

Meeting Minutes HDARC 8/16/2025

HIGH DESERT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – AUG 16, 2025

Called to Order at 10:00

Visitors: Sietske (Marc KD6KR wife), Brad Montana from VA, retired military.

President's Report

1. Raffle: HDARC tumbler, patch & mouse pad
2. 50/50 drawing
3. Handbook
4. Dr Phong antenna raffle courtesy of John Dodd (KJ5KUF), who donated 10 antennas for club members to use to build in November during a Zoom presentation by Dr Phong. If we run out of antennas, the club is going to buy 5 more.
5. Mike Chirin is reimbursing for DCHF today. Reimbursing up to 25 members. Registration for Hamfest is out there. Please sign up.

New Members:

KI5WCA – Will Adair, Jr

Jim Smith (from Virginia)

Presentation

Bill Mader K8TE– Better DX'ing

BREAK

Award Presentation by Mary Ann NS7X

Quick presentation to Paul KB0WMA of an A-1 Operator award.

Directions given on how to register for HF University & other Ham Fest presentations.

Treasurer's Report:

\$500 in cash taken out for DCHF registration

112 current members

\$6348.73

\$5176.79 in CD

Purchased tires for club trailer tires, hub, and wheel

Do we have a John Freedman here? No. Received a payment from him but no membership application.

Secretary's Report – minutes emailed. Motion to accept. Approved.

Harvey Dove KI5YVY - 1st

David Founds (KE5DKJ) - 2nd

Old Business

1. Does anyone have any issues with suspending meeting during DCHF? No issues presented.

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2. This past Thursday, we were asked to come out to Navajo Code Talker Day at a special event, N7C, by Herb Goodluck. Steve is writing an article about the day at the event. It was a long day beginning at 0500 and ending at 8pm
3. Aug 24th is our tail gate & BBQ at Vista Park. It will be from 10am-2pm. More will be in the Dispatch. We need to move equipment: HF radio, etc. Yul & Rob met up at a widow lady's home. Club isn't going to take it on. Yul will be the primary contact. There's a brand new Yaesu 9100A. Get the info to Elaine / Mike for publishment in Dispatch
4. Nuclear Museum – Sept 19 – from 7to 9pm, all adult, no one under 21, same weekend as the DCHF. First day of Ham Fest. If interested, let Yul know.
5. SpacePort America – We have a special event callsign – K5S. We need to be at the gate at 0730. It is an hour drive from T or C, which is where we stay. No Host hotel yet.
6. November – Dr Edison Fong of UC Stanford will be doing a webinar for the club. We have 15 antennas to give away. Thanks to John Dodd KJ5KUF.

We need a new refreshment person to relieve Cynthia. If no one steps up, refreshments stop.

LiPo4 battery workshop was great. John Dodd KJ5KUF is writing a phenomenal tech manual for how to put the battery together.

Youth AdHoc committee has its 1st meeting after today's club meeting.

New Business

1. Upcoming event on Sept 6 – Sunspot – Marc (KD6KR) – this is coupled with Hamming Around NM. Dr Sellers will be making a presentation for us. Brief overview by Mark of what the presentation may include: the telescope, sunspot images, 25 min movie, displays, etc. We'll meet at the Visitors Center. Can setup antennas there for operation. There is a "Host Hotel" - Super 8 in Alamogordo. There's a special rate of \$77/night.

Marc (KD6KR) has put in a lot of work for this event, 4 or 5 months, many thanks to Mark.

2. Marc (KD6KR) will be going to Europe. He hopes to make contacts there to promote HDARC.

3. BARC – the repeater which we use and which was owned by Specialty Communications K6LIE (Jerry Aciebo) has been bought by BARC. An agreement was made where we can continue using it as "our" repeater. In the future, we will have a new repeater using 443.750. Mike Smith will be reaching out to BARC in the future about 'mending fences.'

4. About a month ago, received an email from Elizabeth Whitney President UNm Small Satellite Group. They want to use amateur radio for communications on a balloon project that they'll be putting up. They have members who want to become operators & attend our events. Mike Smith will let Ed Poccia when the meeting is for him to join in. We may be going to UNM to do a radio presentation.

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Announcements

1. Elaine KJ5ATL is coming aboard as co-editor of the Dispatch, which will be on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month.
2. Yul Bratcher WA5YUL – Ham Radio Prep is running a special until the end of month.
3. Rob Summerhill K5NBN – mentioned HDARC 2-Nite and that Mary Ann NS7X will be starting a CW “chat shack”

Last meeting until October. Next meeting is Oct 18

Drawing for mug package- KJ5DSU
50/50 – T# 2518331 – Harvey Dove
Handbook - WA5YUL

Motion to close

1st KJ5KMG

2nd N9DCS