

General Meeting Minutes for 21 June 2025

The meeting called to order at 10:05

Attendees: See sign-in sheet.

Visitors: NODEF - Ian

Secretary's Report

Minutes emailed. Motion to approve the minutes by KJ5KSE (Bill) and W5EEI (Ralph). No discussion. Approved.

Past President's Report: David Ham N6SIK

- I'm happy to hear we have 102 members. That's a lot of good people.
- There's a contest this weekend on 6m on 50.125.
- HDARC 2Nite – Try it, you'll like it at 7:30pm. Rob does a wonderful job at chairing the deal.
- David Ham: The new repeater --- 'never mind'...
Mike Smith: The repeater is at 442.75 & the call sign is David Clifford's daughter, Marit, call sign –KF5ZVY. He wanted to donate it to HDARC as a Youth Repeater. We've been given a UHF antenna for the tower. The FAA bldg on Sandia Crest has given us space & access. Russell is the antenna person & hopes to get it up in October. I don't know if it's going to be a dual, crossband. Don't know what all it's going to have. The equipment is new. Do we need to have an MOU for this generous gift. It isn't costing us anything. It has a 100 mile radius.
- Field Day – Not a lot of hands & that's sad. I've been a ham for 35yrs. The best memories we have surround Field Day. There's food, radios, people... David is going to field day with the Denver Amateur Radio Club as we're going to be up there.
- Fox & Hound – in San Diego was every Friday. It takes 28 days to effect change. I don't think we're going to do this every Friday.

VEC – Socorro is going to have a tour (Friday the 11th) and Saturday is a tailgate. Not much with VEC.

VP – Rio Rancho Parks & Rec would like for someone to come out & show kids.

East Mtn Group – Meeting this past Thurs. Lots going on. Took the Yagi from the build and are using it to search for noise. Thanks to the EMG for all your work. There were 18-20 people. We would like to start doing things together.

Elmers – MaryAnn presented Harvey Dove with the key! Harvey won the key for participating in the CW class. Techs can operate on other bands using CW. Still working on a CW net.

Newsletter –

Equipment Loans: Harvey Dove (K15YVY) – A monumental day! Antenna Analyzer is on loan!

Quartermaster:

Treasurer's Report – As of yesterday, 102 current members. \$12,332.84 is in the bank with about \$7,000 easily available.

Old Business:

1. Antenna build – 18 antennas build; they worked. Fox & Hound part was enjoyable.
2. We need to catch up on members for whom we don't have call signs.
3. Next workshop is July - LiPo battery build. Please sign up so we can have direct communications with you.
4. Our repeater experiment has a name now - HDARC 2Nite. It's gaining speed. Casual conversation. Starts at 19:30. Thanks to Rob for becoming the facilitator.
5. John (KJ5KUF) has agreed to be the control operator on one of our Saturday nets.
6. Field Day report by John. Location is Haynes Park in Rio Rancho. It's in front of Intel. Turn on 22nd or pull into the church parking lot on 19th. It's a nice field with an open area. People are bringing shelters. It's predicted to be mid-80s and overcast. Suggested an info center be set up by the pagoda. The Parks people are going to try & push people our way. Will have a GOTA (Get On The Air) station. Field Day is 28 Jun 2025 and it starts at noon. Parks & Rec is going to open the gates at 9am for set up, allowing us to drive onto the field for set up & then move to a parking area. Thanks to John for taking on the task. If you come out to help, please help. Let John know if you want to be the Safety Officer. If you like to operate from home, you operate Class D. Techs can operate on 6m & 2m. You don't have to be at Field Day all day. It doesn't have to be a full day commitment. Tear down at 4pm. Is there a monitoring frequency for 6m. It's 50.125. Digital it's on 50.313.
7. September Sun Spot Nat'l Solar Observatory... Capacity for 60 people. We're going to open it up to Caravan & the radio clubs in Alamogordo. There's a charge to get in, <\$10. Wonder if the Interagency Pass is accepted. Harvey Dove will ask.
8. Cynthia's been doing our canteen & would appreciate some relief. We need someone to bring in the supplies to do coffee 1x a month. If you're coming to the meeting, it's not a big job. Just swing through the donut shop on the way here.

New Business:

- Tailgate last Sunday in August, Aug 31 at a park. Tailgate & BBQ. Look at equipment that's for sale.
- Mike is helping to get presentations for the DCHF.
- Agenda item – monetary contribution to DCHF.
- Motion by Bob Uecker (KC5UKE) & 2nd by Don Gallegos (KI5PGI): That HDARC donate \$1500 to the Duke City Ham Fest.

Discussion: David Ham (N6SIK) is opposed to giving Duke City Ham Fest money. N9DCS (Don Shoemaker) suggested buying tickets & raffling them off. Last year's Ham Fest attendance was just short of 500. Mike Smith (KI5NBP), President, stated that a \$1500 donation would kill the club financially & suggested we could do \$500. Mike Chirin (NM5MC), Treasurer, was in agreement as the club has \$12K in bank, however, only \$7K is available. \$1500 would take a considerable chunk of those available funds. More discussion ensued. Both Mikes said HDARC could afford \$500. Gabriel likes the ticket idea. \$500 will buy 25 tickets. Bob Uecker withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Don Shoemaker (N9DCS) that the club purchase the equivalent of \$500 in registration tickets with the club to reimburse those who purchase a ticket. Details to be put in the next newsletter.
2nd by Dave Ham

Ed Poccia (KC2LM) suggested that the club take the \$500 and put it in the raffle bin for the top end radio. If the club wins, they can then sell it for a profit. After discussion, he withdrew his idea.

Vote on Don's motion: passed

- We need presenters for DCHF at Embassy Suites. Herb Goodluck (N7HG) is committed. Ed Poccia (KC2LM) is doing 2 and suggests you attend the seminar on EZ messaging. Mary Ann Cornutt (NS7X) will be presenting.

John Dodds (KJ5KUF) – new to club. As a tech, he's been trying to acquire equipment. He has been talking to Ed Fong (WB6IQN), professor at University of California, Santa Cruz. As part of Dr Fong's activities, his students build an antenna for a cost of about \$55 ea. Dr Fong is willing to offer the club a 10% discount, if the club would purchase "X" number of antennas. If he's able to do a club presentation, either in person or by Zoom, he'll give a 20% discount. It's to get \$ for his students. This is a dual band VHF-UHF antenna. If the club would match what I'm offering, we can do classes, maybe even a presentation at DCHF.

Dr Fong is willing to do a club presentation. If we did it here (Domingo Baca Center), we could test the newly built antennae in the courtyard. John Dodds is going to buy 10 antennae to give to the club. He sees the antennae as assets for the club to use. He said he'd even throw in the PVC pipe.

Ed Poccia – this set up can also be used for emerg comms. You can roll this antenna up & put it in your backpack. Can be used for ISS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

50/50: \$27 – KI5PGI – Don Gallegos

Tumbler & Patch: KI5PGI (Don Gallegos)

Next meeting on July 19th at 10am

Meeting adjourned – 12:00