elmer

As Sherlock Holmes would say, the game is afoot! So for those who are interested in participating in our CW net, it's time to get ready, and get set. The great news is that we are oh-so-close to having the 443.750 (plus 5 MHz offset, 100 Hz PL) repeater on the Crest. I've heard that it'll be moved from the NE heights to the Crest in a week to a month. We anticipate it'll have great coverage, and, as such, will be a wonderful resource for hams as well as the community at large. One of the things that we'll be offering on the repeater is a CW training (traffic) net. The New Mexico Training Net, also known as the New Mexico Traffic Net – NMTN - will be its moniker. We'll start off running it 3 nights a week, 15 minutes prior to the Road Runner net.

There have been a lot of comments about how in the world can you run CW on 70 cm FM instead of SSB? Well, you know what? Repeaters identify themselves in CW on FM all the time. They just key their transmitter, and send their call. That's pretty much what we'll do, as well. The net opening will sound something like this: "NMTN NMTN de NS7X". The advantage to running a CW net on FM is that those who are lost, confused, have a question, or a concern, can always key their mic and say, "YO! I have a question!" For those who want to participate, you'll need a 70 cm FM rig, a key (or paddles), and a code oscillator.

Let me know what your preference is as to the days of the net. Right now I'm thinking Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If you have any questions, contact me at: ns7x@arrl.net. Otherwise I'll look forward to working you on the NMTN. It won't be long before you hear: Get ready ! Get set! Go!

73 MaryAnn NS7X

Club Elmer and HDARC BOD Director



Sparking an International relationship between VERON and HDARC

By Mike KI5NBP on behalf of Marc KD6KR

A few months back Marc KD6KR HDARC Special Project Lead was telling me about his upcoming trip to the Netherlands and Great Britain over our usual coffee at Starbucks. During the conversation he brought up the idea of reaching out to a few foreign clubs during his trip and seeing if he could strike an interest with a club or two on developing a conversational relation with HDARC at first and then building that bond. Marc is currently in Europe and we have had several phone and text conversations to date. His efforts bore fruit.

On Sept. 29, 2025 Marc KD6KR and his wife met at the home of [Remy Denker PA0AGF](#) in Almelo Netherlands. Remy is the President of [VERON-the Dutch Amateur Radio Society](#). VERON is made up of about 120 clubs. The meeting went on for 3 hours. Remy stated the same concerns we all have about who will become the stewards of HAM radio in the future as we age out. He and VERON would like to see efforts put into engaging elementary and middle school students having exposure to the fundamentals of HAM radio, hoping it would spark an interest as they go through the school years. Marc and Remy have been in communication since the visit and want to propose a joint effort, over the pond, in the development/continued conversation of an idea/concept on how to approach this demographic knowing that American and Dutch approaches to education are different.

Remy's concerns align with what our club, region, and nation of HAM radio operators foresee as a challenge for the survival of HAM Radio. Upon Marc's KD6KR return home, we will continue to plan how this dialogue with Remy and VERON evolves with our club and other clubs.

I wish to thank Marc KD6KR and his wife Siets for taking time and resources during their vacation to represent us and start a new relationship for our club overseas.

VERON website: <https://veron.nl/>

Amatuer 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, Open for a volunteer.

The NET Controller for this Saturdays session is KI5NBP Mike HDARC Pres.

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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.

V.P. 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 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night at 7:30 PM local on 443.750+ PL 100 located temporarily in the NE Heights. This is a casual net.

- Do not short key each other
 - 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.*
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- Don't forget to announce your callsign at least every 10 minutes when engaged in a conversion.

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

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(-) 100 Hz Tone. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun.

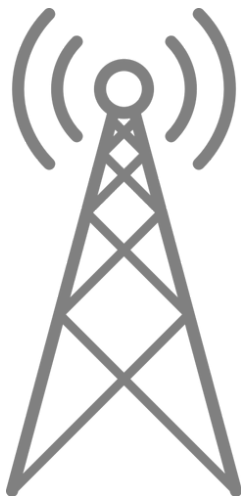
THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

443.750 + PL100 Repeater

The Clubs' New 440 repeater

By: Rob Summerhill (K5NBN) HDARC Repeater Committee Lead



Two and a half (2 ½) years ago I was driving back from the shooting range and heard a gentleman callout on 2 meters if there were any local club members on the air. I responded that I, K5NBN, was monitoring the frequency and could I help him? He said his name was David and that he was looking for a club to take over his company's unused repeater. After talking on the phone for a long time, David Clifford (WA6CCB) decided that High Desert Amateur Radio Club was to receive the repeater and its associated equipment in memory of his daughter, Merit Clifford (KF5ZVY), who had passed away. She was, in her time, the youngest HAM radio operator in the Albuquerque area. His wishes are that new and young HAM's use the repeater for a “Chat Room,” school projects, and the like. As well, he wants the repeater to be used by all HAM's who are licensed. David fell ill for a long time and has recovered. He continues on his quest to have this repeater in full use around the Albuquerque area. He and I discussed other uses for the repeater such as, Echolink, Megalink, EMCOM, GMRS, and,

perhaps, other digital communications. He is very amenable to all these ideas.

Along with the repeater is a state-of-the-art control box which has all of the above listed features built in or easily programmable. The health of the repeater can be read via the use of a smart phone. This repeater had been in use at Nine Mile Hill for several years for David's company, Route 66 Communications. After he and the company retired, David wanted the repeater to be upgraded to today's specifications, which has been done. The repeater is to be installed in the old FAA building on top of Sandia Mountain.

The new owner of the building, Don, a HAM operator himself, has upgraded the building to handle commercial communications equipment. David and Don have been friends for a very long time, and the placement of the repeater in the building is very welcome. As of this writing, the repeater will have its own small room. A local tower maintenance company has cognizance of the building itself, as well as, the tower, antenna, and COAX cabling.

The repeater will come under the umbrella of the buildings' equipment maintenance and is the responsibility of the property owner, who volunteered to cover the cost of housing it. The installation of the repeater, antenna and COAX has been donated by the owner of the tower company. This project has been "in the works" for some time. The repeater is very close to being operational at the Sandia Mountain summit. It is now available for temporary use. The repeater is up and running in Albuquerque, at Bob's (KD5MHQ) house at 443.750 + 100 PL tone. This frequency has been cleared for use by the local frequency coordinator in Albuquerque and we have the green light

to use it. In the background, there is a lot going on and all of the news is good. HDARC will keep its members notified when the repeater is up in and operational on Sandia Peak.

73! Rob

HDARC Field Day 24 Hour operations team

Members Needed

We have had success with our public front exhibitions to demonstrate the purpose and utility of HAM radio (E.g.; Schools, museums, events, and the next an invite to exhibit HAM at the Spaceport USA open house 2 years running). Some members have expressed an interest in forming a HDARC Field day team to operate for the normal 24 hour periods. I'll say those words you shouldn't, contest, compete etc. Treasurer NM5MC Mike C is leading the effort to form such a team for HDARC. We will still keep our exhibition team/approach intact. The club has enough equipment and access to equipment to supply both the contesting and exhibition efforts. Adding this layer will just enhance the member experience and operation capability of the Club .Please contact Mike NM5MC if you are interested in participating in the 24 hour Field Day experience.

University of New Mexico Small Satellite Program

Request for Assistance - UPDATE

Several weeks back 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 going to launch by balloon that they wish to track using Amateur Radio Bands. HDARC member Ed KC2LM responded to questions they had. Members of the program wish to get their technicians license. Elizabeth has reached out to other STEM clubs and programs at UNM and found that there is interest within those clubs also to obtain their Amateur Radio licenses. Elizabeth has requested for HDARC to help her put on a four (4) week event on Wednesday Evenings at UNM starting October 22 with a field day exhibition and ending November 12 with a mass testing session. Here is the **ACTUAL** schedule:

**Location: UNM Centennial Engineering Building 210 University Blvd NE
STAM Room**

Session 1 Time: Wednesday, October 22nd from 4-7pm :

- **4:00 PM HF / UHF -VHF Fieldday Exhibition Outside on elevated Patio Area**
- **Presentations:**
 - **5:15 PM to 5:45 PM - Welcome to HAM Overview; KJ5ATL Elaine Summerhill - HDARC Secretary**
 - **6:15 PM to 6:45 PM - Testing Preparation - WA5YUL Yul Bratcher Lead VE HDARC**
- **Hands On Exhibitions of Equipment (Go Kits) in Exhibition Room**

Session 2: Wednesday, October 29th from 5-7pm: Mentored Study Session/ Q/A 1

Session 3: Wednesday, November 5th from 5-7pm: Mentored Study Session/ Q/A 2

Session 4: Wednesday, November 12th from 5-7pm : VE Exam Day

The location is the STAM room + courtyard at the Centennial Engineering building on the UNM main campus. Parking can be difficult. Elizabeth suggests to park at the Baptist Church across the street on University NE. It is a short walk across the street to the Centennial Building. We are allowed in the room at 3:30 PM for any setup we might need. Several members have reached out to bring their go

kits to display. I am looking for members to attend as a sign of support and mingle with the UNM students. I also need some members to help with session 2 and 3, the mentored study sessions. These are informal sessions that address any questions the students might have as they study. Please email me if you can help and attend at hdarcpres@gmail.com

HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

UPDATE: The SCARES membership has finished their review of the initial document submitted by KI5NBP HDARC President Mike.

SCARES President Gary K5BIQ was authorized by the SCARES membership to complete a final review with HDARC President Mike KI5NBP over the next coming week. Once that review is complete it will come to HDARC for review by the BOD and membership for any comment and revisions.

As I mentioned in my president's introduction a few weeks back, I am making a direct effort to find area HAM clubs that:

- Share our membership base;
- Represent the interest of our membership and overall club's direction;
- Operate under a similar management structure as a 501c3;
- Are willing to share expertise and resources; and
- Have similar philosophical/organizational values.

Sandoval County Amateur Radio Services meets all the bullet points. Over the next few months SCARES President and HDARC member Gary K5BIQ and HDARC President and SCARES member Mike KI5NBP will be exploring this possibility and drafting a Memorandum

of Understanding to share with both organizations for possible ratification. The process will involve these steps:

- Identifying broad areas of commonalities, areas of strength, and improvement opportunities for both organizations;
- Draft a document that can be presented to both leadership teams for discussion and review;
- Present the draft to both memberships as a whole for input;
- Refine the final document;
- Present the final document to both Boards of Directors for vote;
- Once passed by both BODs publish the document to both membership bases for review and comment; and
- Bring the final document to both memberships for ratification.

I look forward to working with Gary and both leadership teams in making this happen. This approach can only strengthen both clubs.



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will not be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on October 16 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 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.

There will be 10 antenna kits given away. These kits will be drawn during the October 18, 2025 General Membership Meeting. This assembly is simple and a workshop offered during the November 25 st meeting following Dr. Fongs 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 Club Home Brew Contest/Exhibition January 2026 - NEW

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! More information to come in October 2025.

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 have several 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



the High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico Inc.

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



Club Calendar

October - November 2025

SAVE THE DATES

October 2025

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: “*HDARC 2 Night*” casual net, operating on repeater 443.750+ PL 100 in the N.E. Heights.

Saturday October 11, 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 October 15, 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 October 18 ,2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: Monthly General Membership Meeting Followed by V.E. Testing.

Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #1
7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Wednesday October 22, 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 October 25, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club BOD Director John KJ5KUF is our net controller.

Wednesday October 29, 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

November 2025

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: “*HDARC 2 Night*” casual net, operating on repeater 443.750+ PL 100

Saturday November 1, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club Vice Pres. John K5JVG is our net controller.

Wednesday November 5, 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 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.

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

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 A big 73 to YUL and the V.E. team for volunteering their time and resources. Without them this could not happen.

The next testing session is Saturday October 18, 2025

Saturday December 20, 2025

Saturday February 21, 2026

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,” s



[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. 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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