



NM5HD

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FOR THE
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW
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Introduction from the President

Greetings!

We have had a very active week as a club. The HDARC East Mountain Group had a luncheon/meeting in Edgewood with fifteen (15) members and guests in attendance. I had a wonderful time and learned about how this group is connecting with their community by sharing what Amateur Radio contributes through direct engagement. There is more detail in the newsletter. Our Hamming Around New Mexico event was a great success. About sixteen (16) members and guests participated. It was a wonderful day of exploration and camaraderie. I hope to see many of you joining the fun at our next adventure this summer. There is more detail in the newsletter. The club needs a few members to volunteer as Elmers. At this point no one has sent me an email or approached me about taking on this important role.

Wes Jones, NM5WJ our Net Controller for the 2nd Saturday Chat Shack Net had to step down for personal reasons. I want to thank Wes for the time he spent as Net Controller. Our thoughts are with you. We need a volunteer to be the Chat Shack Net Controller on the 2nd Saturday of the month. If you have never been a net controller, now is the time to get some experience. We will mentor you.

We will be adding a NEW agenda item to our monthly in-person meeting. Past President David N6SIK suggested that we add a portion that gives members that worked some HF over the previous month an opportunity to share with club members what activity or conditions they encountered. I look forward to hearing what has to be said. Don't forget to join your fellow Hams on our Wednesday Noon Zoom CHAT room for lively discussions on current events in Amateur Radio. I hope you all have a wonderful week and look forward to talking to you on The Chat Shack Net this coming Saturday morning.

73 Mike KI5NBP

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!

Hamming Around New Mexico Event -**Report**

Our Hamming Around New Mexico event this past Saturday to the [Salinas Mission Pueblos](#) was a great success. About sixteen



(16) members and guests participated. It was a wonderful day of exploration and camaraderie. We carvaned from Albuquerque to the Abo Site and took in the beauty of the ruins.

We then went to the [Shaffer Dining](#)

[Room](#) in Mountainair NM, for a wonderful lunch. What a beautiful building and warm friendly staff. They make a mean Green Chili Cheeseburger and Fries. At the Grand Quivera Site Rob KI5NBN and Elaine KJ5ATL set up a POTA operation. The airwaves were kind and anyone who wanted had a chance to



operate. We clocked just over 200 miles that day. Thank you Past President David N6SIK and Becky N6TYT for spearheading this adventure. Where are we going next?

REQUEST FOR ELMERS! -UPDATE

We receive numerous requests every month from the general public wanting to become new hams and hams wanting to upgrade to general or advanced for guidance and coaching. Yul WA5YUL and I were talking recently and thought we could explore having ELMERS from our club available for those needing mentoring. ELEMERS 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. At this point I am looking to see if we have members with a General or Advance license that would like to consider what this might look like.

Update: It has been a week since we posted this request. I have not received any email expressing interest from club members. We just need 2-3 volunteers to help the club with this important piece of mentoring. Please shoot me an email at hdarcpres@gmail.com if you wish to explore this opportunity.

Club Calendar - May-July SAVE THE DATES

UPDATED/NEW

MAY 2024

Wednesday May 1, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday May 4, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Saturday May 4, 2024 - 10 AM to 1 PM: HDARC East Mountain Group Wildlife West Nature Park Radio Demo. in Edgewood NM. [Click here](#) for more details.

Wednesday May 8, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday May 11, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net controller TBA. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday May 17, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday May 18th, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

The presenter is Gerry Jurrens N2GJ NM ARRL Section Traffic Manager. The topic is “Ham Radio Traffic Handling & the National Traffic System.”. Also a HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information

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

Wednesday May 22, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday May 25, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday May 29, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

June 2024

Saturday June 1, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday June 5, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday June 8, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net controller TBA. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday June 12, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday June 15th, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing. Club Recognition Awards & Prep Briefing for ARRL Field Day - HDARC Event & HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information

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

Wednesday June 19, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday June 22, 2024 [ARRL Field Day](#) HDARC Event.

Location: North Domingo Baca Park Pavillion. Save the date and join us. [Click here](#) for more Info.

Saturday June 22, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.

Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday June 26, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday June 29, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Mike S. KI5NBP will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

July 2024

Wednesday July 3, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday July 6, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. John K5JVG will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Saturday July 6, 2024 HDARC East Mountain Group - Town of Edgewood Ham Radio Demonstration. More info. coming soon.

Wednesday July 10, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday July 13, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBA. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday July 17, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday July 20, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presenter: Rocky Mountain Ham Radio of New Mexico, Presenters TBA. Multi-State Independent Microwave Network Project. HT Radio Giveaway. V.E. Testing begins at Noon. [Click here](#) for more information

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

Wednesday July 24, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday July 27, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Mike NM5MC will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday July 31, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

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Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

Until further notice the Saturday 10am CHAT SHACK NET will use the 444.325 + PL 100 on Sandia Crest in order to access the MegaLink system. *As of the time of the publishing of this newsletter according to <http://nm5ml.com> the 145.290 Sandia repeater is still offline.*

NM5HD Net Controllers:

1st Saturday, John Gleeson, K5JVG

2nd Saturday, OPEN . We need volunteers.

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

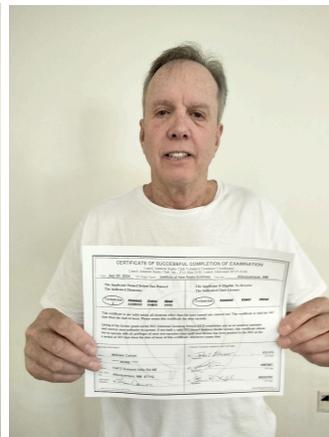
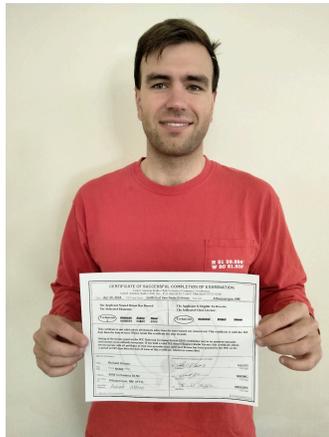
4th Saturday, Michael Chirin, NM5MC

5th Saturday, (when needed) Open for a volunteer. Backfilled by Mike Smith, KI5NBP until a volunteer is assigned.

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

Here are photos of the latest HAMS to pass their Technicians exams after the April membership meeting. Congratulations!



Richard Alonso William Carver

HDARC East Mountain Group-Update/New

April Meeting

The HDARC East Mountain Group held their April 2024 Luncheon/Meeting this past Thursday at Little Mama's Restaurant in Edgewood NM. It was a casual get together at Little Mama's Restaurant. This was a casual get together with about 15 HDARC members and guests in attendance.



The business portion of the luncheon discussed how the East Mountain Group is representing the EmComm needs in the East Mountain Community and a plan for community engagement demonstrating how Amateur Radio contributes to the community in a positive manner.

Wildlife West Nature Park Radio Demo.

Three club members from our East Mountain Group will be conducting an Amateur Radio demonstration to visitors of the [Wildlife West Nature Park](#) in Edgewood, New Mexico. The team will be operating from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 4 May 2024. Operators will showcase voice and data emergency communication modes to include VARA HF and packet which are used to send and receive text and email messages. The traditional use of repeater systems as well as long-range high frequency radio will also be on display. The zoo is open from 10am-6pm and will also be hosting the annual Kite Flying Festival. Visit www.wildlifewest.org for directions and additional venue information. For information related to this ham radio demonstration, contact Tom Rusell, N5ATR, at 505-400-2686 or atrussell4@gmail.com. [Click here](#) for the FACEBOOK announcement.

ARRL 2024 Field Day HDARC Event June 22, 2024

Our club will be participating in Field Day this year. We have secured a permit from the City of Albuquerque to utilize the North Domingo Park Pavilion near the Dog Park to set up operations from 9:00 AM till 6:00PM On Saturday June 22, 2024. This is the same area we operated last year. Save the date. As we had during the 2024 Winter Field, we are

considering the option to operate from multiple sites in the metropolitan area. More information to follow soon. To learn more about the 2024 ARRL Field Day [Click Here](#).

Duke City Hamfest (DCHF) “Call for Presentations”

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE is now extended to May 31st, 2024 APRIL

The 2024 DCHF website is live and now accepting registration for the Sept,20-22, 2024 event in Albuquerque NM. The HDARC is a sponsor of this event. Visit the website dukecityhamfest.org for more information. The 2024 DCHF has announced a **"CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS"**. If you have a passion for a particular subject related to Amateur Radio, here is your opportunity to share it with the HAM community. These forum presentations are no more than 50 minutes in length. Click on this link **"CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS"** to learn more. The **SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE is now extended to May 31st, 2024 APRIL 30, 2024**. If you have questions about presenting at a forum contact me directly at 505-401-0219 or at ki5nbp.mike.smith@gmail.com.

Test Equipment for Members

Harvey KI5YVY made a pitch to the club during the APRIL 2024 club about looking into the club purchasing some of the higher end testing equipment that we use as Hams for testing out our equipment and antennas. The purpose would be to loan this equipment to members when needed on a short term basis. The club approved us to move forward to

create a proposal. Thank you Harvey for bringing this suggestion forward.

HDARC By-Law Review Progress Report

New Milestone Dates

Your club officers have begun the review of the current set of organizational by-laws. The goal is to have recommendations to the Board of Directors by Mid April 2024 for their review, comments and possible action. If action is taken, the new recommendations will be sent to the membership by email for review by mid May 2024. A portion of the June 15, 2024 in person club meeting will be set aside for the membership to ask questions, recommend modifications, and possibly ratify what the Board of Director approved with amendments if needed. To review the current by-laws [CLICK HERE](#).

HDARC CLUB TRAILER

During the APRIL 2024 club meeting membership approved to move forward on creating a proposal to modify the club trailer as a communications trailer. I am looking for suggestions from our membership. Leadership will move forward on putting together a proposal to bring to the membership over the next 30-60 days. Please email me with your suggestions at hdarcpres@gmail.com.

Live Streaming HDARC Monthly Meeting on ZOOM

During the APRIL 2024 club meeting membership approved to move forward on developing a proposal from the leadership team to live stream and record our monthly meetings and presentations. I hope to submit a proposal to the membership within 30 - 60 days.

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. Thank Yul, WA5YUL and V.E. team for what they do to provide free testing to the public. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this newsletters.

I look forward to hearing from you on the CHAT Shack Net or seeing you at Hamming Around NM this Saturday! Feel free to reach out to me anytime at hdarcpres@gmail.com.

If you wish to add content to the weekly newsletter the deadline for submission is Monday preceding the Wednesday publication date.

73 Mike

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