



# The High Desert Dispatch



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## **Introduction from the President**

Greetings,

This coming Saturday at 10:00 AM is our March Membership Meeting at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center in Albuquerque. Carol Sugars K5TFL will be the presenter. The topic will be Summits on the Air (SOTA). Following her presentation we will conduct club business and conduct the incentive program drawing. We will have a 50/50 drawing, a HT giveaway and we will be giving away tickets to the circus. We have a limited supply. Testing will follow.

Our presenter Carol is also doing a half day workshop on SOTA in April with a SOTA activation location and date to be set by Carol and the participants at the workshop. You will have a chance to sign up for the April SOTA workshop at the live meeting.

### **Here are some important updates for this week:**

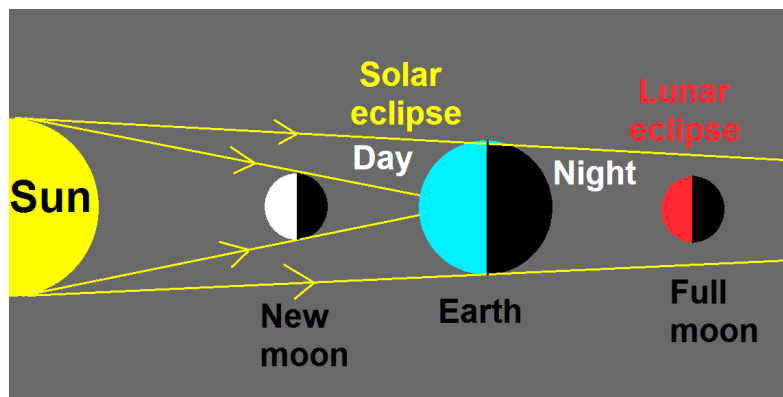
The March 22, 2025 D-Star workshop is full. Registration is closed. Details within.

The HDARC Est Mountain Group is scheduled to have their monthly luncheon/meeting this Thursday in Edgewood. Details within. HDARC received 30 free child admission tickets to the Nuclear Circus. David N6SIK will be bringing the tickets to the meeting this Saturday to distribute. More details within.

The check in results for the Saturday Chat Shack Net Incentive program are now finalized. The drawing will take place at the meeting on Saturday. Details within.

The tentative start date for the CW workshop six (6)session series will be April 5, 2025. I am awaiting for final approval of the workshop location to come through. Details within.

The dates for the first FOXHUNT, the Satellite communication field days, and HOMEBREW contest are close to being set. The final details will be worked out over the next couple weeks. Check the future events segment for more detail. The Calendar section has May 2025 events listed.



For my fellow sky watchers, the total lunar eclipse on March 13-14, 2025, will unfold over six hours, offering skywatchers a changing view as the moon moves through Earth's shadow.

The most dramatic phase—the total eclipse—will last 66 minutes, giving plenty of time to witness the moon's eerie transformation into a deep red aka “The Red Moon”. According to the KOAT ABC affiliate TV 7 website, the eclipse begins Thursday evening March 13, 2025 in New Mexico and will conclude very early on Friday morning March 14, 2025. Here is a breakdown:

- Penumbral eclipse begins at 9:57 pm MT. Thursday 3/13/25
- Partial eclipse begins at 11:09 pm MT.
- Totality begins at 12:26 am MT. Friday 3/14/25
- Totality ends at 1:31 am MT.
- Partial eclipse ends at 2:47 am MT.
- Penumbral eclipse ends at 4:00 am MT.



If you happen to capture any good photos of the lunar event, send them in for publication in the High Desert Dispatch and

NM5HD Website with your name, callsign, date and a small caption. Show off your talent.

Don't forget about our Wednesday Noon Zoom Chat Room . This link is active through the end of 2025.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1> PIN 737373

73 Mike KI5NBP



## **THE SOUNDER SECTION**

**"To join together by pressure, fuse together for strength"**

### **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!

### **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>

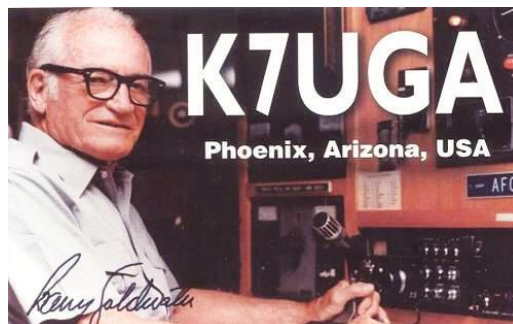
## THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

### From The Elmer, NS7X

On occasion, you might find a survey entitled “What interested you about amateur radio?” It’s often a multiple-choice survey, and the options to the question at hand usually involve the following: A fascination with the technology of radio. A desire to experiment with antennas. A drive to help my fellow man by participating in emergency communications. A desire to increase my capabilities from CB/GMRS. All of the above are legitimate reasons to become a ham radio operator. But, one of the coolest things about ham radio is the fact that regardless of who you are or what your background is, being a ham is the one true equalizer in our modern day life. For example, once upon a time ago, there

was a ham named Hussein. He had the call JY1. He chatted with a new American ham who was impressed with Hussein’s call. The young American said, “You must know someone pretty important to get that call.” What our American kid didn’t know was that he was talking to King



Hussein of Jordan. Then there was the fellow from Arizona who’d set up an antenna on top of his office building. He’d spend lunch periods contacting as many hams as he could. His name was Barry, and his call was K7UGA. He was a US Senator – Barry Goldwater. And his antenna was set up on top of the US Capitol Senate Office building. But to hams, he was known as Barry. The truly cool thing about ham radio is that you can talk to kings or senators, housewives or a mechanic. All are equal, and we use their first names. All hams are equal on the airwaves. How cool is that!

**73 de MaryAnn, NS7X [ns7x@arrrl.net](mailto:ns7x@arrrl.net)**

Elmer MaryAnn has prepared several tutoring kits for new hams. These kits will be available at this coming Saturday's meeting. Thank you MaryAnn. If you know of someone wanting to become a ham or if you wish to upgrade, MaryAnn NS7X can be contacted through [ns7x@arrl.net](mailto:ns7x@arrl.net)

ELMERS 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.

### **The New HAM 10 (or so) Minute Tutorial**

Thanks to Harry Hall K5HLH for forwarding this link about the current state of HAM Radio Nets.

<https://youtu.be/37GathQDULY?si=4J2XvXHkytcxvZFI>



## THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

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

### Saturday CHAT SHACK NET Incentive Program-Report

Listed below are the callsigns of club members who have participated in this program between November 2024 through February 2025. These results were verified twice. The number next to each call sign indicates the number of tickets earned for the raffle. Each time a member was net control they earned 5 tickets, each check-in to a saturday chat shack net during this period earned 1 ticket.

Callsign	Total Tickets
KI5NBP	16
AG5UY	11
N6SIK	11
NM5MC	30
N6TYT	2
KJ5IMX	2
K5JVG	34
NS7X	10
KF5MFR	1
KI5QKC	1
KC2LM	2
WA5YUL	10
KJ5GWV	2
KJ5FMW	5
KJ5ZRU	4
KE5DKJ	8
KD5H	2
KJ5CWV	1

N5ATR	2
KI5YIF	2
W8SCY	3
KJ5GMA	5
KJ5HRY	1
KI5NBN	3
KF5RRW	2
WB9ZRE	3
KJ5JMK	1
KG5CYA	1
KJ5BYK	1
KD5SPB	1

***The grand prize is a \$300.00 gift certificate to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet). We will have the drawing at the March 15, 2025 Membership Meeting. That's this Saturday. To those members that are listed above:***

- You do not have to be present at the meeting to win.
- Tickets with your call sign on them will be placed in a container.
- One ticket will be drawn and verified during the membership meeting on March 15, 2025.
- Once a winner is drawn, The President of the HDARC will retrieve the info. needed from the winner and contact HRO-Denver to have the \$300.00 gift certificate transferred to the winners account at HRO. It can be used at ANY HRO location. If you don't have an HRO account, one will be created for you.  
**GOOD LUCK !**



## **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, Mike C NM5MC**

**5th Saturday, Open for a volunteer.**

**We had 18 check ins to the net last week.**

**The next net is Saturday March 22, 2025 The net controller has not been assigned yet.** 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. I use a HT and have checked in from different parts of the state with minimal issues. For current mega link frequency information go to [www.nm5ml.com](http://www.nm5ml.com). If you're having issues programming your radio email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

## **HDARC Repeater Use Experiment**



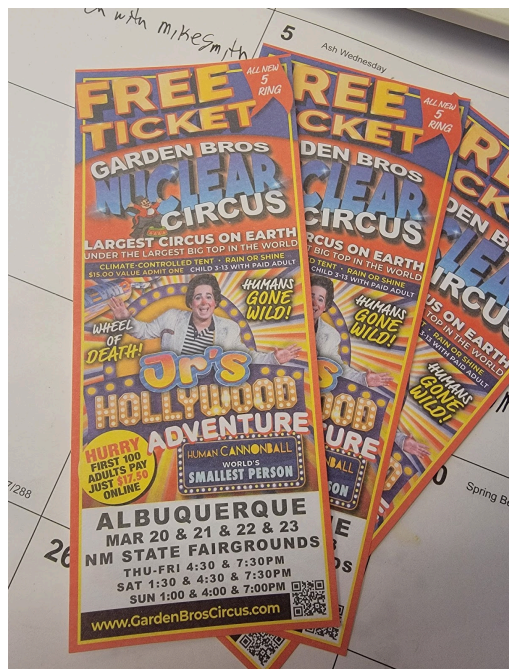
**John KJ5DSU had a question about why the HDARC repeater seems to transmit nothing but crickets anytime he happens to listen in and wants to strike up a conversation? Many of us have asked the same question. What was nice is that he also recommended a solution that is simple, costs no more money than we have already invested in our equipment, and is well within the capabilities of any one holding any of the three classes of licenses. Let's say if every member tried to monitor and exchange at least 1 night a month the repeater might not collect cobwebs.**

**Here is the proposal , 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.* This is not a NET. Just an attempt to get us to spend a few minutes to monitor the frequency and have a conversation with someone over our repeater. This will go on every night moving forward. Thanks John, great idea. Let's see what happens. So let's get those \$15.00 Baofengs fired up. I hope to talk to you tonight.**

## THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

### FREE Child Admission Circus Tickets



The club received 30 tickets for members to attend the Garden Bros. Nuclear Circus coming March 20-24, 2025 at the NM State Fair Grounds in Albuquerque. The ticket is for a free child admission ages 3-13 with a paid adult.

Past President David N6SIK received these tickets by mail under the club's name and will bring them to the club meeting this coming Saturday. First come, first serve until we run out. For more information go to

<https://www.gardenbrosnuclearcircus.com/>

### D-Star Workshop -March 22, 2025 -Update

Bob Langoria N5JH has agreed to present a D-Star Workshop on March 22, 2025 from 10:30 A.M. till 1:30 P.M. in the Clubhouse located at “The Vineyards 55 Plus Estates ” 6118 Edith Blvd NE in Albuquerque New Mexico. A big 73 to John Mocho KC5QOC for making the arrangements for the facialites use. [Registration is now closed.](#)

*The following callsigns have registered to this date:*

K4DGG AF5TT KI5NBP K5JVB N6SIK AG5UY  
NS7X N5CJC N6TYT WA5YUL KI5YIF N2GJ  
K5RFP W4SOF N5JFN KD5ZCT

If your call sign is listed N5JH has sent out a pre workshop email to you last week with important pre workshop instructions. If you did not receive that email contact us at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com)

If you registered and your callsign does not appear above email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com).

A D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) workshop offers an opportunity for amateur radio enthusiasts to delve into the intricacies of digital communication systems. During the workshop, participants specifically explore the D- STAR protocol, learning how it enables reliable digital voice and data transmission over radio frequencies. Experienced instructors guide attendees through the setup and operation of D-STAR equipment, including transceivers and repeaters, while discussing the benefits and challenges of digital modes compared to traditional analog methods. Attendees also engage in hands-on activities, allowing them to program, configure and test their equipment in real-time, allowing a deeper understanding and proficiency in using this advanced technology. The workshop will also explore the use of hotspots to further enhance the digital communications experience. Whether you are a seasoned operator or a newcomer, the workshop offers an environment to enhance skills, share experiences, and explore the potential of digital amateur radio communication.

## **SOTA (Summits on the Air) Workshop April 12, 2025**



**Carol Sugar K5TFL will lead a SOTA workshop on April 12, 2025. THE LOCATION IS THE City of Albuquerque LOS DURANES COMMUNITY CENTER 2920 Leopoldo NW, Albuquerque NM 87104.**

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/crei/community-centers/los-duran-es-community-center>

**Registration is now open for this workshop.** A date and location for a **local activation** will be decided at the workshop. *Any licensed HAMS who are interested in learning what SOTA is and directly experiencing an activation in the local area email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) to register. The class size will be limited to 25.*

Here is as listing of the callsigns that have registered to date:

KI5NBP   AF5TT   KJ5ICW   KC2LM   KG5ZRU   N6SIK  
N6TYT   AG5UY   WA5YUL

If your callsign is missing please contact us at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com).

The aim of SOTA is to encourage licensed amateur radio operators to operate temporarily from mountainous locations using any method of travel including hiking, mountain climbing, and cycling while operating their amateur radio station from the summits of hills and mountains. In addition to getting operators out into the field the program encourages others to listen into the transmissions from

these stations and send in reports. Click on the link below to learn more about SOTA

### **CW Workshop Sessions -New**

**April 5- May 10**

Club Director and Elmer NS7X MaryAnn has agreed to conduct another series of weekly CW classroom sessions. *They are tentatively scheduled to start on Saturday April 5, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and will meet every Saturday at the same time and place on Saturdays through May 10, 2025. That is six(6) sessions. You are required to attend all 6 sessions.* Once we receive final location confirmation all registrants will be notified. The classroom sessions will be followed up with a multi week club CW contest starting in late May early June 2025. These sessions are for anyone wishing to learn and improve their skill set in keying CW. Class size is limited to 12 participants.

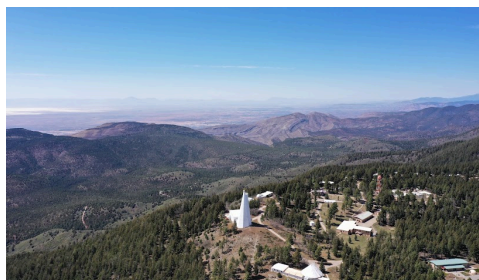
Please email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) if you wish to attend. The following callsigns have pre registered:

KY5YK    KD5SPB    N6SIK    AG5UY    N1NVK    KG5ZRU

If your call sign does not appear above and you wish to attend please contact [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com)

Class 1	4/5/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Class 2	4/12/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Class 3	4/19/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Class 4	4/26/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Class 5	5/3/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Class 6	5/10/2025	10:00 AM-11:30 AM





**National Solar Observatory**  
**Sunspot NM**  
**Hamming Around New Mexico**  
**June 7, 2025**

Here is another exciting “Hamming around New Mexico” opportunity. HDARC will be visiting “The National Solar Observatory” in Sunspot NM on Saturday June 7, 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 callsign have registered to participate in this adventure:

KD6KR	KI5NBP	AG5UY	KI5NBP	N6SIK	N6TYT
KI5NBN	NM5MC	K5JVB	WA5YUL	N1NVK	KI5YIF

If your callsign does not appear above and you registered please email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com)



## HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on March 13, 2025 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/>

## 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](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 three 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).

*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](mailto: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.

## Club Calendar March - May 2025 SAVE THE DATES **NEW**

### March 2025

Wednesday March 12, 2025 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 March 13, 2025 11:30 A.M.:** HDARC East Mountain Group Luncheon and Meeting at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, Edgewood, NM 87015.

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

**Saturday March 15, 2025 10:00 AM:** In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

**Presentation:** “ What is SOTA (Summits on the Air)

**Presenter** Carol Sugars K5TFL.

V.E. Testing begins at Noon. See the VE section for more information.

**Location:** North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4

**7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.**

**Wednesday March 19, 2025 Noon:** Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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**Saturday March 22, 2025 10:00 A.M.:** HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net Controller will be VP Mike C NM5MC

**Saturday March 22, 2025 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM: D-Star**

**Workshop. Presenter Bob Langoria N5JH. Location: The Clubhouse at “The Vineyards 55 plus estates” 6118 Edith Blvd NE Albuquerque New Mexico .**

**Wednesday March 26, 2025 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**

**Saturday March 29, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.  
Net Controller will be Pres. Mike S KI5NBP**

**April 2025**

**Wednesday April 2, 2025 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**

**Saturday April 5, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.  
K5JVG John is our net controller.**

**Saturday April 5, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop**  
**Session 1 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X**

**Wednesday April 9, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat**  
**Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**

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**Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**  
**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**  
**KI5NBP Mike is our net controller.**

**Saturday April 12, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop**  
**Session 2 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X**

**Saturday April 12, 2025 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: Summits On**  
**The Air (SOTA) Workshop presented by Carol Sugars K5TFL.**  
**Location: Los Duranes Community Center Albuquerque New**  
**Mexico**

**Wednesday April 15, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime**  
**Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**  
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**Saturday April 19,2025 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.**

**Presentation: “ Why aren't you contesting?” Presenter Bill Mader K8TE**

**V.E. Testing begins at Noon. See information under V.E. section of this newsletter.**

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

**Saturday April 19, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop Session 3 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X**

**Wednesday April 22, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.  
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**Saturday April 26, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. NM5MC Mike C. is our net controller.**

**Saturday April 26, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop Session 4 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X**



## May 2025

Saturday May 3, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.

Club V .P. John K5JVG. is our net controller.

Saturday May 3, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop

Session 5 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday May 7, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday May 10, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.

Club President Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

Saturday May 10, 2025 10:00 A.M - 11:30 AM. CW Workshop

Session 6 by Club Director/Elmer MaryAnn NS7X

Wednesday May 14, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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**Saturday May 17, 2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM:** In Person Club Meeting and Workshop: “Fox Hunting and Building a dual band Tape Measure Directional Yagi Antenna for your HT” Presenter TBD (participants can build the antenna on site during the workshop if they wish. A parts list will be published)

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

**Wednesday May 21, 2025 Noon:** Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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**Saturday May 24, 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.

**Wednesday May 21, 2025 Noon:** Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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**Saturday May 31, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**

**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**

**Net controller TBD**

### **Future Scheduled Club Events**

- April - May 2025 Learning CW workshops
- April 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE “Why Aren't You Contesting?”
- May 2025 HDARC FOXHUNT workshop & Directional Antenna Build and Actual Fox Hunt
- June 2025 Sat. Comm Field Day
- April 2025 SOTA - Workshop/Field Day Activation
- June 7, 2025- National Solar Observatory -Sunspot NM
- May - June 2025 Club CW Morse Code Challenge
- 2025 ARRL FIELD DAY June 2025
- July 2025 HDARC Club Home Brew Contest
- August 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE “Better DX Chasing”

### **Club Events in the Bull Pen ( Not Scheduled Yet)**

- POTA - Field Days
- Hamming Around New Mexico
- Operating FT 8 Workshop
- Operation Winlink Workshop
- Las Cruces Space Festival /Spaceport America (Sept 2025)
- Portable Battery Box Workshop
- Ham Radio Home Brew Challenge
- Club Test Equipment Workshops
- And more to come.....

## **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) A big 73 to YUL and the V.E. team for volunteering their time and resources. Without them this could not happen.

## **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](mailto:dynomutt@reagan.com) Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory weekly.***

***Available for Purchase from the club Inventory***

***More inventory to be listed soon***



**ABBREE AR518 HT. 10 Watts. Full Band. No external charger. Suggested Donation \$40.00**



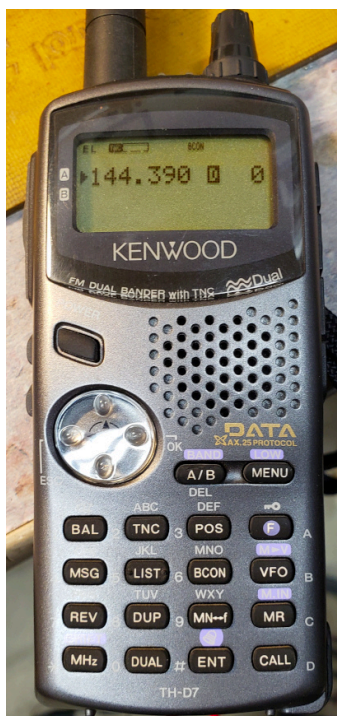
**ICOM IC2A HT radio- 2 meter only-works. Suggested Donation \$40.00**



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**ICOM IC-27A 2 Meter 50 Watts. Missing to snap in plastic cover. Suggested Donation \$50.00**



**Kenwood TH-D7A HT  
radio. Dual band- missing  
external charger.  
Suggested Donation  
\$250.00**



## **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. Thanks Yul, WA5YUL and V.E. team for what they do to provide free testing to the public. Thank you to our Elmer MaryAnn NS7X for contributing to the Dispatch. Thank you Rob KI5NBN for providing a list of gear to offer to the club members. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this periodical. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com). If you wish to add content to "The High Desert Dispatch " 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 7:30 P.M. local time to find someone to exchange with. *I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting this Saturday.*

73 Mike



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



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### **The 2025 Leadership Team**

#### **Executive Leadership**

**Michael R. Smith KI5NBP, President 2024-2026 [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com)**

**John Gleason, K5JVG, Vice-President 2025-2026**

**Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL, Secretary 2024-2026**

**Mike Chiron, NM5MC, Treasurer - 2024-2026**

#### **Board of Directors**

**Ken Ham, AG5UY, Chairman - 2025-2027**

**Bill Jackson, Director- 2025-2027**

**Mchael R. Smith, KI5NBP Director- 2024-2026**

**Harvey Dove, KI5YVY, Director- 2024-2026**

**MaryAnn Corrnet, NS7X- Director - 2025-2026**

#### **Committee Leader's** (Appointed by President)

**Past President: David Ham, N6SIK**

**Elmer: MaryAnn Corrnet, NS7X**

**Test Equipment Loaner Program: Harvey Dove, KI5YVY**

**Quartermaster: Rob Summerhill, KI5NBN**

**Club Programming & Workshop Development: Mike Smith, KI5NBP**

**Special Projects: Marc Matteson, KD6KR**

**Canteen: Cynthia Beiser, KJ5FMW**

**50/50 - Raffles: Becky Ham, N6TYT**

**The High Desert Dispatch Editor: Mike Smith, KI5NBP**

**Website: Ken Ham, AG56UY & Mike Smith, KI5NBP**



**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 Summerhsill, KI5NBN**

**Field Days: John Gleason, K5JVG**

**Public Relations Outreach**

**Youth and Student Outreach**

**Safety Coordinator**

**Club Senior and Veterans Affairs Outreach**

**EmComm**

