



# The High Desert Dispatch

**The WEEKLY PERIODICAL  
FOR THE  
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.**  
"Celebrating over 20 years of service to the Amateur Radio Community and the General  
Public as a non profit 501 (c)(3) charitable organization"

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## **Introduction from the President**

Greetings,

This past Saturday we held a D-Star workshop presented by Bob N5JH. 15 Hams attended. It was a really engaging experience . A big 73 to Bob for instructing us and a Big 73 to John KC5QOC for providing a really nice location. More details within.

Over the past year we continue to have solid growth in club membership and have added a variety of workshops and experiences to strengthen our skills as HAMS and engage the community we serve. In order to keep this forward progression sustainable we need to make some scheduling changes to ensure our resources are best applied. Our business model requires us to acquire suitable space at no/nearly no cost for our meetings, workshops, field days, experiences, and events. We compete with every other non-profit specialty club in Albuquerque for that free space on Saturdays. That has become the challenge. In order to maintain our current pace, one of the most notable changes taking effect will be during the 3rd Saturday of the month membership meetings. Starting in May 2025 at the monthly meeting we are going to offer a workshop to replace VE testing after the business function of the meeting. This format will be repeated in July, September, and November. V.E. testing will be offered at 11:30 AM in June, August, October, and December after the business portion of the membership meeting. Consolidating to every other month still provides ample access for those who wish to take an exam, while allowing our membership who make up the VE team to access more Saturday club events. It also gives us the needed free space to conduct our offerings. This schedule will remain in effect till

the beginning of 2026. As the scheduling changes approach I will ensure to highlight them and ensure they are clearly stated.

I will be sending out a short survey to members in good standing sometime during April 2025 to provide feedback on current and future programming.

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

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

The start date for the CW workshop six (6)session series will be April 5, 2025. The location will be the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. Details within.

The SOTA workshop on April 12, 2025 still has openings. Details within.

If you look at the May 17, 2025 calendar entry in this publication you will see our first workshop scheduled during a monthly meeting.

The Satellite communication field days, and HOMEBREW contest are close to being set. The final details soon.

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



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## 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>



## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

**David Gimson**

## **THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION**

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“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

### **From The Elmer, NS7X**

**Did you know that your circulatory system provides oxygen to every living cell in your body – except for one portion? Do you know which bit that is? Mark Barettella, N2MD, is today a successful cardiologist in Florida who was a medical student in the early 1980’s at St. George’s Medical School in Grenada. His call in those days was KA2ORK and he, no doubt, was studying the human circulatory system when, in October, 1983 a violent coup erupted in Grenada. He and other medical students, including American students, were caught in the crossfire, and their lives were at risk. Mark, from under his desk which he hoped would give him cover, got on his hf rig seeking a contact in or near Washington, DC. I’m told he was successful in contacting a ham just outside of DC who in turn looked up the US State Department phone number in the phone book and made the call which went something like this, “Hello? I am a ham radio operator and I’m in contact with an American ham in Grenada who is reporting that there is a violent coup occurring right now. American medical students are at risk due to the violence.” Within hours, the US military was gearing up and within days, the US invaded Grenada. Mark, and his fellow American hams in Grenada, served as the journalists of the invasion with their world-wide transmissions of their “up close and personal” descriptions of events as they happened. The rest, as they say, is history. After all, when all else fails... By the way, do you know the body part is not oxygenated by blood vessels? That would be**

**your corneas. In order for light to enter your eyes, your corneas must be clear of any obstruction – like blood vessels. Your corneas sip oxygen from the air instead.**

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

**How to ground a Ham Radio Station:**

**[https://youtu.be/nCaqsraYbog?si=0\\_lmJD7nSefKBCEa](https://youtu.be/nCaqsraYbog?si=0_lmJD7nSefKBCEa)**



## THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

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



### Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

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



### **NM5HD Net Controllers :**

**1st Saturday, John Gleason, K5JVG**

**2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP**

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

**4th Saturday, Mike Chirin, NM5MC**

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

**The next net is Saturday March 22, 2025 Your net controller is V.P. John K5JVG.** 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**

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“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

### **D-Star Workshop -March 22, 2025 -Report**

Bob Langoria N5JH conducted 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. John Mocho KC5QOC provided the facilities.

*The following callsigns attended:*

K4DGG	AF5TT	KI5NBP	K5JVB	N6SIK	AG5UY
NS7X	N5CJC	KI5YIF	N2GJ	K5RFP	W4SOF
N5JFN	KB0WMA	KI5VJJ			

All those that attended should have received an email from Bob with the workshop presentation attached.

A big 73 to all who attended and to Bob and John.



## **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. 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

<https://www.cabq.gov/family/crei/community-centers/los-duranes-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   KY5YK   KE5DKJ   KJ5DSU  
WB9ZRE

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



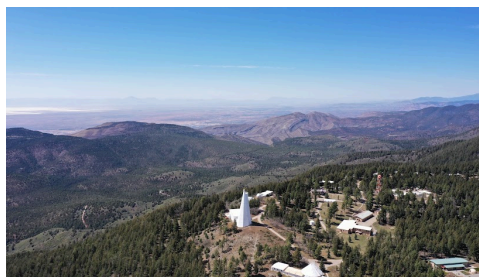
## **CW Workshop Sessions -New**

### **April 5- May 10 (New Location and Time)**

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 9:00 AM to 10:30 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. The location of all six sessions is the North Domingo Baca Multi-Cultural Center 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113 in the community room.* 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 KI5YVY

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	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 2	4/12/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 3	4/19/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 4	4/26/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 5	5/3/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Class 6	5/10/2025	9:00 AM-10:30 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 callsigns have registered to participate in this adventure:

KD6KR	KI5NBP	AG5UY	KI5NBP	N6SIK	N6TYT
KI5NBN	NM5MC	K5JVB	WA5YUL	N1NVK	KI5YIF
KJ5ICW	KJ5KMJ				

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 April 17, 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 five donated pieces of test equipment. Please consider if you have a piece of gently used and functional test equipment you can donate for this program. The next purchase of test equipment for the program will include RF noise detectors (MFJ 805). An MFJ 259 Antenna Analyzer was donated by Roger K5RPE. 73  
Roger

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

### **RT Systems Programming Software Available for Use**

The club has in its possession the following RT Systems programming software available for use:

- Icom-2730
- Alinco-635
- Yaesu FT-60
- Yaesu FT-2900
- Yaesu FTM-6000

Please contact Past President David Ham N6SIK if you wish to use them at [n6sik@arrl.net](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 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.

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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.

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

**Thursday April 17, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM :** HDARC East Mountain Group monthly luncheon/meeting at Lil Mama's Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015. All are invited to attend. Contact Club Quartermaster/East Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you have any questions.  
<https://menushenu.com/lil-mamas-restaurant-edgewood-menu/>

**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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**Thursday May 15, 2025 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM :** HDARC East  
Mountain Group monthly luncheon/meeting at Lil Mama's  
Restaurant located at 150 NM-344 A, in Edgewood, NM 87015.  
All are invited to attend. Contact Club Quartermaster/East

Mountain resident Rob KI5NBN if you have any questions.

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

**Saturday May 17, 2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM:** In Person Club Meeting and Event: “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 foxhunt will take place immediately after the antenna is built. (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.

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

**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.

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

**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**

- June 2025 Sat. Comm Field Day
- June 7, 2025- National Solar Observatory -Sunspot NM
- June 2025 ARRL Field Day
- May - June 2025 Club CW Morse Code Challenge
- 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** **(Scheduling Change)**

The HDARC is a sponsor of the Institute of HAM Radio Sciences, which conducts free V.E. testing sessions on behalf of the HDARC at 11:30 on the 3rd Saturday of April, June, August, October, and December immediately following the Monthly HDARC In-Person Club Meeting in classroom #4 at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center. Look for the link [FREE TESTING](#) on the club web page. Please, pre register on the club web page for testing [www.nm5hd.org](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. **The next testing session is April 19, 2025.**

## **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***



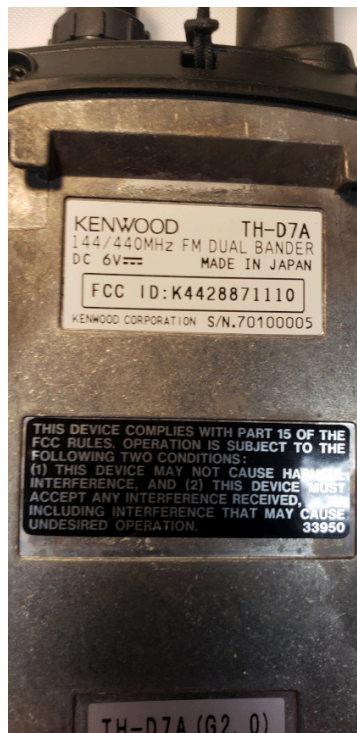


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\$40.00**



**ICOM IC-27A  
2 Meter 50  
Watts.  
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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. *Talk to you on the Net soon.*

73 Mike



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## **The High Desert Amateur Radio Club Of New Mexico Inc.**

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