



# The High Desert Dispatch

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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,**

**Happy Holidays!**

A few weeks back I was informed by our V.P John Gleason (K5JVG) that he and his wife were moving back to Texas. John is already there and will be missed greatly by myself and the members of this club. He played a very active role with the V.E. team from its inception, participated rigorously in all our youth engagements over the years, attended all our meetings, participated in Hamming around New Mexico, our field days, and special events. For the past year, he stepped forward and filled the Club's V.P. position. I know John reads this publication. So, to John, thank you for your dedicated service to this club and its membership. I will miss you and your positive outlook. John, please know that we are only one state over, and I look forward to speaking with you on HDARC-2-Night via Echo Link. Your work with HDARC has left a huge imprint that has had a positive impact that will stay with the club as it grows. Stay in touch. I hope you and your wife find what you're looking for at your new home. We will always be here for you.

**John has agreed to complete his term in office until Club Officers and BOD elections in February 2026.**

**The Clubs Form 1 application with the NMFCC to register and assign the callsign NM5HD/R to our 443.750 +100 repeater on the Sandia Crest has been approved. More information on the repeater within.**

**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. In today's publication, you will find a draft of that MOU for review by HDARC membership. This draft has been vetted by SCARES leadership and membership. HDARC leadership has vetted the same document. It is now time for HDARC**

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membership to review, make comments, and ask questions. This will be an agenda item for our Dec. 20, 2025 membership meeting for possible action. Please review and note any comments or questions you might have for the Dec. 20th meeting.

During the December 20th meeting, we will also be discussing the FY 2026 budget proposal. Mike Chirin (NM5MC) and I are currently working on this to submit to the BOD for review and action prior to the Dec. 20th meeting before it goes to the club for final action.

I hope you had a great time if you attended our last meeting with Dr. Fong's Webinar. Ed (Dr. Fong) has made a special 20% off his inventory of items to the club membership if the club facilitates the order. You will be receiving an email from me with the offer of Dr. Fong's inventory. If you wish to order something at the discounted rate, bring your order and payment to the next club meeting on Dec. 20, 2025. We will be accepting cash and checks. If you can't make the meeting and wish to order, email me and we will arrange payment. Ed has agreed to conduct more webinars in the future on more topics around antenna design and his QRP radio builds. More information within.

The next steps in our work with the UNM Small Satellite Group is V.E. testing in January 2026. Thank you for your generous donations at the last meeting to help buy new HT's for those from the group who pass their tech exam. I will be in contact with their President Elizabeth this coming week to finalize a January 2026 testing schedule.

Our Special Projects coordinator Marc (KD6KR) has been working with VERON President Remy from the Netherlands on developing a prototype for engaging youth here in the U.S. and abroad in Europe. This is still at a very high level conceptual stage. Currently we are working on the technology aspect. Marc and I will be giving the Club an update during the February 2026 meeting. I am happy to announce that John Betz (KI5YIF) will be joining this project team moving forward. Thank you John.

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

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

V.E. testing will resume on Saturday December 20, 2025

Yul (WA5YUL) is leading an effort to aid in Hurricane relief in Jamaica. Thank you for your donations. More info within.

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.

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. More details within.

Our next large Social Event will be our Winter Holiday Party on Saturday December 13. I am looking forward to this event. Reach out to me if you wish to be a part of the planning team. 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.

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

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)

## 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



**A Visit from St. Nicklaus**  
**by MaryAnn, NS7X**  
**(with apologies to Clement**  
**Moore and poets**  
**everywhere.)**

Twas the night before Christmas, and I was running the net.

The band seemed dead because all was qui-et.

My antenna was hung, way up in the air –

Ready to excite electrons with a flair.

The silence was deafening, as I announced my plea -

“Last call” I said, “Else I’ll be QRT.”

Then suddenly my rig came alive with a clatter -

And I queried “QRZ?” to see what was the matter.

On the Crest there was a foot of new-fallen snow -

Which gave a luster of magic to the city below.

Luminarias were burning almost everywhere,

As the smell of posole and tamales floated through the air.

I adjusted my gain with a click,

And copied the call St. N1CK.

He was reindeer-sled mobile, he said -

Then added the band was not dead.

Before I could ask Nick what was new,

A repeater pile-up ensued.

On NBP, on SIK, on YUL, on NBN came the calls.

They came so fast, I couldn't copy them all.

The jolly elf, though, had no trouble -

He read them back. Even those that had been mumbled.

Santa added, "QSL to Box 1, North Pole -

It'll be June before I answer the whole."

As fast as he came, he disappeared.

No longer could his signal be hear'd.

But his final sign-off did come to light -

"Seventy-three, Hi-DARC and to Hi-DARC a good night!"

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>

## **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.

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.

## Jamaica Hurricane Relief

Yul (WA5YUL) wishes to thank all HDARC members who donated HAM radio related items to be shipped to Jamaica as part of the Hurricane relief effort. Below are pictures that represent *only a part of what was donated*, new and used. Donations of equipment are conservatively estimated between \$4000.00 and \$4500.00 from HDARC members.



Yul is reporting that his group has made contact with the Jamaican Amateur Radio Association to receive the items for distribution and set up of an EOC. Currently arrangements are being made for the items to clear customs and customs documents are being prepared. If you have any questions about the status of this relief effort contact YUL directly at [yul.bratcher@att.net](mailto:yul.bratcher@att.net).

## HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

A draft MOU has been vetted by the SCARES leadership/membership and HDARC Leadership. Here is the current version of the MOU for review by the HDARC Membership. This document will be an agenda item during our December 20, 2025 General Membership Meeting for discussion and possible action.



### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) Between The High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico and The Sandoval County Amateur Radio Emergency Service



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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20, by and between:

The High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico Inc. (HDARC), a non-profit amateur radio club, with the mailing address at

and

The Sandoval County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SCARES), a non-profit amateur radio club, with mailing address at

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation, collaboration, and mutual support between the two clubs in the promotion and advancement of amateur radio activities, emergency communications, education, camaraderie, community outreach/service, and public service in general. Both clubs' governing bodies recognize that they serve the same membership base and communities. We find that it is in the best interest of both clubs and their

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membership to enter into this agreement to strengthen and build upon the services offered to each club and the general public.

## 2. Areas of Cooperation

- A. Both clubs agree to work together in the following areas/scope, but are not limited to:
  - a. Sharing of technical knowledge and expertise;
  - b. Participation in joint field days, contests, special events, meetings, and public service communications;
  - c. Coordination during emergency or disaster response events/exercises;
  - d. Joint training and workshops for members and the public;
  - e. Promoting amateur radio licensing and education;
  - f. Promote youth outreach programs;
  - g. Promote public service outreach programs;
  - h. Coordination of joint public facing events;
  - i. Lending/Sharing of equipment that is appropriate;
  - j. Promote mutual membership growth in each organization; and
  - k. Sharing the means of communication that reach out to each membership base, the general amateur radio community, and the general public.

- B. Direct examples of these areas of cooperation could include, but are not limited to:
    - Training sessions on EmComm procedure to HAMs that do not belong to an ARES group;
    - Sharing of repeater resources;
    - Both clubs jointly attend public facing events to promote our causes;
    - Joint recruitment of membership;
    - Co-sponsoring field activities/exercises;
    - Joint Workshop/trainer development; and
    - Shared expense/access on administrative tools.

The clubs agree to maintain open communication through regular meetings, email, newsletters, and designated liaison officers. Each club will designate a point of contact to coordinate joint activities and share relevant information.

## 4. Resources

Where feasible, the clubs agree to share facilities, equipment, and other resources during planned joint events or during emergencies, subject to availability and internal policies.

## 5. Independence

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Each club retains its own identity and independence. This MOU does not create any legal partnership or joint venture.

### **6. Duration and Termination**

This MOU will remain in effect until either clubs' Board of Directors (BOD) feel it is necessary to terminate this agreement. Each entity will do a joint annual review of this MOU every January and report any proposed revision or amendments by February to each BOD for mutual ratification. Either party may terminate the agreement at any time with 30 days written notice from either BOD.

### **7. Amendments**

This MOU may be amended by mutual written consent of both clubs at any time through each BOD.

### **8. Signatures**

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## 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 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 December 18, 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 Work Shop Report & 20 percent off Fong Antennas offer to Club Members

At the November 15, 2025 meeting Dr Edison Fong did a webinar to our membership on his antenna designs. He has made an offer of 20 percent off his antennas if you purchase them through HDARC. The prices below reflect the 20% off, discounted price. For a description of each antenna click on this link <https://edsantennas.weebly.com/> .

DBJ-1 \$40  
DBJ-2 \$45  
TBJ-1 \$70  
GMRS base \$50  
6ft ext for DBJ-2 \$7  
BNC =>PL259 \$3.00  
220 MHz base \$35  
uSDX+ radio \$150

The discount is only available if you order through the club. If you wish to place an order through the club to receive this discount bring cash or a check made out to the club to the December 20, 2025 club meeting to place your order. If you can not make the meeting and wish to place an order email [hdarcpres@gmail.com](mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com) to make arrangements to place an order and pay. All orders must be prepaid before we place the bulk order.

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

The 2025 HDARC Holiday Party will be held on Saturday December 13, 2025 at 1600 hours . The location will be the same as previous years; Rudy's BBQ at 10136 Coors Blvd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114. This is a pay your way event. After you buy your food, join us on the patio. We will have decorations on the tables. The club will provide drawings for giveaways of equipment, gift cards, and club swag. We have had a blast in previous years, please bring family members and friends. We look forward to sharing stories of the past year with HDARC.

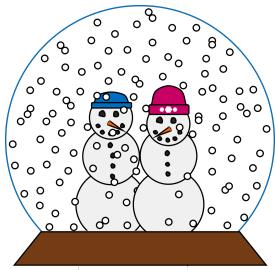


## HDARC Club Home Brew Exhibition January 2026 - UPDATE

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! The following callsigns has registered to participate in the Exhibition:

K5NBN      KI5YIF      KD5MHQ      KE5DKJ      KJ5KUF      KE7BYQ  
WA5YUL      N1NVK

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.



**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.

## Digital Texting on 2 Meters Experiment - Seeking Participants

Ed Poccia KC2LM & John Mocho, KC5QOC will be doing some experimenting with *Digital Texting* on two meters within the next two weeks using; VarAC Advanced & Broadcasting, MFSK-16, Olivia, UISS (*useful for digipeating through the ISS*) and perhaps a few others on a Date/Time/Frequency as yet to be determined. They are opening this training opportunity to HDARC members interested in EXPANDING their digital capability. *This training session is NOT for beginners.*

*If you wish to participate contact Ed KC2LM by email ASAP @*  
*edwardpoccia@aol.com*

### 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 13, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.  
President Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

**Saturday December 13, 2025 4:00 PM HDARC NM5HD**

**Holiday Party, Rudy's BBQ at 10136 Coors Blvd NW,  
Albuquerque, NM 87114.**

**Tuesday December 16, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn  
Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDARC Repeater 443.750 +100 on  
Sandia Crest.**

**Wednesday December 17, 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 December 18, 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 K5NBN if you  
have any questions.**

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

**Saturday December 20, 2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: General Membership Meeting and VE Testing**

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

**Tuesday December 23, 2025 1830 - 1930 hrs: HDARC E. Mtn Group Bravo Sierra Net. HDARC Repeater 443.750 +100 on Sandia Crest.**

**Wednesday December 24, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.**

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**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=kXb9i18t3bc3>

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**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=kXb9i18t3bc3>

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**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.**  
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**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)

- 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 will resume Decemebr 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.

V.E. testing will resume December 20, 2025

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



[QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) 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 weekly.*

The Club has received a generous donation of a large tower and antenna array. Please see the pictures below. This unit has a value of thousands of dollars. It would require the recipient to incur the cost of renting a crane to remove the unit from the current property, cost of disassembly, transport and have a pad with the appropriate receiving bolts in place ahead of time at their location plus assembly. The unit is being offered to the general HAM community for a donation. Please contact Past President David Ham N6SIK if you have questions about the unit.

*The Sandoval County ARES has the following items for sale. Contact Gary K5BIQ at [garycapt@yahoo.com](mailto:garycapt@yahoo.com) to inquire and make an offer*

- **2- 15" Computer Monitors**
- **Long LMR-400 coax**
- **Misc length coax**
- **Misc antenna parts**
- **23 amp Samlex 1223 Power Supply**
- **Headset**
- **Misc. parachute cord**
- **MFJ-993B Antenna Tuner**
- **MFJ-989D Versa Tuner**
- **Antenna mast tripod**
- **Kenwood 590s HF/50Mhz Transceiver**
- **Old laptop**

- ***Kenwood TS-50 HF Transceiver***
- ***Remote Antenna switch, Ameritron RCS-8V***
- ***Ameritron ALS-600S Amplifier***

**Available for Purchase from the club Inventory**

**More inventory to be listed soon**

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



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

### The 2025 Leadership Team

#### Executive Leadership

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

John Gleason, K5JVG, Vice-President 2025-2026

Elaine Summerhill, KJ5ATL, Secretary 2024-2026

Mike Chirin, NM5MC, Treasurer - 2024-2026

#### Board of Directors

Ken Ham, AG5UY, Chairman - 2025-2027

John Dodd KJ5KUF Director- 2025-2027

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

50/50 - Raffles: Becky Ham, N6TYT

The High Desert Dispatch Co-Editors: Mike Smith, KI5NBP

Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL

**Website: Ken Ham, AG56UY**

**Club YouTube Channel: Elaine Summerhill , KJ5ATL**

**East Mountain Group: Rob Summerhill , K5NBN**

**License Testing: Yul Bratcher, WA5YUL**

**Club Net's: John Gleason, K5JVG**

**Club Repeater(s): Rob Summerhill, K5NBN**

**Field Days: John Gleason, K5JVG**

**Membership Recruitment and Retention: Don Shoemaker N9DCS**

**Public Relations Outreach**

**Youth and Student Outreach**

**Safety Coordinator**

**Club Senior and Veterans Affairs Outreach**

**EmComm**

