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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

Over the last few weeks, I have been reformatting this publication with the objectives of a cleaner look for the reader and a smaller file size seeing the Gmail limits us. I hope you find this format easier to obtain and read. We have a lot of exciting things happening to HDARC. From new repeater installs, expanded digital net capabilities, working with other clubs and nonprofits to offer ways for you to expand your capabilities as a HAM.

Several action items took place at the March membership meeting. You passed a action to change the club call sign trustee, we decided to participate in World HAM Radio Day as a club sponsoring an open house to the public, David Clifford WA6CCB gifted the club a upgraded repeater from the previous one he donated, and I announced that we will begin looking at what we can do to make our business systems work more efficiently. I want to send my sincerest appreciation to Ed Poccia KC2LM for his workshop on Field Programming a BAOFENG UV5-R that he conducted for us after the meeting. Ed reached out to me after the meeting and has another fascinating workshop coming to us soon. The next workshop is an antenna build scheduled for May 16, 2026 during the May Membership Meeting. Club Quartermaster Rob K5NBN will be leading us in his HF Tape Measure Antenna Build. A parts list will be coming out soon.

We have several members who contributed articles. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. Thank you MaryAnn NS7X, John KJ5KUF, and Elaine KJ5ATL for being contributors.

I am glad to see our nets are active, our members are motivated, and our events are well attended. We are now soliciting articles and web links of particular interest for the next edition, please submit to myself or Vice President Elaine. I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter.

73 Mike K15NBP



THE SOUNDER SECTION

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies

The Club operates on the HDARC Repeater 443.750+ PL 100 on the Sandia Crest. This repeater is dedicated to the memory of Marit Clifford KF5ZVY/SK.

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 American Radio Relay League (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 several educational programs and sponsors emergency communications services throughout the country. HDARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club and an ARRL Special Service Club. We encourage you to join. Click on this link: <https://www.arrl.org/membership>



Welcome NEW HDARC Members



John Thompson - KI5ZQK

Keith Fulton

Chantel Flores - KG5OCI

Zacary Wilson-Fetrow - AJ5AO

Jordan Wheatley - KJ5MUH

David Hunt - KI5BAE

Zak Carris - NM5RF

Hope Curtis - KI5ELU

Grace Serenko - AI5LI

New Member Orientation

Hello to all new HDARC Members! Please join me for a quick introduction to HDARC and all we have to offer! Just click on the link below to join. If you don't have the ability to use Zoom, you can call in at one of the numbers listed below.

Topic: HDARC New Member Orientation

Time: Apr 15, 2026 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84816165190?pwd=1mCQStSmfAdFtR0uW4lsbtWutCRLn.>

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Meeting ID: 848 1616 5190

Passcode: 072886



THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect”

A Tribute to Marit Clifford KF5ZVY/SK



By Elaine Summerhill - HDARC Secretary and Co-Editor

The recent addition of the HDARC repeater on top of Sandia Mountain would not & could not have taken place without David Clifford WA6CCB wanting to establish a memorial for his granddaughter, Marit Clifford. Marit was the youngest person to get her Ham license in this area. She got her Tech license at 7

years old, 2 months shy of her 8th birthday, in Jan 2014. She was also a net controller for a youth net. From speaking with David, Marit was bright, beautiful, loving, and compassionate. She loved old movies, especially ones with Audrey Hepburn. Her life was full of potential. Sadly, it was cut too short. High Desert Amateur Radio Club is honored to memorialize Marit’s life. Thank you to her grandfather David Clifford for entrusting us with her memory. In the upcoming months the club will be honoring her in different ways.

From the Elmer NS7X – HAMCLOCK



Elwood Downey, WBØOEW, became a silent key on January 29, 2026. Most of us have never heard of him, yet many of us use his invention daily. He was the developer of the HamClock. When word got out that he had died, we also were informed that HamClock would no longer be functional as of June 2026. The HamClock crowd have been hoping that some knowledgeable and competent ham would step up and take on the challenge of developing a replacement HamClock before the June deadline.

The good news is that there are hams working on the project. It would seem that HamClock will remain extant for all of us who have been addicted to its presence in our shacks. So far, it looks as though there are two major competitors to replace the original HamClock.

The first, hamclock.com (run by Bruce, W4BAE), is already operational and is very similar to the original HamClock. If you’re an Inovato user, it even has the same password your Inovato came with. Its set-up is user friendly, and free, although PayPal donations are requested to cover hosting costs. For more information, go to hamclock.com and the Inovato forum. The



second, Open HamClock Backend (OHB) is a bit like the re-invention of the mousetrap with a few additional bells and whistles. It also is free and is open sourced.

Alas and alack, all is not well in paradise. There is some indication that's there's a bit of squabbling between the two factions. Perhaps a year from now, it'll all come out in the wash. Although we're sad that Elwood will no longer be with us, the good news is, by this time next year, we should be back to enjoying our station HamClocks, just like we have in years past.

(Thanks to Grok AI for the research assistance.)

Meet Wayne Fussel... By Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL



Please meet the New Mexico, Parks on the Air, Mapping Rep, Wayne Fussel (N3CDF). I've been corresponding with Wayne by way of Facebook, where he administers the New Mexico Parks on the Air page.

I asked him, "How did you get involved in POTA?"

Here is his story...

"My journey into Parks on the Air (POTA) began as it does for many: as a Hunter. In December 2018, as a newly licensed General, the POTA concepts seemed simple and addictive—grab a radio, antenna and a battery, find a park, and wait for the pileups to begin.

For the first eighteen months, I stayed on the hunting side of the exchange. That changed on May 11, 2020, when I headed out for my first activation with a Yaesu FT-891 and a Wolf River Coil. I logged 23 contacts that day, and I was officially hooked.



My passion eventually shifted toward the infrastructure of the program. After reaching out to the North Carolina Map Representative with suggestions for new locations, he suggested I take over the role myself. I accepted the challenge, remapping the entire state and adding nearly a hundred new parks to the database. At the time, all updates had to be funneled through a central representative, but I stayed the course, eventually turning my sights to Georgia to provide the same comprehensive remapping. Once both states were modernized, I handed the reins over to their current representatives.

Around June 2024, my focus shifted to New Mexico. While planning a trip there, I realized many eligible areas were missing from the POTA database. I contacted the NM Map Representative, who was happy to pass the torch to me. This coincided with a pivotal POTA update that allowed Map Reps to create parks directly within their systems. I worked tirelessly, day and night, to populate the map with as many new references as possible before my arrival, remapping the entire state along with updated pin placement. Since then, I have returned to the Land of Enchantment four times to activate parks, but I always felt the pull to go back for a dedicated radio expedition.



The turning point came in late 2025 during dinner with a fellow ham, KE2ET. As we discussed POTA, my wife made a suggestion that changed everything: Larry (KE2ET) and I should head out to New Mexico for a full-scale radio expedition. The game was on.

We began planning immediately. Our departure was set for April 2, 2026, from Blairsville Georgia, with a scheduled arrival in Roswell on the afternoon of the 3rd. For a trip of this magnitude, preparation is paramount; we've verified every piece of gear and established redundant backup plans to handle any equipment failure.

Route planning has been our greatest challenge. We've meticulously mapped our path to ensure maximum efficiency, aiming to activate as many parks as possible. We anticipate nine to ten days of operating in-state, followed by a three-day journey back home.

This trip represents more than just a series of activations; it's the culmination of years spent mapping these very coordinates from a computer screen. Transitioning from the person who put these parks on the map to the one finally keying up within their boundaries is a full-circle moment I've been anticipating for years.



Figure 1- Larry (left) & Wayne



With the equipment packed, and a reliable partner in Larry (KE2ET) by my side, we're ready to see how the New Mexico airwaves treat us. Whether the bands are wide open or the solar flux tests our patience, the goal remains the same: to share the "Land of Enchantment" with the rest of the POTA community, one contact at a time.

Roswell, we'll see you on the air."

INTERCEPTED ALIEN TRANSMISSION



New Mexico Pota Rove

April 02-08, 2026

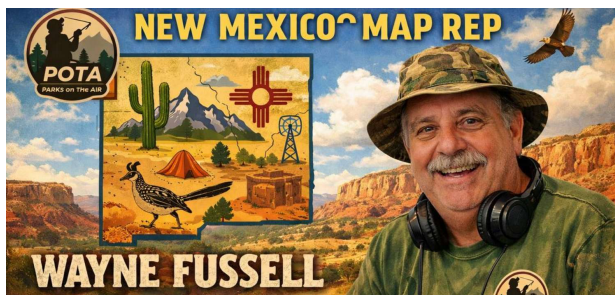
SOURCE: Unknown Desert Location

DESTINATION: Earth Amateur Radio Operators

CLASSIFICATION: POTA PRIORITY SIGNAL

I hope to meet up with Wayne & Larry to do an activation here in New Mexico or even just meet somewhere for a cup of coffee. I love his "Mission Objectives" for his New Mexico Rove...

- Activate as many parks as possible
- Spread RF across the continent
- Consume authorized quantities of green and red Chile energy units
- Avoid roadrunners, coyotes, and unidentified aerial phenomena and MIB Agents



If you're interested in POTA, you should check out the New Mexico Parks on the Air Facebook page and rag chew with Wayne. He's really looking forward to his trip out this way. I think we, the ham radio community & the members of HDARC, can help him have a mighty good time.

73... Elaine (KJ5ATL)

NOTE: At this time, there is no tentative listing of parks to be activated or on which days. It's going to be catch as catch can.



So, What's AllStar? Submitted by John KJ5KUF

With all the talk that's going on now in Club and HDARC 2 Night, I thought it might be a good time to talk about AllStarLink and the Club's goal of adding to our 443.75MZ repeater upgrade. If you visit Allstarlink.org you will find this introduction to AllStarLink (or what is usually shortened to AllStar):



AllStarLink is a network of Amateur Radio repeaters, remote base stations and hot spots accessible to each other via Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). AllStarLink runs on a dedicated computer (like a Raspberry Pi) that you host at your home, radio site or computer center. It is based on the open-source Asterisk PBX running the `appt_rpt` (or ASL 3) application. ASL 3 provides linking of radio "nodes" to other systems of similar construction anywhere in the world via VoIP.

Also, AllStar provides imbedded connectivity to EchoLink and other communication services. Here is a simple diagram of AllStar connectivity. In the case of HDARC usage, you will be able to talk on your own node (if you have one) or through HF to the repeater and access this world-wide link. You really don't have to do anything beyond what you are already doing; just chat away to the repeater and the rest is taken care of for you "by the man behind the curtain".

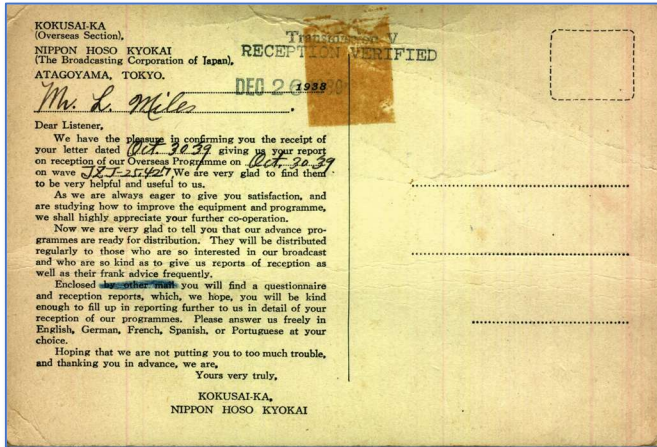
Oh, but what fun and discovery await you on AllStar! I had the chance to build my own AllStar node and reach out to a new friend of mine in Western Australia. His name is Peter Miles, and you may have seen him mentioned in a past HDARC Dispatch article "Life in Balun".



Peter is a retired communications worker and lives near Perth Australia. Here's a picture of him in his pole climbing days. He also sent me a Shortwave Listener (SWL) QSL card that was passed on to him by his grandfather (front and back shown). You can see in the card (circa 1939) that the radio sport runs deep in his family and with the folks "Downunder". We're hoping to get a Club broader chat going with Peter when we finish



the repeater upgrade (along with its AllStar enhancement), so that all of us will be able to make his acquaintance.





ARRL Joins America250 as a Supporting Partner for the Nation's 250th Anniversary

<https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-joins-america250-as-a-supporting-partner-for-the-nation-s-250th-anniversary>

WP2H Radio Internet Radio Station for HAMS. Live DJ's are HAM's . Programming 24/7 classic Rock and Oldies with HAM Radio Programs. Show like" This week in HAM Radio", "ARRL Weekly News", ARES Nets during Storm Activations

<https://W2PHRadio.com>

THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

"Reaching out to each other through the art of verbal dialogue"

HDARC Nets

Saturday Statewide Chat Shack Net 1000 hours local Mega Link System



Saturday 10 A.M. STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET will use the 444.325 + PL 100 and the 145.290 - PL100 on Sandia Crest to access the Mega Link system for the greater ABQ area. Other frequencies are available statewide at

<http://www.nm5ml.com/> .

Net Controllers for this Net are:

1st Saturday: Open for Guest Net Controller

2nd Saturday: Club President Mike KI5NBP

3rd Saturday: NO NET

4th Saturday: Club Board Director John KJ5KUF

5th Saturday (When needed): Jean KG5ZRU

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.

Please consider trying the Net Controller experience. Contact hdarcpres@gmail.org if you are interested. You will be mentored and try it once to see if you like it. No commitment.



HDARC - 2 - Nite



“HDARC 2 Nite.” operates seven (7) nights a week at 7:30 PM local (Zulu) on the HDARC Repeater 443.750+ PL 100 located on the Sandia Crest. This is a casual net. Come join local HAM’S and our HAM friends from around the globe that join nightly through ECHO-LINK (KD5MHQ/R) for a lively discussion on all things HAM. The hour or so goes by quick and always ends with the ‘Question of the Nite’. There are great exchanges happening, come join the conversations and camaraderie.

New Mexico Training Net (NMTN)- CW



The New Mexico Training Net (NMTN)- CW meets on the HDARC repeater (443.75 + 5 MHz, 100 Hz pl) at 1830 hours local (0030 Z) on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, local time at least until the time change next month when it will accommodate the Roadrunner Net schedule.

This training net is led by MaryAnn NS7X in hopes that the "Training Net" evolves into a traffic net and eventually will be moved to 80 meters as the NM CW section traffic net. When the NMTN picks up formal traffic, it can be fed into the Roadrunner Net.

QRPy’s Smoke Shop Net

Thursdays @ 1730 local on the HDARC repeater 443.750 +PL 100. Discussions on all things QRP operations and homebrew and much more.

BRAVO SIERRA SIMPLEX NET

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net. Every Friday Evening at 1930 local time on Simplex 146.550 VHF. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun.

Wednesday NOON Time Virtual ZOOM Chat Sessions

Join fellow Hams for a casual conversation via ZOOM every Wednesday at noon. All Hams are welcome. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1>

pass code 737373



Other Area Nets of Interest:

Sandoval County ARES Net

The Sandoval County ARES net meets every Monday Evening at 1930 hours except for the third (3rd) Monday of the Month. Any licensed Amateur Radio operator is invited to check into this net. For frequencies click on this link <https://nmscares.org/repeaters/>

Senior Citizens and Travelers (SCAT) Net

The Caravan Club this net Monday through Friday at 0700 hours local on their repeater 143.33 - 100 and 440.000 +100 linked. All Amateur Radio Operators are welcome to join this Net.

Rusty's Raiders Net

This net operates Monday through Friday at 0845 hours local on the Upper Rio Repeaters 146.96 -100, 146.94 - 100 and 442.450 +67 all linked.

If you know of an area net not listed, please submit it to hdarcpres@gmail.com

THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

[443.750 + PL100 Repeater-NEW The Club 440 repeater NM5HD/R](#)

At our March 21, 2026, General membership Meeting, we received possession of the Mototrbo Digital Two-Way repeater that HDARC member David Clifford WA6CCB purchased for the club to replace the repeater he previously donated. The New ARCON control box that the club purchased was delivered this week. HDARC Quartermaster Rob K5NBN, who leads our Repeater team, has Bob KD6MHQ putting the units through their preliminary testing with David WA6CCB. Mark KJ5ITL has been developing our LINUX and WINDOWS machines for ECHO LINK and ALLSTAR access with the new repeater and is awaiting internet access in the repeater house. HDARC Pres. Mike KI5NBP and BOD Director John KJ5KUF have secured an agreement with Rocky Mountain Ham Radio of NM Pres. Brian N5ZGT to share their internet access in the repeater house until a time we secure our own access. A big 73 to RMHR.

The Repeater team will be meeting within a week to map out the programming, installation and go live process for the launch of the new system. More to come.



Thank you David Clifford (WA6CCB) for the donation of another repeater. As a Club and as HAMS we will always honor the memory of Marit KF5ZVY/SK.

WORLD RADIO DAY April 18, 2026- HDARC Open House Event



From ARRL.com

What: Ham Radio Open House for World Amateur Radio Day 2026

Who: All amateur radio operators worldwide

When: WARD is Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 0000 UTC until Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 0000 UTC but the Ham Radio Open House can be held any time in April, as works best for your local club.

Where: A global event covering all regions of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)

Why: World Amateur Radio Day, held on April 18 each year, is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations which are organized as member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Co-Founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president.

HDARC will be participating in this event. April 18, 2026, is our Monthly Live meeting with testing. Simultaneously we will be setting up an open house for the public from 1300 to 1700 hours. We will be setting up a booth with a live station at the WHEELS Museum located in the rail yards in downtown Albuquerque during their open house which is scheduled on the same day anticipated to attract 1000's of visitors. Please come and visit, the address is 1100 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. If you would like to participate, please contact Mike KI5NBP at hdarcpres.org.



QRPy's Smoke Shop Update

Submitted by John KJ5KUF

Super news, QRPies! We've now had three meetings of the Smoke Shop on the HDARC repeater, with many new members joining the fray. On Thursday, we talked about QRP radios and tuning. Bob KD5MHQ pointed us in the direction of the G5RV antenna, invented by a Brit in 1946 and discussed at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G5RV_antenna. Steve KJ5KNL told us about his 10-meter and multi-band HF antenna exploits in his backyard. I've been working on a multi-band coil JPC-12 with a NanoVNA tuner, getting ready for the Scout Camporee in Edgewood NM on 25 April. Please see Tom AF5TT's announcement in this newsletter. Many more chats and activities are on the horizon in the Smoke Shop to include: SOTA vs POTA, QMX Build Kits, Can I Really Make a QRP Antenna out of a Jiffy Lube Flag?, and Neat-O Stuff at <https://www.qrpkits.com>. Rumor also has it that QRPy might be travelling up to Arches National Park UT for some POTA fun. We sure hope Mike KI5NBP can make a sighting! As always, everyone is welcome to join QRPy's Smoke Shop every Thursday at 5:30p on the HDARC repeater (433.75MHz +PL 100). We'll see you then!



THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

“a relationship in which a person, thing, or idea is linked or associated with something else.”

Edgewood Troop 640 will be hosting the Scouts BSA High Desert Council's Spring Camporee. HDARC TO SPONSOR HAM RADIO BOOTH

Edgewood Troop 640 will be hosting the Scouts BSA High Desert Council's Spring Camporee on Saturday, April 25 at the Wildlife West Nature Park in Edgewood. Several HDARC Hams will be participating at an outdoor ham radio booth to introduce Scouts and leaders to a wide variety of ham radio activities and potentially generate some interest in the Radio Merit Badge as well as getting licensed and involved. Several ham radio technologies will be demonstrated, including FM simplex and repeaters, DMR, FT8 and other digital modes, HF (SSB and CW), QRP, EmComm and SOTA/POTA. Setup will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the event running from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome, but they will need to stop at the check-in booth to receive a wristband (admission is free). If you have any questions or you would like to help with the booth, please contact Tom Tarman, AF5TT at ttarman1@gmail.com



HDARC WINGS Spring Radio Event with the CAF Lobo Wing May 9, 2026



<https://www.nm5hd.org>

<https://www.lobowing.org>

Join us on May 9, 2026 at Hangar 80 Moriarty NM Airport for a HDARC Field Day Event with the LOBO Wing.

Enjoy making contact over the radio and in person. Tour the Hangar and see the Airplane builds in progress. Enjoy a burger and visit with each other. Contact HDARC Board Director John KJ5KUF for more information.

CW Training- Begins June 6, 2027



Club Elmer and BOD Director will be conducting CW training for wanting to begin learning or to improve from their current level starting Saturday June 6, 2026. There will be 6 sessions meeting on Saturday morning from 0900 to 1100 hours for 6 consecutive weeks. The location is currently set for the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. If you think you might be interested contact MaryAnn on HDARC 2 Night most evenings at 1930 hours on the HDARC repeater on Sandia Crest 443.750 + PL100.

The WHEELS Museum – HDARC visit with their leadership



HDARC leadership was contacted by the President of the WHEELS Museum, Leba Freed, to have a discussion on how HDARC and the WHEELS museum could collaborate. On Wednesday March 29, 2026, HDARC Pres. Mike, VP Elaine, BOD Director John, and

Quartermaster Rob, met with Leba and their Director of Org. Development, Elizabeth. We had an in-depth tour of the massive facility to include what happens behind the scenes. We also heard of their plans for the redevelopment of the Albuquerque Railyards. They offered us the



use of their space inside and out for club activities and meetings. They also would like us to develop a presentation on HAM Radio for their membership, which is in the thousands. We toured their communication room exhibit which featured radiograms, a selection of CW keys, and other radio equipment. We are scheduled to have further discussions and look forward to a growing relationship with The WHEELS Museum. More to come.

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 several 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).



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



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



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP



The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on Thursday May 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM at Chile Hills Restaurant located at 1805 U.S. Rte. 66 Moriarty, NM 87035

Club Calendar April 2026- May 2026 SAVE THE DATE

April 2026

- All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs.: “HDARC 2 Night” casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- The New Mexico Training Net (NMTN)- CW meets on the HDARC repeater (443.75 + 5 MHz, 100 Hz pl) at 1830 hours (0030 Zulu) local on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, local time.
- Wednesday April 8, 2026 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 April 9, 2026 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy’s Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Friday April 10, 2026 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday April 11, 2026 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. The Net controller is Mike KI5NB.
- Wednesday April 15, 2026 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
- Wednesday April 15, 2026 7:00 PM: Virtual New Member Orientation via ZOOM.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84816165190?pwd=1mCQStSmfAdFtR0uW4IsbtWutCRLIn.1>
- Thursday April 16, 2026 11:00 A.M.: East Mountain Group Luncheon at Chili Hills Restaurant ,1805 Rt. 66 WEST Moriarty, NM 505.832.5458
<https://www.chilihillsmoriarty.com/>
- Thursday April 16, 2026 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy’s Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100



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- Friday April 17, 2026 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday April 18, 2026, 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: HDARC April In-Person General Membership Meeting.
 - 9:00 A.M. New Member Orientation
 - 10:00 A.M. General Membership Meeting
 - 11:45 A.M. VE Testing
- Saturday April 18, 2026, 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.: WORLD HAM RADIO DAY - HDARC open house - WHEELS Museum 1100 2nd St SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 ·
- Wednesday April 22, 2026 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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- Thursday April 23, 2026 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Friday April 24, 2026, 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday April 25, 2026, 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. The Net controller is John KJ5KUF.
- Wednesday April 29, 2026 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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- Thursday April 30, 2026, 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100

May 2026

- All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs.: "HDARC 2 Night" casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- The New Mexico Training Net (NMTN)- CW meets on the HDARC repeater (443.75 + 5 MHz, 100 Hz pl) at 1830 hours (0030 Zulu) local on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, local time.
- Friday May 1, 2026 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday May 2, 2026, 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBA



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- Wednesday May 6, 2026 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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- Thursday May 7, 2026, 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Friday May 8, 2026, 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday May 9, 2026, 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. The Net controller is Mike KI5NBP
- Saturday May 9, 2026: 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.: HDARC Hamming Around NM Field Day Lobo Wing CAF Hangar 80 Moriarty Airport Moriarty N.M.
- Wednesday May 13, 2026, 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 May 14, 2026, 11:00 A.M.: East Mountain Group Luncheon at Chili Hills Restaurant ,1805 Rt. 66 WEST Moriarty, NM 505.832.5458
<https://www.chilihillsmoriarty.com/>
- Thursday May 14, 2026, 5:30 PM: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Friday May 15, 2026 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday May 16, 2026 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: HDARC May Person General Membership Meeting and Workshop.
 - 10:00 A.M. General Membership Meeting
 - 11:45 A.M. Tape Measure HF Antenna Build - Rob K5NBN
- Wednesday May 20, 2026, 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 May 21, 2026, 5:30 PM: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Friday May 22, 2026, 7:30 P.M.: HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net. Simplex 146.550 VHF.
- Saturday May 23, 2026, 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. The Net controller is John KJ5KUF.



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- Wednesday May 27, 2026 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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PIN 737373
- Thursday May 28, 2026, 5:30 P.M.: HDARC QRPy's Smoke Shop Net HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100
- Saturday May 30, 2026 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. The Net controller is Jean KG5ZRU

Future Scheduled Club Events

- April 18, 2026: ARRL Club Open House
- May 9, 2026 HDARC Field day Lobo Wing CAF Hangar 80
- May 16 2026 Workshop/Build: HT Tape Measure Antenna by Rob K5NBN
- Jan. 2027 Homebrew Contest

Club Events in the Bull Pen (Not Scheduled Yet)

- POTA - Field Days /POTA Peloza
- HF QRP Field Days
- CW Workshop
- Dr Fong Antenna / QRP Zoom Webinar
- Basic Soldering Workshop
- Hamming Around New Mexico
- Operating FT 8 Workshop
- Operating Winlink Workshop
- Club Test Equipment Workshops
- EmComm Workshop
- Antenna Build Workshops
- Foxhunt Field Day
- Summer BBQ and Field Day in the Manzanos
- Spaceport USA Special Event Field Day (Upham NM)
- National Championship Air Races Field Day (Roswell NM)
- 2026 Holiday Party Dec 2026
- Understand what Prepping really means
- Homebrew Octopus /Spider Base for Multiple Ham Stikes



V.E. Testing

HDARC is the sponsor of the Institute of HAM Radio Sciences, which conducts free V.E. testing sessions on behalf of HDARC at 11:30 on the 3rd Saturday of February, 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.

The next testing dates for 2026 are:

- April 18, 2026
- June 20, 2026
- August 15, 2026
- October 17, 2026
- December 19, 2026



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 classifieds 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, dynomutt@reagan.com, if you are interested. Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory as needed.

Radio for sale ICOM-7200

- **100 watt HF transceiver covering 6 thru 160 meters.**
 - **Heavy duty military grade radio. Lightly used, near new condition.**
 - **Comes with all original packaging and content.**
 - **Power Cable has Anderson power poles.**
 - **Nifty manual also included along with MB-116 front handles.**
- \$575.00**



Contact Bill Harris KE5IUN if interested at 505-710-3896 harris107@gmail.com

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 & leading the NMTN. Thank you Rob K5NBN for providing a list of gears to offer to the club members, working on our repeater project, and hosting HDARC 2 Night. Thank you Don N9DCS for providing new members with a welcome. 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" the deadline for submission is Wednesday preceding the publication date. The next edition is scheduled for the last week of this month. 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

Michael R. Smith, KI5NBP, President HDARC

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The 2026 Leadership Team

Executive Leadership

- Michael R. Smith KI5NBP, President 2026-2028
- Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL, Vice President 2026-2028
- Mike Chirin, NM5MC, Treasurer - 2026-2028
- Don Shoemaker, N9DCS Secretary - 2026-2028

Board of Directors

- Ken Ham AG5UY, Chairman - 2025-2027
- John Dodd KJ5KUF- Director- 2025-2027
- MaryAnn Cornett NS7X- Director - 2026-2028
- Marc Matheson KD6KR - Director - 2026 - 2028
- Gary Surad K5BIQ -Director 2026-2028

Committee Leader's (Appointed by President)

- Past President: David Ham, N6SIK
- Elmer: MaryAnn Cornet, NS7X
- Test Equipment Loaner Program: Harvey Dove, KI5YVY
- Quartermaster: Rob Summerhill, K5NBN
- Club Programming & Workshop Development: Mike Smith, KI5NBP
- Special Projects: Marc Matteson, KD6KR
- Canteen: Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL / John Dodd, KJ5KUF
- 50/50 - Raffles: Becky Ham, N6TYT
- The High Desert Dispatch Co-Editors: Mike Smith, KI5NBP / Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL
- Website: Ken Ham, AG56UY
- Club YouTube Channel: Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL
- East Mountain Group: Rob Summerhill, K5NBN
- License Testing: Yul Bratcher, WA5YUL
- Club Net's:
- Club Repeater(s): Rob Summerhill, K5NBN
- Field Days:
- Membership Recruitment and Retention: Don Shoemaker N9DCS
- Public Relations Outreach



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- Youth and Student Outreach
- Safety Coordinator
- Club Senior and Veterans Affairs Outreach
- EmComm