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

Greetings!

As you have noticed, I am experimenting with a new format for the weekly newsletter. I would like your feedback either way.

This week I experienced something very special. I received an email and phone call from Mike VE3IPC a RAC Section Manager near Ottawa Ontario Canada. He made an acquaintance here in Albuquerque who is interested in HAM radio through the internet. His wish is to connect him with an active club. He did an internet search for NM Amateur Radio Clubs and decided to contact us. Our one hour discussion on the phone was about his club in Canada, our club here, our website (Kudos to Ken AG5UY from Mike VE3IPC) and his and my Canadian roots. Mike has been a HAM in Canada for over 60 years. Hearing him compliment on what and how we approach HAM radio as a club was a reminder of all the hard work of past and current leaders and members who are the foundation and strength of the HDARC. I made contact with his friend here in Albuquerque and will meet with him next week. The club has a new friend in Canada and in Albuquerque. I will keep in touch with Mike VE3IPC. It was a reminder of how HAMS are more than technicians, engineers or public servants. We are humanitarians, like Mike VE3IPC, reaching out over 2000 miles to care for someone he has not met in person but wants to ensure his friend gets appropriate help and guidance.

What a great privilege it is to be a member of this club. I hope you find this new newsletter format easy to use. I look forward to hearing from you.

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! 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 group of Hams in New Mexico, you'll be glad you did!

Hamming Around New Mexico Event -Update!

The next exciting adventure will be on Saturday April 27th,2024.

Location: [Salinas Mission Pueblos](#). We will visit the Abo site and the Grand Quivera Site in that order.

Driving time: about 90 minutes from ABQ.

Time: 9 am into the afternoon

Lunch : in Mountainair or bring a pack lunch.

The breakdown of the day from David and Becky:

From the Big I travel south on I-25 just south of the airport to Rio Bravo Blvd SE. Head West one block and make a U-Turn at the traffic light, Broadway Blvd SE. After the U-Turn head East toward the freeway. Just before the freeway there will be a Maverik Fuel Station on your right. This is where we will gather.

The local frequency will be simplex, 146.460. We will also monitor the club repeater, 442.750, as we head to the meeting location.

It is about a one-hour drive from our meeting location to the ABO, so, for the best use of the day, we would like to depart at 9am from the Maverik.

Make plans to arrive about 8:45 so we can leave at 9am.

If you are traveling on your own, the address for the ABO ruins is 69 Ruins Road, Mountainair, NM 87036.

After the ABO we will stop at Mountainair for lunch. After lunch we will travel south to the Gran Quivira, and we can tour there and set up radios to see who we can talk to! Should be a great day. Contact: Becky Ham, N6TYT for more information.

Club Calendar - April-July SAVE THE DATES

APRIL 2024

Wednesday April 10, 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 April 13, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Wes NM5WJ Net Controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday April 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 April 20th, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presenter Rob Summerhill, KI5NBN: "Parks on the Air" (POTA). HT Radio Giveaway.

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

Wednesday April 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>

Thursday April 25, 2004 HDARC - East Mountain Group Meeting 11:30 AM. Little Mama's Restaurant (Formerly Katrinas) 505-281-4050 150 NM-344 Edgewood, NM 87015. For more info [click here.](#)

Saturday April 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.

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.

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. Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [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. Agenda TBD and 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.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

Saturday June 8, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Saturday, June 8, 2024 HDARC East Mountain Group - Edgewood Car Show Ham Radio Demonstration. More info. Coming soon.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

Saturday July 13, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Wes NM5WJ will be our net controller. [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.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85995024575?pwd=R2ptNURpSkIJRUhvNTVqU0NOSDZkZz09>

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, Wes Jones, NM5WJ
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

HDARC East Mountain Group

The next meeting / lunch for the HDARC East Mountain Group is Thursday, 25 April 2024 1130AM (NEW MEETING LOCATION)

Little Mama's Restaurant (Formerly Katrinas)

505-281-4050

150 NM-344

Edgewood, NM 87015

This is a casual get together. All past, present and future ham operators are welcome!

Saturday, 8 June - Edgewood Car Show Ham Radio Demonstration

**Saturday, 6 July - Town of Edgewood Ham Radio
Demonstration**

For more information [click here](#).

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](#).

Upcoming Parks on the Air (POTA) Events for April 2024

Jack, KP1PE ,forwarded this info about upcoming POTA activity.

These events happen seasonally, on the 3rd full weekend of the month, first month of the quarter. These are 'activity weekends' where the main purpose is to get out in the parks, and have as much fun as possible.

COMING UP:

Spring 2024 POTA - 3rd Full Weekend of April. April 20-21, 2024. This is coming up in 1-1/2 weeks. Friday evening 6pm MDT to Sunday evening 6pm MDT.

TEXAS 2024 State Parks On The Air Weekend: April 19-21, 2024. Friday evening 6-pm to Sunday evening 6-pm El Paso time.

NM QSO Party - April 13, 2024

The objective is simple: New Mexico stations contact as many New Mexico counties, states, and countries as possible. Stations outside of the Land of Enchantment make contact with as many New Mexico counties as possible. [Click here](#) for more info.

Duke City Hamfest (DCHF) “Call for Presentations”

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. If you have

questions about presenting at a forum contact me directly at 505-401-0219 or at ki5nbp.mike.smith@gmail.com.

HDARC By-Law Review Progress Report

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 the End of 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. Part of the May 18, 2004 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

The club owns a small - medium size box trailer. Currently it is used for storage of club assets. We recently moved the trailer from David's N6SIK residence to Rob's KI5NBN home in Edgewood. Thank you Rob and Elaine for storing the trailer for us. There have been discussions in the past on how to best use the trailer. Some would like to configure it as a communications trailer. I am looking for suggestions from our membership and make a decision soon. Please email me

with your suggestions at hdarcpres@gmail.com. I will come to the membership with a plan for approval during the May in-person club meeting. Please send me your suggestions.

Stolen Radios

Steve Loeffler WB9ZRE reported at this past Saturday's club meeting that sometime between last Saturday evening and Thursday afternoon (March 9 to March 14, 2024) one or more individuals broke into a hot air balloon trailer located in the fenced back storage lot of Choices Wholesale Flooring Solutions, 4382 Alexander Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107 (approximately 1000 feet west-southwest of the Topgolf facility at I-25 & Montañó/Montgomery exit).

In addition to unique "Dawn's Delight" branded ballooning shirts, hats, and blankets, the thief/thieves also stole the following electronics:

- **2 sets Flytec 3040 flight instruments (s/n 10668 & 10546) and the TT34 temperature sensors (s/n 5880 & 5888),**
- **2 Icom aircraft handheld radios (IC-A16, IC-A24)**
- **2 Baofeng UV-82c (commercial version) handheld radios & chargers (s/n unconfirmed),**
- **2 Baofeng UV-5RT handheld radios & chargers (s/n: 135T020295 & 135T020329)**

- **8 Baofeng UV-5R handheld radios & chargers (s/n: UV5R588112, UV5R691452, UV5R691587, UV5R691599, 23U401309774, 23U401539976, 23U401546847, 1 radio s/n unconfirmed).**

All radios in cordura molle radio pouches (black, tan, or camo). All radios have Owner name & phone number labels between the radio and removable battery and bottoms of each radio and battery. All Baofeng radios software branded with “Dale Ruth” or “Kyle Ruth” displayed during boot-up on LCD display].

All Baofeng radios were Tx/Rx simplex programmed with 8 Amateur Radio frequencies, all 22 GMRS frequencies, 6 marine band frequencies, 11 Balloon Fiesta pilot/crew/official's frequencies, 2 Search & Rescue frequencies, and 3 NOAA weather frequencies (RX only). See the attached file for specific Tx/Rx frequencies.

If you hear of or encounter anyone selling or possessing any of this equipment, please get as much information as possible about the individual and contact Dale Ruth at 505-401-0217.

CONCLUSION

The Best is Yet to Come!!

Check the club's website often, there are interesting things being added weekly. www.nm5hd.org

I want to thank the club's COB, Kenneth Ham, AG5UY, for maintaining the website. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this newsletters.

I look forward to chatting with you on the radio! 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
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