

HIGH DESERT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 21 Feb 2026

Meeting called to Order at 10:03 with the Pledge of Allegiance

New Members & Visitors:

Andrew Cochran, been working in radio for 3-4 years with ARRL.
Jack, UNM Small Satellite Club, testing for a new tech
Elizabeth, UNM Small Satellite, new member
David, Small Satellite, testing for tech
Cameron, Small Satellite, testing for tech
Giovanni, new tech & HDARC 2Nite
Ron Brodigan, trying to sell an old piece of equipment
Kyle Bloodworth (KJ5LZB) – HDARC 2Nite

President's Comments:

We have a quorum. We've a presentation for the Small Satellite Program. Today's prize is a brand Baofang K5+ with trimmings and the last HDARC knit hat

Secretary's Report: January meeting minutes presented for discussion & acceptance.
Motion Ruth Ann, 2nd Rob Discussion

1. Correction on antenna - not 480 elements, probably 11 element.
2. Matheson name misspelled, not 2 T's.

New motion to accept Harvey Dove (KI5YVY), Steve Ortley (KJ5KNL) 2nd – Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

There's a total of \$10,310.93 and \$150 in PayPal.

Now have 72 current members and 134 shown as current from last year.

Old Business

- UNM Small Satellite Radios, 9 passed: Elizabeth (looking for an ARPS unit),
- Tower, Rotator, Antenna donated silent auction. 2 more towers donated. One that was blown down in the wind & they want someone to haul it off.
- Next Saturday, 28 Feb, is public STEAM event. Nuclear Museum. Be there at 8am for set up.
- Explora Museum still in the works
- MOU with Sandoval County Emergency Services. Theo (KJ5IBZ) is SCARES new president.
- Workshops: March 21 Ed Poccia new series on Baofang UV5R HT programming; May – build a tape measure antenna; submit suggestions for workshops
- Rocky Mountain Tech Fest is next Saturday, Feb 28.
- Next Dispatch is next Saturday, Feb 28.

- Mary Ann doing a CW training session on M, W, F – to teach how to handle formal traffic on CW and a class on CW.
- Bill Jackson bought the Kenwood radio.

BREAK – Restarted at 11:05

New Business

1. Silent Key donation – KE5TJ - Paul L Schmalt (next door to the Eaves Movie Ranch) - Radio & 30' free standing tower. It will come apart. Mounted in concrete. It will need a new base. No rotator, no antenna, couple of dipoles.
2. Roswell Air Races – Liz Eichert (KI5PGJ), a former member, contacted Gary, the President of the Pecos Valley ARC in Roswell about HDARC interest in the air races. Gary works for the Air Races in Communications... If this is to happen, you cannot operate. We may do something in conjunction with them. During the floods, they lost (Roswell) lost everything. Races are usually around Aug or Sept.
3. Repeater – We have temporary Echolink access thanks to Bob Henry (KD5MHQ). However, John Dodd reached out to Rocky Mtn Ham Club about possible internet access on top of the mountain and they are very happy to partner with us.
4. Meeting today with RMHC President, Rob Wright.
5. Rob thanked David Clifford WA6CCB for his donation. We are not allowed a key to the blockhouse for access to the equipment due to security. David mentioned that he daughter, Marit (KF5ZVY) got her license at 7 yrs of age. This repeater is in honor of her. David announces that he is going to buy for the club a Mototrbo used repeater which is compatible with all the functions: DStar, etc. Will probably be ordered this coming week. Motion to accept the generous contribution Gabriel (1st) and Bill Jackson 2nd Motion passed. Thank you Rose Clifford!
6. ARComm has offered HDARC a control box for \$500 to to update the repeater. A motion was made to accept the control box for \$500 and to remove \$500 from the repeater maintenance line item. Motion 1st –Mike Chirin 1st, 2nd Ken Ham - Motion passed

Also, there is going to be a Raspberry Pi computer at the control box running on Linux for EchoLink and All Star on Sandia Mountain courtesy of Bob Henry (KD5MHQ)

7. Election of officers
Slate Presented: Mike Smith as Pres; Elaine as VP; Mike Chinin as Treasurer; Don Shoemaker as Secretary; BOD – Mary Ann; Mark Matheson; Gary Surad;
Motion to accept the slate as presented – 1st Ken Ham; 2nd Rob – Motion passed
No discussion

Past President: Hamming Around NM – Putting together places to go & see. We'll start up in the Spring. Another plan is to have another transmitter hunt (Fox & Hound). Also looking to do POTA / SOTA things aka PotaPalooza three transmitters within a 150 mile radius all doing POTA.

BOD Election Results:

Ken Ham is the Chairman of the BOD for the next year.

Drawings

- Club giveaway winner: Mark Williams (KI5KAG)
- Steve Wageman (K5MAT) won the 50/50

Meeting adjourned at 11:40