



# NM5HD

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE  
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW  
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## Introduction from the President

Greetings!

We had another great meeting this past weekend. Thank you to all who attended and made it possible. A big thanks to Rob KI5NBN and Elaine KJ5ATL for their wonderful presentation on POTA. We took action to move forward into creating proposals for three action items, the club trailer renovation into a Communication Trailer, acquiring testing equipment that can be loaned out to members, and the live streaming and recording of club meetings.

Our Hamming Around New Mexico event is this Saturday. I hope to see many of you joining the fun. I have a new request going out to the membership today asking for ELMERS! There is more information about this request in the newsletter. This coming Thursday is the East Mountain Group Meeting. I look forward to attending this gathering.

I noticed this morning as I was reading my numerous news feeds, some national news about The ASK Academy. U.S. News and World Report ranked the Academy in the TOP 3 percent of all Public High Schools in the United States. There are approx 17,000 public high schools in the U.S. [Click here](#) to learn more. This is important to HDARC because we have a standing MOU to actively sponsor and grow their Ham Radio Club KJ5EEX to the

**point the Science of Ham Radio is embedded in their everyday curriculum.**

**Don't forget to join your fellow Hams on our Wednesday Noon Zoom CHAT room for lively discussions on current events in Amateur Radio.**

**I hope you all have a wonderful week and look forward to talking to you on The Chat Shack Net this coming Saturday morning and at our Hamming Around New Mexico event.**

**73 Mike KI5NBP**

## **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](http://www.nm5hd.org)

To become a club member go to [www.nm5hd.org](http://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!

## **Hamming Around New Mexico Event -Update!**

Our next exciting adventure is only a few days away on Saturday April 27th, 2024. The weather outlook according to the NWS ABQ for the area we are visiting is a typical spring day in NM. Cool morning, small chance of precip, and some wind, and cloudy. [Click here](#) for weather info.

Location: [Salinas Mission Pueblos](#). We will visit the Abo site and the Grand Quivera Site in that order.

Driving time: about 90 minutes from ABQ.

Time: 9 am into the afternoon

Lunch : in Mountainair or bring a pack lunch.

**The breakdown of the day from David and Becky:**

From the Big I travel south on I-25 just south of the airport to Rio Bravo Blvd SE. Head West one block and make a U-Turn at the traffic light, Broadway Blvd SE. After the U-Turn head East toward the freeway. Just before the freeway there will be a Maverik Fuel Station on your right. This is where we will gather.

The local frequency will be simplex, 146.460. We will also monitor the club repeater, 442.750, as we head to the meeting location.

It is about a one-hour drive from our meeting location to the ABO, so, for the best use of the day, we would like to depart at 9am from the Maverik.

**Make plans to arrive about 0845 so we can leave at 0900.**

If you are traveling on your own, the address for the ABO ruins is 69 Ruins Road, Mountainair, NM 87036.

After the ABO we will stop at Mountainair for lunch. After lunch we will travel south to the Gran Quivira, and we can tour there and set up radios to see who we can talk to! Should be a great day. Contact: Becky Ham, N6TYT for more information. Hope to see you all there!

## **REQUEST FOR ELMERS! -NEW**

We receive numerous requests every month from the general public wanting to become new hams and hams wanting to upgrade to general or advanced for guidance and coaching. Yul WA5YUL and I were talking recently and thought we could

explore having ELMERS from our club available for those requests. ELEMERS 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. At this point I am looking to see if we have members with a General or Advance license that would like to consider what this might look like. Please shoot me an email at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) if you wish to explore this opportunity.

## **Club Calendar - April-July SAVE THE DATES**

**UPDATED**

**APRIL 2024**

**Wednesday April 24, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>**

**Thursday April 25, 2004 HDARC - East Mountain Group Meeting 11:30 AM. Little Mama's Restaurant (Formerly Katrinas) 505-281-4050 150 NM-344 Edgewood, NM 87015. For more info [click here.](#)**

**Saturday April 27, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**  
Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

## **MAY 2024**

**Wednesday May 1, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday May 4, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.** John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday May 8, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday May 11, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**  
Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday May 17, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday May 18th, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.**

The presenter is Gerry Jurrens N2GJ NM ARRL Section Traffic Manager.

The topic is "Ham Radio Traffic Handling & the National Traffic System.". Also a HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information

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

**Wednesday May 22, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>



**Saturday May 25, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD**

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday May 29, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**June 2024**

**Saturday June 1, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD**

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday June 5, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday June 8, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD**

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Saturday, June 8, 2024 HDARC East Mountain Group - Edgewood Car Show Ham Radio Demonstration. More info. Coming soon.**

**Wednesday June 12, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>**

**Saturday June 15th, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing. Club Recognition Awards & Prep Briefing for ARRL Field Day - HDARC Event & HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information**

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

**Wednesday June 19, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>**

**Saturday June 22, 2024 [ARRL Field Day](#) HDARC Event.**

Location: North Domingo Baca Park Pavillion. Save the date and join us. [Click here](#) for more Info.

**Saturday June 22, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD**

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday June 26, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday June 29, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD**

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Mike S. KI5NBP will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**July 2024**

**Wednesday July 3, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday July 6, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET** on the MEGA Link NM5ML. John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Saturday July 6, 2024 HDARC East Mountain Group** - Town of Edgewood Ham Radio Demonstration. More info. coming soon.

**Wednesday July 10, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday July 13, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET** on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday July 17, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

**Saturday July 20, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.**

**Presenter: Rocky Mountain Ham Radio of New Mexico, Presenters TBA. Multi-State Independent Microwave Network Project. HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information**

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

**Wednesday July 24, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>**

**Saturday July 27, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.** Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

**Wednesday July 31, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room.** Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>**

## Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

Until further notice the Saturday 10am CHAT SHACK NET will use the 444.325 + PL 100 on Sandia Crest in order to access the MegaLink system. As of the time of the publishing of this newsletter according to <http://nm5ml.com> the 145.290 Sandia repeater is still offline.

### NM5HD Net Controllers:

1st Saturday, John Gleeson, K5JVG

2nd Saturday, Wes Jones, NM5WJ

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

4th Saturday, Michael Chirin, NM5MC

5th Saturday, (when needed) Open for a volunteer. Backfilled by Mike Smith, KI5NBP until a volunteer is assigned.

### V.E. Testing

The Institute of HAM Radio Sciences conducts free V.E. testing session at NOON on the 3rd Saturday, of every month 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](http://www.nm5hd.org). For more information contact Yul Bratcher at his email, [yul.bratcher@att.net](mailto:yul.bratcher@att.net)

**HDARC East Mountain Group-Update**

**THIS THURSDAY!**

The next meeting / lunch for the HDARC East Mountain Group is Thursday, 25 April 2024 1130AM (NEW MEETING LOCATION) - Little Mama's Restaurant (Formerly Katrinas)

505-281-4050

150 NM-344

Edgewood, NM 87015

This is a casual get together. All past, present and future ham operators are welcome!

Saturday, 8 June - Edgewood Car Show Ham Radio Demonstration

Saturday, 6 July - Town of Edgewood Ham Radio Demonstration

For more information [click here](#).

**ARRL 2024 Field Day HDARC Event June 22,**  
**2024-NEW**

Our club will be participating in Field Day this year. We have secured a permit from the City of Albuquerque to utilize the North Domingo Park Pavilion near the Dog Park to set up operations from 9:00 AM till 6:00PM On Saturday June 22, 2024. This is the same area we operated last year. Save the date. As we had during the 2024 Winter Field, we are considering the option to operate from multiple sites in the metropolitan area. More information to follow soon. To learn more about the 2024 ARRL Field Day [Click Here](#).

**Duke City Hamfest (DCHF) “Call for Presentations”**

The 2024 DCHF website is live and now accepting registration for the Sept,20-22, 2024 event in Albuquerque NM. The HDARC is a sponsor of this event. Visit the website [dukecityhamfest.org](http://dukecityhamfest.org) for more information.

The 2024 DCHF has announced a ["CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS"](#). If you have a passion for a particular subject related to Amateur Radio, here is your opportunity to share it with the HAM community. These forum presentations are no more than 50 minutes in length. Click on this link ["CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS"](#) to learn more. The **SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE is APRIL 30, 2024.** If you have questions



about presenting at a forum contact me directly at 505-401-0219 or at [ki5nbp.mike.smith@gmail.com](mailto:ki5nbp.mike.smith@gmail.com).

### Test Equipment for Members-New

Harvey KI5YVY made a pitch to the club this past Saturday on looking into the club purchasing some of the higher end testing equipment that we use as Hams for testing out our equipment and antennas. The purpose would be to loan this equipment to members when needed on a short term basis. The club approved us to move forward to create a proposal at this past Saturday's meeting. I will get with Harvey and begin this process. Thank you Harvey for bringing this suggestion forward.

### HDARC By-Law Review Progress Report-Update

#### **New Milestone Dates**

Your club officers have begun the review of the current set of organizational by-laws. The goal is to have recommendations to the Board of Directors by Mid April 2024 for their review, comments and possible action. If action is taken, the new recommendations will be sent to the membership by email for review by mid May 2024. A portion of the June 15, 2024 in person club meeting will be set aside for the membership to ask questions, recommend modifications, and possibly ratify what the Board of Director approved with amendments if needed. To review the current by-laws [CLICK HERE](#).

## **HDARC CLUB TRAILER -Update**

This past Saturday the membership approved to move forward on creating a proposal to modify the club trailer as a communications trailer. I am looking for suggestions from our membership. Leadership will move forward on putting together a proposal to bring to the membership over the next 30-60 days. Please email me with your suggestions at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com).

## **Live Streaming HDARC Monthly Meeting on ZOOM-NEW**

This past Saturday the membership approved to move forward on developing a proposal from the leadership team to live stream and record our monthly meetings and presentations. I hope to submit a proposal to the membership within 30 - 60 days.

## **CONCLUSION**

Check the club's website often, there are interesting things being added weekly. [www.nm5hd.org](http://www.nm5hd.org)

I want to thank the club's COB, Kenneth Ham, AG5UY, for maintaining the website. Thank Yul, WA5YUL and V.E. team for what they do to provide free testing to the public. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this newsletters.

**I look forward to hearing from you on the CHAT Shack Net or seeing you at Hamming Around NM this Saturday! Feel free to reach out to me anytime at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com).**

**If you wish to add content to the weekly newsletter the deadline for submission is Monday preceding the Wednesday publication date.**

**73 Mike**

**Michael R. Smith, KI5NBP, President HDARC  
The High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico, Inc.**