



# The High Desert Dispatch

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FOR THE

**HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.**

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## Introduction from the President

Greetings,

Happy New Year!



This will be the last time I reach out to you in the Dispatch during 2025. It is hard to believe that another year has flown by. At the December General Membership Meeting we celebrated and reflected on our year as a club. We made some decisions as a whole that impact the operations of the club moving forward. We celebrated a club member by awarding the 2025 HDARC Amateur Radio Operator of Year Award. Thank you to all the Secret Santa's that provided gifts for the meeting. We had a GREAT time. I just wanted to reflect again on a comment I made at the Christmas Party and the last Membership Meeting. I have been leading and managing different types of public service/ professional organizations and clubs over the last 40 years. Some with memberships over 20,000 strong and some much much smaller. Over the past few years I have found that HAM's are amongst some of the most generous humans I have come across. Members of this club pour out dollars and effort for club activities, spreading what the possibilities of Amateur radio are to the community, sustaining and improving our infrastructures, and in the service of youth and the general public safety. Keep up the great work. We have a lot more to accomplish.

Look for a membership survey coming out in January 2026. As I mentioned at the membership meeting I need membership input on a few areas. Your response will be greatly appreciated.

We begin 2026 with 2 big club events, the inaugural HDARC Home Brew Exhibition on January 17, 2027 and Winter Field Day the following Saturday at Hangar 80, The CAF at the Moriarty Airport. In February 2026 club members get to elect club leadership for 2 more years.

Over the past few months I have been working with the President of SCARES Gary K5BIQ (HDARC Member) to establish an MOU between our organizations. I am happy to announce that both clubs' membership have ratified the MOU and it has been signed by Gary and I on behalf of SCARES and HDARC. More details within.

A big 73 to club members for approving the FY2026 HDARC Operating Budget. which includes an appropriation for repeater maintenance. In order to fund that line item the membership also approved an increase to the HDARC annual full membership cost from 30.00 dollars a year to 36.00 dollars a year and an increase of the family membership from 5.00 dollars to 6.00 dollars a year effective February 2026. A new prorating schedule for new members joining during the year was approved going from a monthly rate to a quarterly pro-rating calculation(new members only).

I have begun to work on the 2026 club events and workshops schedule as we roll into 2026. If you have any recommendations for Hamming Around NM, workshops, lectures, or events please forward them to me for consideration soon.

MaryAnn NS7X is putting feelers out looking for anyone wanting to learn CW this coming Year. More info. within.

I am thrilled to announce that the 2025 HDARC Frank Warren Amateur Radio Operator of the Year Award has been awarded to Michael Chirin, NM5MC. More Info within.

### Here are some important updates:

The next steps in our work with the UNM Small Satellite Group is V.E. testing in January/February 2026. Thank you for your generous donations at the last few meetings to help buy new HT's for those from the group who pass their tech exam. We have raised over \$300.00 thanks to your generosity. If you still wish to donate funds contact Mike Chirin NM5MC.

**THE HIGH DESERT DISPATCH # 306 Saturday December 27, 2025**

The HDARC East Mountain Group Bravo Sierra Net has changed dates and frequency. They will conduct the Net every Tuesday night at 1830 hours on the HDARC repeater on Sandia Crest 443.750 100. 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.

As a Club we have placed an order for over \$800 of Dr Fong's Antennas on behalf of Club members taking advantage of his 20 percent off offer. More details within.

The HDARC East Mountain Group has asked to host our club's 2026 Winter Field Day Event in January 2026. Moriarty Airport Hangar 80 Home of the CAF Lobo Wing will be the site. More info inside.

We have members who have already registered to participate in the HDARC January 2026 HOMEBREW Exhibition. If you wish to participate as an exhibitor please contact me. More details within.

You can reach out to me either at 1930 hours checking in on HDARC 2 Night , by email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) or call/text at 505-401-0219. I hope to hear you on HDARC 2 Night, the Bravo Sierra Net and Saturdays Statewide Chat Shack Net. I look forward to a prosperous year for our club.

73 Mike KI5NBP



## THE SOUNDER SECTION

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

### Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies

The Club operates on the HDARC Repeater  
443.750+ PL 100 on the Sandia Crest.

This repeater is dedicated to the memory of  
Marit Clifford KF5ZVY/SK

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>



## Welcome New Members

Andrew Taylor

Richard Geiger - KL5MM

George Whitmore - KC0LKT

Jeremy J Chavez - No call sign yet

Vonda Krakar Love - No call sign yet

Ruth Anne Lachendro - KE8ZVO

Shannon Kyle Bloodworth -KJ5LZB

## New Member Orientation

Don Shoemaker (N9DCS) is leading the club's efforts to provide a new member orientation within weeks of a member joining. I look forward to seeing what Don puts together. If you have any ideas or comments on this subject or are a new member who has not received outreach, contact Don at [dc\\_shoemaker@comcast.net](mailto:dc_shoemaker@comcast.net)

## MIke Chirin NM5MC Recipient

### The 2025 HDARC Founder Frank Warren AB5WJ Amateur Radio Operator of the Year Award



At the December 2025 General Membership Meeting HDARC President Mike Smith KI5NBP announced and awarded the 2025 HDARC Frank Warren (SK) Amateur Radio Operator of the Year Award to Mike Chirin NM5MC. This award is presented to a club member who has displayed outstanding characteristics in leadership and mentoring to the club and in the practice as an Amateur Radio Operator. The plaque reads:

*In recognition of displaying excellence  
as an Amateur Radio Operator,  
relentless contribution of time, resources,  
and effort to club activities, and outstanding  
mentoring of club members, the NM5HD  
HDARC Founder Frank Warren Sr.  
AB5WJ 2025 Amateur Radio Operator  
of the Year is awarded to:  
MIke Chirin NM5MC*

Congratulations to Mike NM5MC on a very deserving award and recognition.

## THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

### A Tribute to Marit Clifford KF5ZVY/SK

By Elaine Summerhill - HDARC Secretary and Co-Editor



**The recent addition of the HDARC repeater on top of Sandia Mountain would not & could not have taken place without David Clifford WA6CCB wanting to establish a memorial for his granddaughter, Marit Clifford. Marit was the youngest**

**person to get her Ham license in this area. She got her Tech license at 7 years old, 2 months shy of her 8th birthday, in Jan 2014. She was also a net controller for a youth net. From speaking with David, Marit was bright, beautiful, loving, and compassionate. She loved old movies, especially ones with Audrey Hepburn. Her life was full of potential. Sadly, it was cut too short. High Desert Amateur Radio Club is honored to memorialize Marit's life. Thank you to her grandfather David Clifford for entrusting us with her memory. In the upcoming months the club will be honoring her in different ways.**

## From the Elmer



New Year 's Eve is fast approaching, and many of us will be participating in the ancient holiday tradition of making resolutions. It's a popular custom in spite of the fact that we spend more time making resolutions than we do keeping them.

Hams often like to promise to re-organize their shack, upgrade their license, work on learning CW, or finally get that antenna work finished. This is also a great time to hold up a mirror, and examine your own operating habits. After all, you don't want to become known as a "lid."

A lid is defined as a poor operator. The term has been a part of the ham radio vernacular for as long as there has been ham radio. In fact, it apparently was coined during the old railroad telegraphy days when sounders were used. It is the most derogatory term one can use to describe a ham and is most certainly not something you want to be.

Unlike other civilian radio services, hams are known for their clean signals and disciplined operating skills. Standards which amateurs have developed over the years have culminated in an effective and efficient communications system. There's a reason we avoid being a lid.

Among the more common poor operating habits is the misuse of "roger." Roger (and QSL) means, "I acknowledge receipt of your last transmission (I heard what you said)."

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It does not mean “yes” or “I agree.” Another example of lid-like operating is the use of CB lingo on the ham bands. The ten-code is not only NOT standardized (each American county may use a different ten code), but is also not universally recognized. DX stations, for example, will not have a clue what you are talking about if you try 10-4’ing them. (Interestingly enough, the word “handle” (meaning name) is not a CB term. It’s been used by amateurs since the early days of telegraphy.)

In short, if you want to be known as a fine business op, not a lid, imitate those hams who exhibit clear, concise communication skills and are textbook examples of proper procedures.

Trust me on this one, improving your operating prowess makes for a great New Year’s resolution. And one you might actually keep.

**73 MaryAnn NS7X  
Club Elmer and HDARC BOD Director**

### **Amatuer Radio News on the World Wide Web**

**Amateur Radio Newsline:** <https://www.arnewsline.org/>

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

**FCC Allocates 60-Meter World-Wide Amateur Band  
Approved at WRC-15; Continues Amateur Use of Four  
Additional 60-Meter Channels, and Updates 420 MHz  
Coordination Information**

<https://www.arrl.org/news/view/fcc-allocates-60-meter-world-wide-amateur-band-approved-at-wrc-15-continues-amateur-use-of-four-addi>

## 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, Open for Volunteer**

**2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP**

**3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net**

**4th Saturday, John Dodd KJ5KUF**

**5th Saturday, Jean Morse-Sanchez KG5ZRU**

**The NET Controller for this Saturdays session is KI5NBP Mike HDARC 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](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.**

**HDARC VP 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

**“HDARC 2 Night.” operates seven (7) nights a week at 7:30 PM local on the HDARC Repeater 443.750+ PL 100 located on the Sandia Crest. This is a casual net.**

- Do not short key each other
- There is a 5 second delay after you release the PPT for the repeater to reset
- 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 conversion.
- The Repeater is connected to ECHOLINK. Look for the callsign KD5MHQ-R to connect.

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



## New Mexico CW Training Net (NMCWTN)

The New Mexico CW Training Net (NMCWTN) meets on the HDARC repeater (443.75 + 5 MHz, 100 Hz pl) at 1830 hours local on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, local time at least until the time change next month when it will accommodate the RoadRunner Net schedule.

This training net is led by MaryAnn NS7X in hopes that the "Training Net" evolves into a traffic net and eventually will be moved to 80 meters as the NM CW section traffic net. When the NMCWTN picks up formal traffic it can be fed into the RoadRunner Net.

### BRAVO SIERRA NET -NEW Frequency and Time

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net. The net moved to Tuesday Evenings at 1830 local time on the HDARC repeater **443.750+ PL 100** on the Sandia Crest. Laid back get together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun.

## THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

### 443.750 + PL100 Repeater -UPDATE

#### **The Clubs' New 440 repeater**

As you know the club repeater is up and running. At the last club meeting the membership established for FY2026 a \$1000.00 budget line item dedicated to repeater repair/maintenance/upgrade. Other members have approached leadership asking to donate money directly to this line item. If you do so email Mike KI5NBP at [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) for information on how to do so.

Our Form 1 application has been approved by the NMFCC and the repeater is assigned the callsign NM5HD/R. Over the next few weeks Rob (K5NBN) will be getting back up to the site to install the newly tuned Cans and changing the identifier to the new callsign, weather permitting.

We will also be working on a permanent solution to adding ECHOLINK capabilities on site. Thank you Bob (KJ5MHQ) for providing us with a temporary solution at this point.

Thank you David Clifford (WA6CCB) for the donation of the repeater. As a Club and as HAMS we will always honor the memory of Marit KF5ZVY/SK.



## HDARC Youth Outreach Mission Statement

Over the past few months HDARC President Mike (KI5NBP) commissioned a committee to develop a Youth Outreach Mission Statement to help guide the clubs direction as we promote HAM radio to Youth. The committee has fulfilled its purpose and submitted the following youth outreach mission statement to the membership for approval which was unanimously adopted at the October 2025 membership meeting.

### HDARC Youth Outreach Composite Mission Statement

“The HDARC Youth-Outreach Program defines youth as any person between the ages of 11 and 25, approximately middle school 6th grade age up to an individual pursuing a post-graduate degree. HDARC welcomes youth within this range who have a curious, energetic, and keen desire for scientific learning. Our goal is to engage younger folks with a STEM/STEAM focus and welcome maturing adults who wish to pursue the joy of learning. We broadly wish to engage youth participation in the amateur radio art, offering mentorship, teaching, and a variety of programs with a vision for guiding their development into the leaders of tomorrow. The HDARC recognizes that our degree of success may be unmeasurable and distant. However, we dedicate our near-term commitment to this mission, knowing that we commit ourselves to a generational embrace of RF sciences and its benefit to youth.”

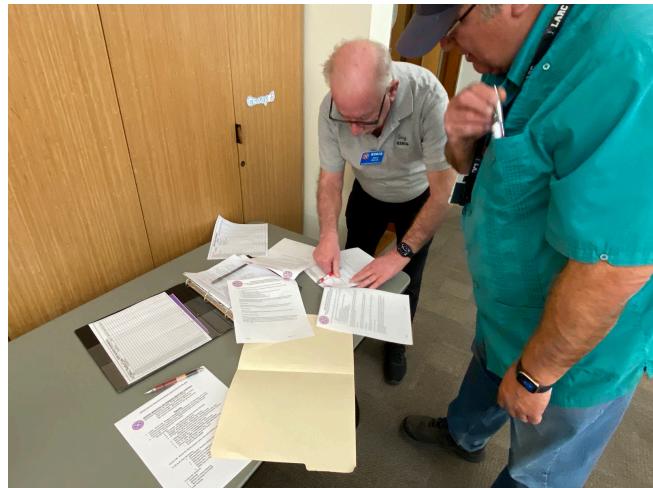
A big 73 to the following members who were a part of the committee:

KJ5KUF John      AG5UY Ken      KI5YIF John      K5JVG John      Gabriel KJ5KFG  
ED KC2LM

This mission statement will be used as a compass to guide the club in its development and deployment of outreach to youth in relation to HAM radio.

## HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

This MOU has been ratified by the membership of both organizations and signed by both club presidents. You will find a signed copy of the MOU on our club website under important club documents soon. The next step is for both Presidents to get together and decide who to bring to the table to discuss what to approach first. SCARES will be electing a new President in January 2026 and HDARC will hold Elections for President in February 2026.



## THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

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



### CW Training anyone?

Club Elmer and BOD Director is seeking anyone with interest in learning CW or wanting to improve from their current level in 2026. We would like to take a head count before the planning stages begin. If you think you might be interested contact MaryAnn on HDARC 2 Night most evenings at 1930 hours on the HDARC repeater on Sandia Crest 443.750 + PL100.

### 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 several 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](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.

**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](mailto:sjgodfrey@aol.com)





## HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on Thursday January 15, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015.

**BRAVO SIERRA NET:** Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net. The net has moved to Tuesday Evenings at 1830 local and the frequency has changed to the HDARC repeater 443.750+100. 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.

## Dr. Fong 20 percent off Fong Antennas offer to Club Members

The club has placed a group order for over \$800.00. Dr. Fong sends his appreciation and is putting the order together. He is not charging any shipping. Collectively we ordered:

- 5- DBJ 1
- 4- DBJ 2
- 3- TBJ 1
- 1 - uSDX+1 Radio
- various connector and adapter kits

The order is being shipped to Mike KI5NBP. Once he receives the order, those that placed an order will be contacted for pick-up.

Dr. Fong has offered to do presentations on other topics to our club in the future. A big 73 to John KJ5KUF for spearheading this Dr. Fong event and leading the workshop after the zoom presentation.



## HDARC 2025 Holiday Party Saturday December 13, 2025

What a great time we had! A big 73 for all that attended and to all the Secret Santa's that provided gifts.



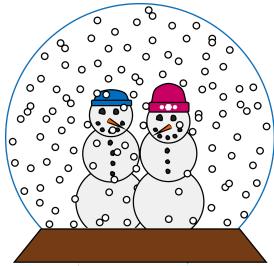
## HDARC Club Home Brew Exhibition

### January 2026 - UPDATE



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! If you are interested in sharing what you have built with the club please email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) to express your interest. Invitations will be extended to other clubs in our area to join us. Those of you that have signed up will receive an email next week shoring things up.

We are adding two learning stations: One on soldering and one on connecting connectors to coax cable.



**2026 HDARC Winter Field Day**  
**Saturday, January 24, 2026**  
**10am to 4pm**  
**Moriarty Airport HANGAR 80**

The HDARC East Mountain Group will host our Winter Field Day this year at the Moriarty Airport Hangar 80 home of the Commemorative Air Force Lobo Wing (<https://www.lobowing.org/>). This will be the club's 2nd visit in recent history to the wing. Stay tuned for more information. They sponsor a Burger Burn for donations. We participated in the Burger Burn on our last visit and it was delicious. Burgers will be available beginning around 11am to about 1pm or whenever we stop eating them. This will be an opportunity for us to operate/participate in field day as well as visit and support another worthy organization with fellow HAMS. Breakfast will be provided for those who show up early to help set up or take on an official role (Safety Officer, Net Control, PR etc..)

**Club Calendar**  
**December 2025 - January 2026**  
**SAVE THE DATES**

**December 2025**

**All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: "HDARC 2 Night" casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100**

**Saturday December 27, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Director John KJ5KUF is our net controller.**

**Tuesday December 30, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDARC Repeater 443.750 +100 on Sandia Crest.**

**Wednesday December 31, 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**

January 2026

All Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: "HDARC 2 Night" casual net, operating on the HDARC repeater 443.750+ PL 100

Saturday January 3, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.  
Net controller TBD.

Tuesday January 6, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDRC Repeater 443.750 +100 on Sandia Crest.

Wednesday January 7, 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 January 10, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.  
Net controller KI5NBP Mike HDARC President

Tuesday January 13, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDRC Repeater 443.750 +100 on Sandia Crest.

Wednesday January 14, 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 January 17, 2025 1030 - 1400 hrs: HDARC General Membership Meeting and HOME BREW Exhibition:

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

Tuesday January 20, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDARC Repeater 443.750 +100 on Sandia Crest.

Wednesday January 21, 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 January 24, 2025 0900 - 1400 hrs: Winter Field Day hosted by HDARC E. Mtn Group. Moriarty NM Airport Hangar 80. More info to follow.

**Saturday January 24, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**  
**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**  
**Net controller KJ5KUF John HDARC BOD**

**Tuesday January 27, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn**  
**Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDRC Repeater 443.750 +100 on**  
**Sandia Crest.**

**Wednesday January 28, 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 January 31, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD**  
**STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.**  
**Net controller KJ5KUF Jean KG5ZRU**

## Future Scheduled Club Events

- February 2026 Club Officer and BOD elections

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

- Manually programming your Boefang HT
- POTA - Field Days
- 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

### V.E. testing resumed December 20, 2025

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 February, 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](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.

The next testing dates for 2026 are:

February 21, 2026

April 18, 2026

June 20, 2026

August 15, 2026

October 17, 2026

December 19, 2026

**Congratulations to the following HAMS from the December 2025  
Testing Session**



Left to Right:

Andrew Taylor -New Technician

Mark Tibbett KJ5ITL -  
New General

Steve Ortley KJ5KNL -  
New General

William Hutchinson KJ5KSE-  
New General



[QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com/jumpstart) 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](mailto:dynomutt@reagan.com) Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory as needed.**

## 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. 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 & leading the NMCWTN. Thank you Rob K5NBN 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](mailto: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 Thursday 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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### The 2025 Leadership Team

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

#### Board of Directors

Ken Ham, AG5UY, Chairman - 2025-2027  
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Michael 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 Corbett, NS7X  
Test Equipment Loaner Program: Harvey Dove, KI5YVY  
Quartermaster: Rob Summerhill, K5NBN  
Club Programming & Workshop Development: Mike Smith, KI5NBP  
Special Projects: Marc Matteson, KD6KR  
Canteen: Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL / John Dodd, KJ5KUF  
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Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL

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**Youth and Student Outreach**

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