



The High Desert Dispatch



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HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.

"Celebrating over 20 years of service to the Amateur Radio Community and the General
Public as a non profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization"

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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

We had a great 2 weeks as a club. Before I celebrate our membership I need to address something on a negative note. I am growing concerned over recent acts of bad operating practice and etiquette during our nightly net and outright public slanderous statements about HDARC on air during a net over the past week by HAMs outside our membership. Since these acts are happening over public airways, I have decided that my first step is to address this on behalf of my membership in the same manner it impacted us. You know who you are and what you are doing. I do not understand why these misbehaviors and slander are being directed at HDARC. I am not using names and will not digress to that level. We are a club that is NOT exclusive but outright inclusive. We welcome ALL amateur radio operators, their families, friends and the general public with respect, grace, generosity, and compassion. I ask those that have been responsible for these wrongful actions to please stop. I will be following up with these individuals privately in an attempt to understand why they have directed these actions and slanderous statements towards the HDARC. As your club president I will not condone this type of public attack on our club. I will address this and resolve the issue.

Now let's celebrate our members!

What a great time we had at our membership meeting and Tailgate/Social Event. Our trip to Navajo Code Talker Day on the Navajo Nation went wonderfully. All details within.

Next up is our trip to Sunspot NM at the National Solar Telescope Private Tour and Lecture (Sept 6), STEAM Night at the National Nuclear Museum (Sept 19), DCHF (Sept 19-21), and Spaceport America Open House Special Event Station (Sept 21). More details inside.

I want to thank our ARRL NM Section Manager, Bill K8TE, for his presentation to the club on “Better DXing” during our General Membership Meeting a few weeks ago. He was as informative and entertaining as ever. If you're going to DCHF 2025, make sure you sign up for his Friday, day long workshop, DX University. It's well worth your time.

We will be needing a volunteer to assume the duties of supplying coffee and donuts for our monthly membership meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The club purchases all the items. Cynthia Beiser, KJ5FMW, has been in charge of these duties for over a year. She has done a wonderful job. Thank you Cynthia. The new volunteer would assume the duties for the October 2025 meeting. If interested, please contact me.

Marc KD6KR and Harvey KI5YVY have graciously developed a membership questionnaire to distribute to club members. The results will be used to understand the make up of our membership and what members desire from our club. This club profile will also be used when Marc KD6KR reaches out to European clubs during his travels later this year in an attempt to forge a relationship between our club and theirs. More info inside.

Here are some important updates for this week:

There is no Statewide Chat Shack Net this Saturday. I am repeating the following announcements in the Dispatch this week, Dr Fong Antenna Build, Club Home Brew contest, promotional items, and the QRZ jumpstart program for newly licensed technicians. Details within.

Those that have signed up for the trip to SunSpot and the tour/lecture on the Solar Telescope Operations will be receiving a detailed email next week. Check to ensure your callsign is listed. More info below.

Those that have signed up for our Spaceport America Openhouse Special Event Station at Spaceport America on Sunday Sept. 21, 2025 will receive an event

status email next week. It's not too late to join us. Shoot me an email. More info inside

Some members are already taking advantage of the admission reimbursement for the 2025 DCHF. Don't wait too long, first come first serve. More details inside. Treasurer Mike NM5MC is prepared to make reimbursements at the October Membership Meeting. We still have funds available. The cut off is 25 members. Nine have taken advantage so far.

We will have a club table set up during the Saturday Sept 20, 2025 DCHF session. I need volunteers from the club who are attending to be at the club table in the morning and afternoon. Mike NM5MC and ROb KI5NBN has volunteered for part of the morning crew. If you are going to the DCHF, please volunteer a couple of hours to represent the club. Contact me a HDARCPRES@gmail.com if you can ASAP.

I drafted and handed over a draft MOU between HDARC and Sandoval County ARES to The SCARES team to review and make suggestions. It was presented at their meeting last week to the leadership for a read through and to make comments back to HDARC. Once I receive that document back I will make the necessary revisions and then present it to our HDARC leadership team for review and comment. More info inside.

You will notice that our Ad Hoc Committee to look at how we engage Youth about HAM Radio has been formed. We have had 3 meetings to date and are making great progress.

Mike NM5MC is leading an effort to recruit members who want to be involved in club sanctioned 24 hour field day events (contests). More details inside.

Our nightly sessions on the HDARC repeater at 1930 hours has been coined "HDARC 2 Night". Come join the conversation. A big 73 to Quartermaster Rob for being on the repeater and providing a sense of order. We are getting quite the crowd every night. More info inside.

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun. Each week is a new Net Controller so that volunteers can practice their skills as Net Control in a relaxed and supportive environment. More info inside.

Our next large Social Event will be our Winter Holiday Party in Mid December. For the last two years we held it at Rudy's BBQ on the westside. I am looking for ideas and volunteers to help with this year's celebration. Reach out to me if you wish to be a part of the planning team.

You can reach out to me on most nights at 1930 hours checking in on HDARC2 Night , by email hdarcpres@gmail.com or call/text at 505-401-0219

I hope to hear you nightly on HDARC 2 Night.

73 Mike KI5NBP



THE SOUNDER SECTION

“To join together by pressure, fuse together for strength”

Club Repeaters and Simplex Frequencies

The Club operates on 442.750+ PL 162.2 on Sandia Crest. 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 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 a number of educational programs and sponsors emergency communications service throughout the country. The HDARC is an ARRL Affiliated Club and a ARRL Special Service Club. We encourage you to join. Click on this link:

<https://www.arrl.org/membership>



Welcome New Members

Keith St Pierre KI5WZA

Thomas Prettyman - KI5ZSG

Richard Schaefer - KJ5CQX

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

From the Elmer

The Duke City Ham Fest is coming up on September 19-21. It'll be here before you know it. And while you're plotting what new equipment you'd like to buy, what old gear you'd like to sell, and what programs you're looking forward to attending, I'd like to suggest you also keep an eye open for someone in the crowd who is alone, who may act like they're lost, and look as though they've found himself in Wonderland chasing white rabbits. Oftentimes, a new or prospective amateur will attend a Hamfest (their first!) with anticipation and expectations. They have little knowledge and many questions. Actually, if truth be told, they generally have one question: What radio should I get that will do everything I think it should do, but doesn't cost very much money? If, by chance, you should notice a new or prospective ham, do remember that as a wise old amateur, you may make or break the new guy's interest in our wonderful hobby. Typical comments made by the disgruntled wanna-be guys include: "I was ignored." "Nobody bothered to answer my questions." "They made me feel like an idiot." "It was clear I'll never be able to be part of their clique." "I came to learn, but all I got was being told to use YouTube." "I was always interested in ham radio, but now I think I'll join the wood working club instead." If you get a chance to befriend a new guy, don't be reluctant to offer a smile, a handshake, and a hearty welcome. Try to remember what it was like when you were the new guy. And, no. You don't need to regale the newbie with stories of what a great ham you are, and what things were like when smoke signals were the standard rf mode. Who knows? You might just make a very good friend.

73 MaryAnn NS7X

Club Elmer and HDARC BOD Director

Amateur Radio News on the World Wide Web

Amateur Radio Newslines: <https://www.arnewslines.org/>

ARRL News: <https://www.arrl.org/news>

THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

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



Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

Saturday 10 A.M. STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET will use the 444.325 + PL 100 and the 145.290 - PL100 on Sandia Crest in order to access the MegaLink system.



NM5HD Net Controllers :

1st Saturday, John Gleason, K5JVG

2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

4th Saturday, John Dodd KJ5KUF

5th Saturday, Open for a volunteer.

The NET Controller for this Saturdays session is K5JVG John HDARC Vice President.

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.

V.P. John K5JVG is the Committee Lead for HDARC Net's.

Please consider trying the Net Controller experience. Contact John K5JVG if you are interested. You will be mentored and try it once to see if you like it. No commitments.

HDARC 2 Night



We now have a name for the nightly conversations on the repeater hosting “HDARC 2 Night.” On any night at 7:30 PM Local time tune *into 442.750+ PL 162.2 on Sandia Crest, the HDARC repeater and call in with your call sign and see if you can strike up a conversation.*

Even though this is not a NET we need a sense of decorum. Please follow these procedures:

- **Do not short key each other**
- **If you are involved in a QSO, *every 5 minutes or so during the QSO check to see if anyone else would like to join the conversation.***

- Don't forget to announce your callsign at least every 10 minutes when engaged in a conversation.

There are great exchanges happening, come join the conversations and camaraderie.

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THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

HDARC Membership Questionnaire

In an effort to better understand the club dynamics, we will be sending out a membership questionnaire in a few weeks to all members in good standing. The questionnaire is being formatted into Google Forms or Survey Monkey. You will receive a link by email. The format is multiple choice with one question that allows you to type in any comments if you wish. It can be finished in 5 minutes or less. We need your feedback.

HDARC Field Day 24 Hour operations team- Members Needed

We have had success with our public front exhibitions to demonstrate the purpose and utility of HAM radio (E.g.; Schools, museums, events, and the next an invite to exhibit HAM at the Spaceport USA open house 2 years running). Some members have expressed an interest in forming a HDARC Field day team to operate for the normal 24 hour periods. I'll say those words you shouldn't, contest, compete etc. Treasurer NM5MC Mike C is leading the effort to form such a team for HDARC. We will still keep our exhibition team/approach intact. The club has enough equipment and access to equipment to supply both the contesting and exhibition efforts. Adding this layer will just enhance the member experience and operation capability of the Club .Please contact Mike NM5MC if you are interested in participating in the 24 hour Field Day experience.



2025 SPACEPORT AMERICA OPENHOUSE Special Event Callsign K5S

I received an email from the Spaceport America operations team that we are invited for the second year to put on a HAM radio exhibition for their

open house on Sunday September 21, 2025 at Spaceport America in Upham NM (between T or C and Hatch). I will get with those of you that have already signed up to be a part of this experience. We have room for more members and guests to come along. This is a great experience. If the timelines hold the same as last year anyone going as a part of HDARC will have to be at the Spaceport America entrance gates at 0800 hours local. The event runs 2 cycles from 1000 to noon and noon to 1400 local. Last year most of us arrived the afternoon before in T or C, had dinner together, got hotel rooms, and caravanned over to Spaceport America. If you wish to come along for the event, email me at hdarcpres@gmail.com. The following callsigns have already signed up to participate with the club at the event:

KG52R AG5UY KI5NBN KJ5ATL N9DCS WA5YUL
KI5NBP KJ5KF6

If your callsign does not appear contact me. Stand by for special instructions. *The HDARC team will need to register individually. Do so now by clicking on this link. Register yourself and any guest you are bringing. Please send me a quick note by email HDARCPRES@GMAIL.COM when you have registered (list everyone you registered).*

<https://www.spaceportamerica.com/2025-open-house/>

HDARC Youth Outreach Planning Ad-Hoc Committee

The following callsigns have agreed to participate in my Ad-Hoc Committee to address about engaging youth as a club, getting them involved in HAM radio, and outlining a plan for a workable approach:

KI5YIF KJ5KFG AG5UY K5JVG KJ6KUF KI5NBP

We had our second meeting last week. This was our first live meeting. We began to brainstorm a definition for youth as it pertains to this project,

target groups and what success would look like at a very high level along with deriving high level major deliverables for this project. Meeting 3 occurred by ZOOM on 08/28/2025.

HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

UPDATE: KI5NBP HDARC President Mike outlined a preliminary MOU to be a starting point. That document was sent to SCARES President Gary K5BIQ for review. He presented it to his membership at their monthly meeting. They are commenting on the document now. Once I receive feedback from SCARES I will review the document, share it with the HDARC leadership for discussion. Once I have a finished draft that both leaderships agree to, it will be shared with HDARC membership for review and comment.

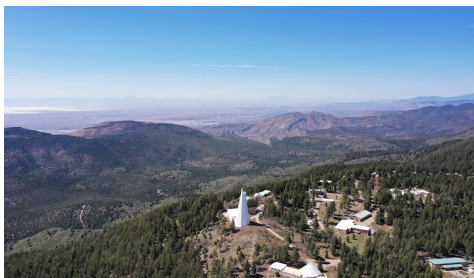
As I mentioned in my president's introduction a few weeks back, I am making a direct effort to find area HAM clubs that:

- Share our membership base;
- Represent the interest of our membership and overall club's direction;
- Operate under a similar management structure as a 501c3;
- Are willing to share expertise and resources; and
- Have similar philosophical/organizational values.

Sandoval County Amateur Radio Services meets all the bullet points. Over the next few months SCARES President and HDARC member Gary K5BIQ and HDARC President and SCARES member Mike KI5NBP will be exploring this possibility and drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to share with both organizations for possible ratification. The process will involve these steps:

- Identifying broad areas of commonalities, areas of strength, and improvement opportunities for both organizations;
- Draft a document that can be presented to both leadership teams for discussion and review;
- Present the draft to both memberships as a whole for input;
- Refine the final document;
- Present the final document to both Boards of Directors for vote;
- Once passed by both BODs publish the document to both membership bases for review and comment; and
- Bring the final document to both memberships for ratification.

I look forward to working with Gary and both leadership teams in making this happen. This approach can only strengthen both clubs.



National Solar Observatory
Sunspot NM
Hamming Around New Mexico
September 6, 2025

UPDATE: This adventure is coming up fast and filling up fast. Those that are joining us expect an email next week with a complete agenda and other important information.

Some of us are arriving the night before and staying in Alamogordo NM. If you plan on staying in Alamogordo the night before by email. Some are staying 2 nights (Friday and Saturday). This is a chance for us to get together for dinner for those who wish. I need a head count

to reserve a restaurant that will accommodate our needs. Marc has worked hard to get the Super 8 in Alamogordo NM to offer our club a special rate of \$77.00 per night. They are blocking off 18 rooms for us at that rate and will hold them till the week before. You must call them directly and say you want the “High Desert Amateur Radio Club rate. See info below. Marc KD6KR will be delivering a brief pre-trip presentation at our August General Membership meeting.

Here is another exciting “Hamming around New Mexico” opportunity. HDARC will be visiting “The National Solar Observatory” in Sunspot NM on Saturday September 6, 2025. We are scheduled for a private 2 hr behind the scenes tour and private presentation by Dr Sean Sellers, Astronomer at Sunspot. Sunspot NM is located in the Sacramento Mountains south of Cloudcroft NM in the Lincoln National Forest. Sunspot NM is 257 miles from Albuquerque. Google maps shows it would take 4 hours and 15 minutes by the fastest route. The schedule is being worked on. The intent is to have the tour and presentation in the mid afternoon. This would provide us a chance to operate on site in the morning for those arriving the night before. Accommodations are available in Ruidoso, Mescalero, and Alamogordo. Remember this is the summer time and these are big tourist towns. A big 73 to Marc KD6KR coordinating this event. [If you would like to attend please save a spot early and email me at \[hdarcpres@gmail.com\]\(mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com\)](#). The link to the Observatory is: <https://nso.edu>

The following callsigns have registered to participate in this adventure:

KD6KR	KI5NBP	AG5UY	N6SIK	N6TYT	KI5NBN
NM5MC	K5JVB	WA5YUL	N1NVK	KJ5ICW	KJ5JMK
KG5ZRU	KJ5LAK	WD5EQY	KI5UIT	K5WEZ	KG5WED
KJ5ATL	KI5NBN	KI5YVY	KJ5FMW		

If your callsign does not appear above and you registered please email hdarcpres@gmail.com

Lodging Info: Those of you that wish to stay overnight in Alamogordo NM on the Friday September 5, 2025 or Saturday September 6, 2025, Marc KD6KR has made arrangements with Super 8 Motel for a group rate of \$77.00 per night. The regular rack rate is \$99.00 plus. When you make your reservations mention our club for the special rate. Here is the details for the special rate:

**Super 8 by Wyndham Alamogordo/White Sands
3204 N. White Sands Blvd
Alamogordo New Mexico
United States
575-434-4205
Special Rate for High Desert Amateur Club of NM
Itinerary # 5136B539383904**

2025 DUKE CITY HAMFEST - HDARC Member Admission

The membership decided that the club will reserve \$500.00 to purchase entrance fees to the hamfest for members. The registration fee is \$20.00 per person. We will be covering 25 entrance fees. Contact Mike NM5MC for how many slots for reimbursement are still left.



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on September 18 at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. Start time is 11:30 AM. All are invited to attend. Contact Club Quartermaster/East Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you have any questions.

<https://menushenu.com/lil-mamas-restaurant-edgewood-menu/>

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Club Social & Tailgate by John KJ5KUF



HDARC and its membership hosted a BBQ social and Tailgate event this past Sunday, August 24th. The event was a rocking

ation of the High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New



success and a thoroughly enjoyable time, as you can see in the surrounding photos taken at the event.

Folks got to experience great chat with friends and eat some delicious food. Featured on the menu were hamburgers and hotdogs supplied by President Mike Smith (KI5NBP), drinks by the Club, pies from various members, including some super pecan pies from Elaine Summerhill (KJ5ATL). Home-made (actually, park-made) ice cream was provided by MaryAnn Cornett (NS7X) – along with toppings - and John Dodd (KJ5KUF), with a grateful amount of portable power and supervisory expertise supplied by Dr. John Clement (KD5SPM) – Yes, the patient did pull through.



Rob Summerhill (KI5NBN) ran the tailgate and put a tremendous amount of work into getting Club inventory into the hands of happy owners. A number of radio equipment sales were made, along with giveaways and generalized swapping, all adding to the Club coffers.



Our HDARC event was held under the pavilion on the Southside of Vista Del Norte Park, off of Osuna Ave in the NE, from 10:00a to 2:00pm. The weather was perfect and the turnout great.

HDARC has many more activities scheduled over the coming months. Please see the bi-weekly Dispatch for more details.



Again, thanks to everyone for making this so enjoyable, and spread the word about HDARC and what we can do for you!

Look for other photos on the HDARC website <https://www.nm5hd.org>



Navajo Code Talkers Day Special Event Station N7C Navajo Nation Window Rock, Ariz. Thursday August 14, 2025 - Report

On Thursday August 14, 2025 the following club members caravanned out to Window Rock Arizona by the invitation of Herb Goodluck N7HG to operate his Special Event Station N7C during the Navajo Nation's Celebration of Navajo Code Talkers. The following members volunteered their time to attend on behalf of our club:

Rob KI5NBN	Elaine KJ5ATL	John K5JVG	Mike KI5NBP
Bob KD5MHQ	Steve KJ5KUL		

We rendezvoused at the LOVES truck stop on 9 Mile Hill in ABQ at 0700 local. We caravanned to Window Rock, AZ on the Navajo Nation and arrived at 0930 hours local where we met up with Herb Goodluck N7HG and set up at his outside booth area. We set up a HF operating station and tripod mast with a 20 meter dipole and Rob's homebrew HF tape measure antenna with counterpoise. Contacts were made as far as Ontario Canada on the Tape Measure. We had a fun day operating 20 meters and visiting those at the event. We broke down at 1500 local. Visited the memorial. Had dinner in Gallup as a team at 1700. Arrived back in ABQ at 2000 local. 73 to all who attended. It was a great day of tributes, camaraderie and remembrance. Looking forward to next year. Thank you Herb!

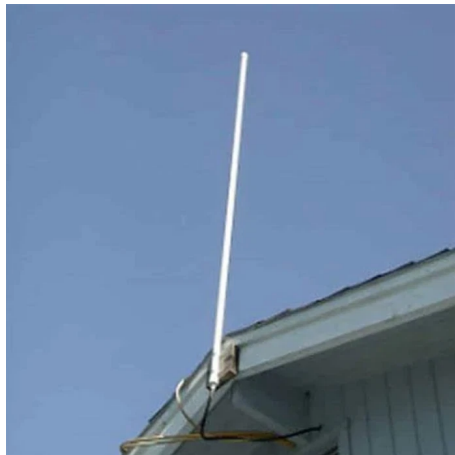




Dr. Fong

Dual Band HAM Antenna DBJ-1

Build Workshop November 2025- NEW



HDARC Member John Dodd KJ5KUF made a proposal to the membership that would arrange for Dr. Edison Fong Professor and PhD of Electrical Engineering at the University of California Santa Cruz to present via zoom to the club about his antenna designs. John has bought ten(10) of Dr. Fong's VHF/UHF kits for the club to assemble and members own. Thank you John for your generous donation. I have reached out to Dr. Fong directly and we are working out the details

for a Zoom presentation in conjunction with an antenna build workshop during the November 2025 membership meeting. He has agreed to present via zoom on November 22, 2025.

There will be 10 to 15 antenna kits available for members to build and keep. Starting at the August 2025 membership meeting those members in good standing who wish will be able to put their name and callsign in a drawing to get one of the fifteen FONG antennas to build at the workshop and keep. In addition any newly licensed technician from January 2025 till present who tested with our V.E. is eligible for the drawing. This build is simple. We are adding a testing component so the operator becomes familiar with the use of amateur radio related testing equipment. John Dodd KJ5KUF has agreed to lead the build.

For more information about Dr Fong and his antennas click on this link

<https://edsantennas.weebly.com/>

HDARC Club Home Brew Contest/Exhibition January 2026 - NEW

The inaugural HDARC homebrew contest is an exhibition of amateur radio related equipment that is built by a licensed amateur radio operator. Typical items are transmitters, receivers, antennas, accessories, or complete transceivers that are fully functional and used on the air. It can be built from a kit or totally from scratch. We have had a year of workshop builds and have seen what others have built. Now is a chance for us to see it all at once in one location and celebrate these accomplishments. This contest/exhibition will be open to all licensed amateur radio operators. Get your build ready! More information to come.

THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

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

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 five 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. 73
Roger

We are looking for volunteers to help us make in house instructional videos to demonstrate how to use each piece of test equipment. Your role would be to be the on air talent. Other members would assist in creating the storyboards, help writing the script, recording, editing, and posting. If you have the hands on knowledge, help us share that with other club members.

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-New



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

Club Calendar
August - September 2025
SAVE THE DATES

August 2025

Saturday August 30, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net Controller VP John K5JVB

September 2025

Monday - Sunday Evenings all Month 1930 -2030 hrs:
“HDARC 2 Night” casual net, HDARC Repeater 442.750+ PL
162.2 on Sandia Crest

Wednesday September 3, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM
Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the
virtual room.
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3
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Friday September 5 , 2025 2000 hours : BRAVO SIERRA NET
HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone.

Saturday September 6, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club Vice President John K5JVG is our net controller.

Saturday September 6, 2025 10:00 AM.: HDARC visits the National Solar Observatory in SunSpot New Mexico. Tour and private lecture. Details within the Dispatch.

Wednesday September 10, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Friday September 12, 2025 2000 hours : BRAVO SIERRA NET
HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone.

Saturday September 13, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club President Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

Wednesday September 17, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM
Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the
virtual room.
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Thursday September 18, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : HDARC
East Mountain Group monthly luncheon/meeting at Lil
Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood,
NM 87015. All are invited to attend. Contact Club
Quartermaster/East Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you
have any questions.
<https://menushenu.com/lil-mamas-restaurant-edgewood-menu/>

Friday September 19, 2025 2000 hours : BRAVO SIERRA NET
HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra
Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8
pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone.

Friday September 19, 2025: ADULT STEAM Night at the National Museum of Nuclear History DEMO: Contact YUL WA5YUL for more information

Friday - Sunday September 19 - 21, 2025 Duke City Hamfest

Sunday September 21, 2025 Spaceport America HDARC Exhibition: 0800 -1500 hours. Upham, New Mexico

Wednesday September 24, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM
Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
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Friday September 26, 2025 2000 hours : BRAVO SIERRA NET
HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone.

Saturday September 27, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Club Treasurer Mike C NM5MC is our net controller.

Future Scheduled Club Events

- November 2025 Fong Dual Band Antenna Building Workshop
- January 2026 HDARC Club Home Brew Contest
- January 2026 Winter Field Day
- February 2026 Club Officer and BOD elections

Club Events in the Bull Pen (Not Scheduled Yet)

- POTA - Field Days - October 2025
- HF Tape Measure Antenna Build
- Beginners Soldering Workshop
- Hamming Around New Mexico
- Operating FT 8 Workshop
- Operating Winlink Workshop
- Club Test Equipment Workshops

V.E. Testing **(Scheduling Change)**

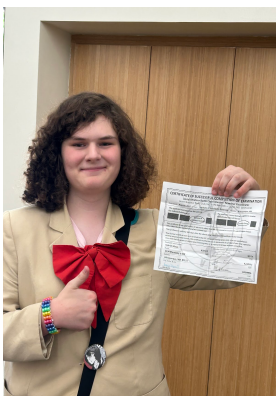
The HDARC is a sponsor of the Institute of HAM Radio Sciences, which conducts free V.E. testing sessions on behalf of the HDARC at 11:30 on the 3rd Saturday of April, June, August, October, and December immediately following the Monthly HDARC In-Person Club Meeting in classroom #4 at the North Domingo 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. Without them this could not happen.

The next testing session is Saturday October 18, 2025

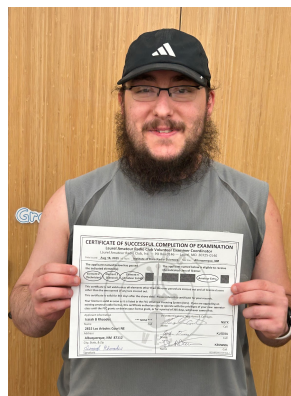
Saturday December 20, 2025

Saturday February 21, 2026

We have 2 new Extras from the Aug. 16, 2025 session



Gabriel Mora



Isaiah Rhodes



[QRZ.com](https://www.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 classified 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 if you are interested: dynomutt@reagan.com Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory weekly.***

The Club has received a generous donation of a large tower and antenna array. Please see the pictures below. This unit has a value of thousands of dollars. It would require the recipient to incur the cost of renting a crane to remove the unit from the current property, cost of disassembly, transport and have a pad with the appropriate receiving bolts in place ahead of time at their location plus assembly. The unit is being offered to the general HAM community for a donation. Please contact Past President David Ham N6SIK if you have questions about the unit.

The Sandoval County ARES has the following items for sale. Contact Gary K5BIQ at garycapt@yahoo.com to inquire and make an offer

- ***2- 15" Computer Monitors***
- ***Long LMR-400 coax***

- *Misc length coax*
- *Misc antenna parts*
- *23 amp Samlex 1223 Power Supply*
- *Headset*
- *Misc. parachute cord*
- *MFJ-993B Antenna Tuner*
- *MFJ-989D Versa Tuner*
- *Antenna mast tripod*
- *Kenwood 590s HF/50Mhz Transceiver*
- *Old laptop*
- *Kenwood TS-50 HF Transceiver*
- *Remote Antenna switch, Ameritron RCS-8V*
- *Ameritron ALS-600S Amplifier*

Available for Purchase from the club Inventory

More inventory to be listed soon

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. Thank you Rob KI5NBN for providing a list of gear to offer to the club members, working on our repeater project, and hosting HDARC 2 Night. 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" bi-weekly periodical the deadline for submission is Monday preceding the Wednesday publication date. 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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Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL, Secretary 2024-2026

Mike Chirin, NM5MC, Treasurer - 2024-2026

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Mchael R. Smith, KI5NBP Director- 2024-2026

Harvey Dove, KI5YVY, Director- 2024-2026

MaryAnn Cornett, NS7X- Director - 2025-2026

Committee Leader's (Appointed by President)

Past President: David Ham, N6SIK

Elmer: MaryAnn Cornet, NS7X

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50/50 - Raffles: Becky Ham, N6TYT

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Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL

Website: Ken Ham, AG56UY

Club YouTube Channel: Elaine Summerhill , KJ5ATL

East Mountain Group: Rob Summerhill , KI5NBN

License Testing: Yul Bratcher, WA5YUL

Club Net's: John Gleason, K5JVG

Club Repeater(s): Rob Summerhill, KI5NBN

Field Days: John Gleason, K5JVG

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Youth and Student Outreach

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Club Senior and Veterans Affairs Outreach

EmComm

