

The High Desert Dispatch



The WEEKLY PERIODICAL **FOR THE**

HIGH DESERT AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.

"Celebrating 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,

This month has flown by. I have always felt that February is a transition month. It serves as a buffer between the end of winter festivities and the beginning of preparation for Spring when things around us begin to blossom. That is especially true for this club. In February the membership selected a new identity for the newsletter, "The High Desert Dispatch". New officers for vacant board and leadership team positions we elected. And now with all leadership positions filled we begin shaping the organization for the coming years. In February club membership dues are collected as per the constitution and bylaws. The club dues make up 45 percent of our operating capital for the year. Thank you to all members who have already submitted payment. Your attention to this detail is greatly appreciated. If you haven't had the opportunity to pay your dues, there are still a few days left to do so.

We now have a location to hold the D-Star workshop thanks to John Mocho KC5QOC. 73 John. The SOTA Workshop date has changed to April 12, 2025 with a tentative location of the Taylor Ranch Community Center in Albuquerque. Details within this newsletter.

The Chat Shack Net Incentive Program has completed its cycle.

Callsigns and check in's will be tabulated and published next week.

Thank you to all who took the time to participate. Details within.

I am close to securing a workshop location for the multiple week CW series. Begin signing up now for the June 7, 2025 Sunspot excursion.

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I will have more details in the coming weeks on the Home Brew contest, fox hunting contest, POTA field days, Satellite communications field days and other Hamming around New Mexico opportunities. If you have any suggestions for club activities please feel free to contact me directly.

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

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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

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

A big 73 to the newest members of the HDARC:

Derk Jones K5ANT

Paul Bouthillier KB0WMA

Club Officer Elections

We held elections for the open Club officer positions. The membership elected members to fill the following positions:

Vice President (1 year term) John Gleason K5JVG Director BOD (2 year term) Bill Jackson KM6CRL Director BOD (2 year term) Ken Ham AG5UY Director BOD (1 year term) Mary Ann Cornett NS7X



The BOD appointed Ken AG5UY as the Chairman of the Board. Ken and MaryAnn took their oath of office. John and Bill will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Naming of this Newsletter

The membership had the opportunity to name this newsletter by submitting names over the last 3 weeks and adding to the list at the last membership meeting. After a facilitated process the membership agreed on the name of "The High Desert Dispatch". The general reasoning was that the name aligns with the theme of the wild west and the history of communications around the Santa Fe Trail, the pony express and the laying of railroad track and poles which allowed the growth of communication by stringing lines and punching C.W. code making the lines sing and keys tap. We had a few naming contenders that had made the prioritized list. I am attempting to use those names as section headers and changing the moniker from a newsletter to a periodical because of the frequency of publication, number of pages and content growth. So this publication is now known as "The High Desert Dispatch", the weekly periodical of the High Desert Amatuer Radio Club of New Mexico Inc. You are invited to contribute to the publication with relevant information about or for the club and anything Amatuer Radio related. The editor reserves the right to approve or send back submissions for corrections. I am looking for regular contributors. Please contact me at hdarcpres@gmail.com if you wish to inquire.

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

"To have an opposing and balancing effect"

From The Elmer, NS7X

From the interesting hams file:

There once was a fellow who was known by the name of Monk Apollo. He lived in a complex of monasteries located on a Greek peninsula most commonly identified as Mount Athos. They say that those who live there are experiencing how people lived a thousand years ago. And, because the Mount Athos group are considered an independent nation, they are found on the DX countries list with the current prefix of SV1/A. Monk Apollo was well-respected for not only his strong orthodox faith, but also for his love of electronics and science. One day, a fellow monk took seriously ill, and there was no one available to help. Much less, call for help.

The monastery decided that having a ham radio operator among its populace was probably a good thing, and Monk Apollo was anxious to volunteer. Unfortunately, it took a very long time for the church bureaucracy to clear the authorization for him to become licensed and then, it turns out that he was only authorized to operate the radio during his off-times. Well, for a Monk, 15 minutes of down time probably happens something like once a month... Needless to say, Monk Apollo, SV2ASP, became one of the best "gets" in the DXCC chase. He became a silent key in May, 2019.

By the way, not only is Mount Athos one of the most remote real estate properties in the world, it's also one of the most difficult to get permission to visit. There have been a few hams who have had the opportunity to visit, and help raise a few antennas and so forth. By the way, if you're a YL, forget it. The Monks do not allow women on

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their peninsula. The only females they tolerate are female insects, birds, and cats. Go figure.

73 de MaryAnn, NS7X ns7x@arrl.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

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

Let us explore another perspective on DXing:

https://youtu.be/udq0ol8GCXU?si=C1W1TCSUEHOiV8EV

Senators Wicker, Blumenthal Reintroduce Legislation to Protect Amateur Radio Operators "The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act" By Marc KD6KR

In the last session of congress Senators Wicker and Blumental attempted to introduce legislation known as the "The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act". This will be their second attempt in the U.S. Congress to introduce this legislation that would allow Hams, especially those who are limited to stealth vent-pipe, flagpole, and under-the-eves antennas because of HOA's and other local zoning restrictions, a better chance at putting up "reasonable" antennas on their property.

While neighbors might agree with your antenna perception that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", they see it as a blight and more likely to devalue their property. The primary pushbacks will come from HOA's and CC&R's which have contract law on their side. But the current exceptions of broadcast and satellite TV antennas tend to get our foot in the door. If passed this new legislation this would expand the FCC's Memorandum and Order PRB-1 which has been in effect since 1985 as an Amateur-friendly regulatory guideline to cities, counties, and states. Although, I have found that some are unaware that they are in violation of this Federal regulation. Click on the link below.

https://www.wicker.senate.gov/2025/2/senators-wicker-blumenthal-reintroduce-legislation-to-protect-amateur-radio-operators

73 Marc KD6KR

THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

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

Saturday CHAT SHACK NET Incentive Program-Update

This incentive program is now over. Our last net for February was Saturday February 22, 2025. NM5MC Mike was net control. Any member in good standing who checked into the Saturday Net will receive a ticket with their call sign attached. These our the call signs for members who checked last Saturday submitted by the net controller:

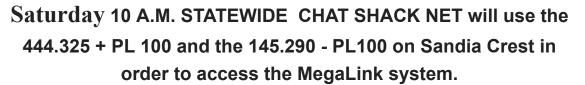
N6SIK KI5NBN KG5ZRU KD5H WA5YUL

WB9ZRE KE5DKJ AG5UY

The grand prize is a \$300.00 gift certificate to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) and will be drawn at the March membership meeting. Callsigns of those who have participated at any time during this program will be published in its entirety in the March 5, 2025 newsletter. We will have the drawing at the March 15, 2025 Membership Meeting



Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink





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.

The next net is Saturday March 1, 2025 V.P. John, K5JVG will be net control. 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. 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.

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 conversion? 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 then 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 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"

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 Vlneyards 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 open. If you wish to attend please send an email to hdarcpres@gmail.com. The class size will be limited to 15 participants.

The following callsigns have registered to this date:

K4DGG AF5TT KI5NBP K5JVB N6SIK AG5UY NS7X N5CJC

If you registered and your callsign does not appear above email 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 (New Date)



Carol Sugar's K5TFL will lead a SOTA workshop on April 12, 2025 in Albuquerque N.M. from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We have a tentative location. The Don Newton - Taylor Ranch Community Center at 4900 Kachina NW Albuquerque NM 87120.

https://www.cabq.gov/family/crei/community-centers/don-newton-taylor-ranch-community-center

Final arrangements for this location are being made. 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 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

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

NS7X MaryAnn has agreed to conduct another series of weekly CW classroom sessions starting in April going through May 2025. The classroom sessions will be followed up with a multi week club CW contest starting in June 2025. We are working out dates, times and locations over the next few weeks. 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 if you wish to attend. The following callsigns have pre registered:

KY5YK KD5SPB N6SIK AG5UY



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. The link to the Observatory is: https://nso.edu

The following calls sign have registered to participate in this adventure:

KD6KR KI5NBP AG5UY KI5NBP N6SIK N6TYT

KI5NBN NM5MC K5JVB WA5YUL

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

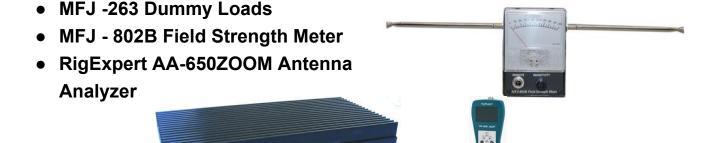
THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

"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_5fe894d5a99c43419171257 5def6987b.pdf

The current inventory of loaner test equipment includes:



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).

MFJ 1GHz Dummy Lo

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.

<u>Click Here</u> to be directed to our vendor's web store. <u>The site is fully operational again.</u>



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.

The Black Special Edition HDARC 20th Anniversary Ball Caps and Shirts are available at Rio Rancho T-Shirts. Email me if you would like to purchase one at hdarcpres@gmail.com.

Club Calendar March - April 2025 SAVE THE DATES UPDATED

March 2025

Saturday March 1, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. K5JVG John is our net controller.

Wednesday March 5, 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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Saturday March 8, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller. Mike S KI5NBP

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=kXb9i18t3bc3
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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. <u>Click here</u> for more information Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

Wednesday March 19, 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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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=kXb9i18t3bc3
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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=kXb9i18t3bc3
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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.

Wednesday April 9, 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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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 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: Summits On The Air (SOTA) Workshop presented by Carol Sugars K5TFL. Location

Don Newton -Taylor Ranch Community Center

Wednesday April 15, 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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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. <u>Click here</u> for more information Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

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.



Future Scheduled Club Events

- February 2025 Club Board of Directors and Officers Elections 2 BOD positions and 1 year V.P. (complete Mike C term).
- February 18-21, 2025 Discover Steam Week National Museum of Nuclear Science and History HDARC Demonstration
- April May 2025 Learning CW workshops
- April 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE "
 Why Aren't You Contesting?"
- 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
- 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
- Transmitter Fox Hunt workshop and field day
- 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. 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. Congratulation to the the following new upgrade and new Hams:



JKJ5KXL Bruce Milton - General



KJ5KFG Gabriel Mora - Technician - DATA Charter School

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.

Looking to Buy

Grace, KJ5JMK, is looking to buy a used 13.8 V power supply for her 50W base station. She can be contacted at Mt.HavenNM@outlook.com



Available for Purchase from the club Inventory

BAOFENG UV5R- extended Li-ion battery- spare 1800 mAH battery- data cord- external battery charger- OEM antenna Suggested Donation \$35.00



BAOFENG UV5R #2

Extended Li ion battery- 1800 mAH spare batteryexternal battery charger- clip-on lapel
microphone- data cable

Suggested Donation \$40.00



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

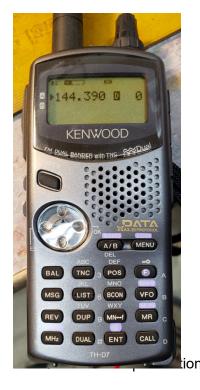








ICOM IC-27A 2 Meter 50 Watts. Missing to snap in plastic cover. Suggested Donation \$50.00





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

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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. 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. 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 hearing you on the Chat Shack Net Saturday at 10:00 AM local time



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 John Gleason, K5JVG, Vice-President 2025-2026 Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL, Secretary 2024-2026 Mike Chiron, NM5MC, Treasurer - 2024-2026

Board of Directors

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