

HIGH DESERT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 20 Dec 2025

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

New Members:

Steve Ortleby KJ5KNL – tech
Andrew Taylor - testing today
David Quintana - KO8I
Richard Geiger - KL5MM

President's Comments:

Secret Santa giveaways today!
Taking orders for Dr Fong antennas. Dr Fong is offering to do more workshops. He likes our club. Thanks to John Dodd for starting the relationship.

January is the Homebrew Exhibition

Secretary's Report: November meeting minutes presented for discussion & acceptance. Motion made to accept as written by Yul Bratcher & Rob Summerhill. No discussion. Passed

Treasurer's Report:

There's a total of \$10,148.52 in the account split between checking & a CD.

There are 127 current members

Old Business

- More on Marc's trip to the Netherlands and outreach to youth in partnership with the Dutch radio group Verone. Remy Denker (PA0AGF) & Marc discussed the IARU working on a youth project with the attempt to start getting elementary school students involved in radio by pairing iPads with an ICOM 7300 allowing them to interact. The effort is called the YURO (Youth Understanding Radio Operations) project. Marc has a prototype already going & Remy is paralleling it in Europe. Marc to do presentation in 2026 on this. John (KI5YL) is also on the project.
- Approached by Explora Museum to get HDARC involved with that museum.
- Holiday Party – Comments on the party.
- Jan 17th Homebrew exposition
- Winter Field Day Jan 24th, Hangar 80 – Moriarty Airport Commemorative Air Force, Buger Burn for lunch, Come out & have fun! Dave Hill (KI5NOQ) is a point of contact. It is indoors.
- Marc in his downtime is proposing to push our Techs to get their HF license by purchasing 6-7 10m rigs (antennas & radios) to loan out to Techs to give them a taste of HR.
- Repeater on Sandia Crest - HDARC 2Night is averaging 10 contacts each night on 443.750. Getting ready to make more changes on the mountain. The effort to get a repeater started with David Ham and continued on with Rob making contact and getting us off & running. People involved in the repeater project: David Ham, Mike Smith, Bob Henry (KD5MHQ), David Clifford, and Rob. Feedback says our repeater is

more active than any other club. Next year, there will be a presentation on the repeater installation.

- \$306 donated last month to purchase the radios for the Small Satellite project with UNM.

BREAK – Restarted at 10:55

New Business

- Ham Amateur Radio Operators of the Year – Mike Chirnin
- Budget: Spent \$1500 more than we made. Added a new line item for the repeater. BOD recommendation for the new budget to raise the membership to \$36 & increase family rate to \$6. Discussion included that over the last 20 years inflation in real terms is close to 11% per year. This is a well deserved increase based on inflation alone. The club's fiscal year is based on the calendar. Dues are due Feb.

Motion made to raise the membership to \$36 & to increase the family rate to \$6 amended to include prorating on a quarterly basis made by 1st Ken Ham & 2nd David Quintana. Motion Passed.

- New survey coming out in January.
- 2025 Year in Review –
 - Nuclear Museum: We introduce ham radio to stem youth or drunk adults in the evening. We may have another museum coming on board.
 - Hamming around NM – All the different places: Spaceport in on calendar, VLA, etc
 - Foreign Outreach (Hamming around the EU)
 - Hurricane relief for Jamaica (equipment has not been shipped yet due to work & the Jamaica FCC is involved and they want to ensure it goes where it's supposed to go.)
 - Generosity of this club with regard to donations to the UNM Small Satellite Program, Jamaica, That's where this club shines – outreach.
 - Newsletter
 - Workshops... workshops... workshops
 - Hamfest presence
- SCARES MOU with HDARC: Motion to adopt the MOU: 1st John KI5YIF 2nd Yul Motion passed

Past President: We started Hamming Around New Mexico but we are not the only people. Other people need to get involved & make suggestions as to where to go and what to do.

Ham of the Year, this club did not recognize a HOY in 2020 but we got it started. I'm happy to see that this keeps going especially as this club has grown. A possible project, if we want to do it, is remote bases. A remote base transfers a call from VHF to HF. A remote station may be something to add in presentations like at the museum.

Additional Comments: Club has been donated a tilting tower. Silent auction will be held next year for it. Have a Xiegu radio to auction off.

Drawings

- \$52 in 50/50 won by David Ham, who donated it to the UNM radios

1st winner – Steve Wageman K5MAT
2nd winner – John Clement KD5SPB
3rd winner – John Betz KI5YIF
4th winner – David Quintana KO8I
5th winner – Mary Anne Cornett N5SX
6th winner – Jean Morse-Sanchez KG5ZRU
7th winner – Mike Chirin NM5MC
8th winner – Steve Carpenter KE7BYQ
9th winner – Mary Anne N5SX
10th winner – John Dwyer KJ5DSU
11th winner – Yul Bratcher WA5YUL
12th winner – Ted Shaffers KJ5IBZ
13th winner – Doug Gatchell K4DGG
14th winner – N6SIK Dave Ham
15th winner – Steve Ortley KJ5KNL
16th winner – Yul WA5YUL
17th winner – Shelly Wageman
18th winner – Mark Tibbett KJ5ITL
19th winner – Andy Taylor
20th winner – Richard Geiger KL5MM
21st winner – Becky Ham N6TYT

Meeting adjourned at 11:42

1st Bill Huchison KJ5KSE
2nd Rob Summerhill K5NBN