



The High Desert Dispatch

**The WEEKLY PERIODICAL
FOR THE
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.**
"Celebrating over 20 years of service to the Amateur Radio Community and the General
Public as a non profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization"

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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

Spring is in full swing and so are we at HDARC. Our April activities schedule is blooming.

Remember to check in on the HDRC repeater at night between 1930 and 2100 local and QSO. Give it a try. More info. within.

We will be needing a volunteer to assume the duties of getting coffee and donuts for our monthly membership meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Cynthia Beiser, KJ5FMW has been in charge of these duties for over a year. She has done a wonderful job. Thank you Cynthia. The new volunteer would assume the duties for the June 2025 meeting. If you are interested please contact me.

I will be sending out a short survey to members in good standing sometime during April 2025 to provide feedback on current and future programming.

Here are some more important updates for this week:

The club calendar is now published through June 2025.

It is Adult STEAM Night at the National Museum of Science and History in Albuquerque. They have invited a team from our club to operate several Ham Radio stations from the event. Waiting on final confirmation from the Museum.

Session two (2) of the CW workshop six (6)session series will be this coming Saturday April 12, 2025. The location will be the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. Details within.

The SOTA workshop is this coming Saturday April 12, 2025. We have few seats left. Details within.

I will be the Net Controller for this Saturday's Statewide Chat Shack. I will be operating a mobile station from the SOTA Workshop in the parking lot of the Los Duranes Community Center in ABQ. Details within.

The NM RoadRunner Traffic Net needs a manager. More details inside.

This coming Saturday is the NM QSO Party. Elmer/Director MaryAnn NS7X has a few words to say about it in her section. More info. inside.

Don't forget about our Wednesday Noon Zoom Chat Room . This link is active through the end of 2025.

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73 Mike KI5NBP



THE SOUNDER SECTION

“To join together by pressure, fuse together for strength”

Club Repeaters and Simplex Frequencies

The Club has Two Repeaters, 442.750+ PL 162.2 on Sandia Crest and 145.370 - PL 162.2 in Edgewood. 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 TO NEW MEMBERS

Stephen Ortley
John Dodd

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

From The Elmer, NS7X

NM QSO Party

This Saturday, April 12, from 8 AM to 8 PM local time (1400Z to 0200Z Sunday), the annual New Mexico QSO Party will be activated. It's a great deal of fun for those who participate, especially if you are located in one of many rural counties in New Mexico. Here's how it works: There are a lot of hams in the U.S., and around the world, who are seeking the not-rare-but-elusive contact with New Mexico in order to qualify for their Worked All States (WAS) certificate. There are others who are seriously looking to confirm contact with all 33 counties in New Mexico—a much more difficult endeavor.

It's not really a contest. It's more of a—uh—well, QSO party pretty much sums it up. So, if you get a chance, find a local club that is participating and spend some time having fun with them. If you're ready to upgrade your license and your equipment to become active

on HF, working all fifty states is kind of like a rite of passage. You'll discover that every state in the U.S. has its own QSO party (although some clump themselves together) and the QSO parties which are held throughout the year are a great opportunity to work those elusive states (like Delaware) to earn your WAS. QSO parties are a part of our great ham radio tradition. I'm told they date back to the 1930s—back in the day when ham radio first developed its own identity. Back in the day when working all 48 states meant something. There's a reason they call it a party. Just sayin'

73 de MaryAnn, NS7X ns7x@arrl.net

Elmer MaryAnn has prepared several tutoring kits for new hams. These kits will be available at this coming Saturday's meeting. Thank you MaryAnn. If you know of someone wanting to become a ham or if you wish to upgrade, MaryAnn NS7X can be contacted through ns7x@arrl.net

ELMERS are defined as an experienced operator who takes someone under his or her wing, providing personal guidance and answers to the thousands of questions that confront a newbie. In our case it would include those wanting to upgrade.

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, Mike Chirin, NM5MC

5th Saturday, Open for a volunteer.

The next net is Saturday April 12, 2025 Your net controller is Mike KI5NBP. 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.

HDARC Repeater Use Experiment



John KJ5DSU had a question about why the HDARC repeater seems to transmit nothing but crickets anytime he happens to listen in and wants to strike up a conversation? Many of us have asked the same question. What was nice is that he also recommended a solution that is simple, costs no more money than we have already invested in our equipment, and is well within the capabilities of any one holding any of the three classes of licenses. Let's say if every member tried to monitor and exchange at least 1 night a month the repeater might not collect cobwebs.

Here is the proposal , on any night at 7:30 PM Local time tune *into 442.750+ PL 162.2 on Sandia Crest, the HDARC repeater and call in with your call sign and see if you can strike up a conversation.* This is not a NET. Just an attempt to get us to spend a few minutes to monitor the frequency and have a conversation with someone over our repeater. This will go on every night moving forward. Thanks John, great idea. Let's see what happens. So let's get those \$15.00 Baofengs fired up. I hope to talk to you tonight.

Manager needed for the NM Roadrunner Net

The NM Section of the ARRL is in need of a volunteer to manage the New Mexico Roadrunner Net. This is our only ARRL-sanctioned, National Traffic System network in NM. The manager doesn't have to check into the net (0100z every day) but makes sure to collect and report on the activity. He/she gets daily reports on check ins & announcements, formal and informal messages, etc. from the net control stations. The schedule is covered and little else needs to be done. To inquire contact n2gji@arrl.net

THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

CW Workshop Sessions April 5- May 10, 2025

Club Director and Elmer NS7X MaryAnn has agreed to conduct another series of weekly CW classroom sessions. *Session 2 of this 6 part series is April 12, 2025 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM and will meet every Saturday at the same time and place on Saturdays through May 10, 2025. That is six(6) sessions. You are required to attend all 6 sessions. The location of all six sessions is the North Domingo Baca Multi-Cultural Center 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113 in the community room.* The classroom sessions will be followed up with a multi week club CW contest starting in late May early June 2025.

Class 2	4/12/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 3	4/19/2025	9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Class 4	4/26/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 5	5/3/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 6	5/10/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM

SOTA (Summits on the Air) Workshop April 12, 2025



Carol Sugar K5TFL will lead a SOTA workshop this coming Saturday April 12, 2025. THE LOCATION IS THE City of Albuquerque LOS DURANES COMMUNITY CENTER 2920 Leopoldo NW, Albuquerque NM 87104. 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/crei/community-centers/los-duranes-community-center>

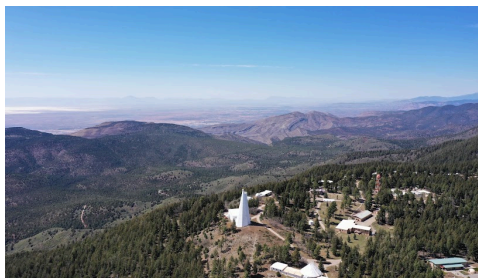
A date and location for a local activation will be decided at the workshop. *Any licensed HAMS who are interested in learning what SOTA is and directly experiencing an activation in the local area email hdarcpres@gmail.com to register. The class size will be limited to 25.*

Here is as listing of the callsigns that have registered to date:

KI5NBP AF5TT KJ5ICW KC2LM KG5ZRU N6SIK
N6TYT AG5UY WA5YUL KY5YK KE5DKJ KJ5DSU
WB9ZRE

If your callsign is missing please contact us at hdarcpres@gmail.com.

The aim of SOTA is to encourage licensed amateur radio operators to operate temporarily from mountainous locations using any method of travel including hiking, mountain climbing, and cycling while operating their amateur radio station from the summits of hills and mountains. In addition to getting operators out into the field the program encourages others to listen into the transmissions from these stations and send in reports.



National Solar Observatory
Sunspot NM
Hamming Around New Mexico
June 7, 2025

Here is another exciting “Hamming around New Mexico” opportunity. HDARC will be visiting “The National Solar Observatory” in Sunspot NM on Saturday June 7, 2025. We are scheduled for a private 2 hr behind the scenes tour and private presentation by Dr Sean Sellers, Astronomer at Sunspot. Sunspot NM is located in the Sacramento Mountains south of Cloudcroft NM in the Lincoln National Forest. Sunspot NM is 257 miles from Albuquerque. Google maps shows it would take 4 hours and 15 minutes by the fastest route. The schedule is being worked on. The intent is to have the tour and presentation in the Mid Afternoon. This would provide us a chance to operate on site in the morning for those arriving the night before. Accommodations are available in Ruidoso, Mescalero, and Alamogordo. Remember this is the summer time and these are big tourist towns. A big 73 to Marc KD6KR coordinating this event. [If you would like to attend please save a spot early and email me at \[hdarcpres@gmail.com\]\(mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com\)](#). The link to the Observatory is: <https://nso.edu>

The following callsign have registered to participate in this adventure:

KD6KR	KI5NBP	AG5UY	KI5NBP	N6SIK	N6TYT
KI5NBN	NM5MC	K5JVB	WA5YUL	N1NVK	KI5YIF
KJ5ICW	KJ5KMJ				

If your callsign does not appear above and you registered please email hdarcpres@gmail.com



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on April 17, 2025 at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. Start time is 11:30 AM. 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/>

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 five 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.

Club Calendar **April - June 2025** **SAVE THE DATES NEW**

April 2025

Wednesday April 2, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday April 5, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
K5JVG John is our net controller.**

Saturday April 5, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop
Session 1 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday April 9, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat
Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
KI5NBP Mike is our net controller.**

Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop
Session 2 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Saturday April 12, 2025 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: Summits On
The Air (SOTA) Workshop presented by Carol Sugars K5TFL.
Location: Los Duranes Community Center Albuquerque New
Mexico

Wednesday April 15, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Thursday April 17, 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 April 19, 2025 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presentation: “ Why aren't you contesting?” Presenter Bill Mader K8TE

V.E. Testing begins at Noon. See information under V.E. section of this newsletter.

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

Saturday April 19, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop
Session 3 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday April 22, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime
Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Saturday April 26, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
NM5MC Mike C. is our net controller.

Saturday April 26, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop
Session 4 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

May 2025

Saturday May 3, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club V .P. John K5JVG. is our net controller.

Saturday May 3, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop
Session 5 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday May 7, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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

Saturday May 10, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop Session 6 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday May 14, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Thursday May 15, 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.

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Saturday May 17, 2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: In Person Club Meeting and Event: “Fox Hunting and Building a VHF Band Tape Measure Directional Yagi Antenna for your HT” Presenter TBD (participants can build the antenna on site during the workshop if they wish. A foxhunt will take place immediately after the antenna is built. (A parts list will be published)

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

Wednesday May 21, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday May 24, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club Treasurer Mike C NM5MC is our net controller.

Wednesday May 21, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday May 31, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net controller TBD

June 2025

Wednesday June 4, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat
Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Saturday June 7, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club V .P. John K5JVG. is our net controller.

Saturday June 7, 2025 7:00 A.M - 7:00 PM: Hamming around
New Mexico. National Solar Observatory Tour and Lecture at
Sunspot NM.

Wednesday June 11, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime
Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Saturday June 14, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club President Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.**

Wednesday June 18, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime

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

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Thursday June 19, 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 June 21 ,2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: Monthly in

**person membership meeting. V.E. testing to follow at
11:30 AM. See VE testing section for testing info.**

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

Wednesday June 25, 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 June 28, 2025 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.: HDARC EVENT
2025 ARRL Field Day . Location TBD. Contact HDARC V.P.
John K5JVG Event coordinator for details.

Saturday June 28, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club Treasurer Mike C NM5MC is our net controller.

Future Scheduled Club Events

- June 2025 Sat. Comm Field Day
- May - June 2025 Club CW Morse Code Challenge
- August 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE
“Better DX Chasing
- Sept - Nov 2025 HDARC Club Home Brew Contest

Club Events in the Bull Pen (Not Scheduled Yet)

- POTA - Field Days
- Equipment Tailgate
- Hamming Around New Mexico
- Operating FT 8 Workshop
- Operating Winlink Workshop
- Las Cruces Space Festival /Spaceport America (Sept 2025)

- Portable Battery Box Workshop
- Club Test Equipment Workshops
- And more to come.....

V.E. Testing **(Scheduling Change)**

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 April 19, 2025.**

The testing schedule after the April 2025 session will be:

Saturday June 21, 2025
Saturday August 16, 2025
Saturday October 18, 2025
Saturday December 20, 2025

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.*

Available for Purchase from the club Inventory

More inventory to be listed soon

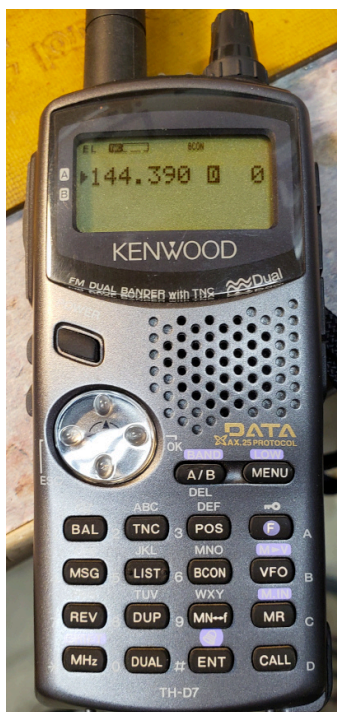
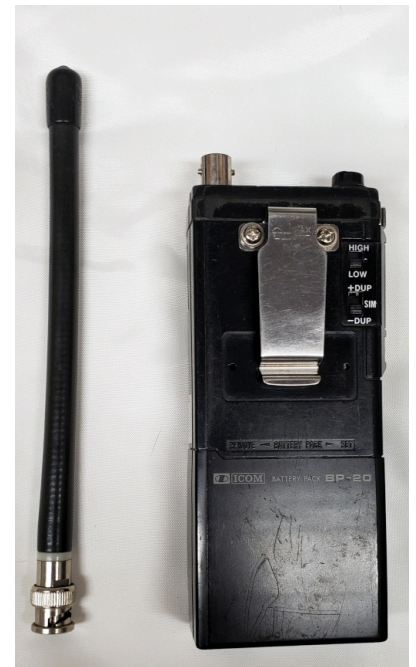


ICOM IC2A HT radio- 2 meter
only-works. Suggested Donation
\$40.00





ICOM IC-27A
2 Meter 50
Watts.
Missing to
snap in
plastic cover. Suggested
Donation \$50.00



Kenwood TH-D7A HT
radio. Dual band- missing
external charger.
Suggested Donation
\$250.00

CONCLUSION

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

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