

## The High Desert Dispatch

### The WEEKLY PERIODICAL FOR THE

#### HIGH DESERT AMATUER RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO INC.

"Celebrating 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**

**Bonjour from Montreal,** 



Well I decided to visit family in the beautiful City of Montreal, Canada. I didn't plan for over 100 cm of snow over 3 days and -10 temperatures. A 110 year record was broken. It has its own beauty but makes traveling a challenge. The amazing thing is the City is still functioning with transportation, essential services, and

businesses remain open. City officials report It will take them 6 weeks to remove the snow. An amazing thing to see. I had a great reunion with my family. I learned it is possible to live a good life to 104 years old and more about my family roots in Quebec and my grandparents' U.S. post WWII immigration to Connecticut in the late 1940's. I learned the family motto set by my great grandmother Rose Benoit "Do live to regret, don't regret to live". Sounds like advice to live by. Keeps life exciting. I'll be back in New Mexico this Friday weather permitting. Looking forward to thawing out.

At last Saturday's Monthly Membership Meeting we had an engaging discussion with MaryAnn NS7X on why we need to learn and use CW as amateur radio operators. 73 Mary Ann. It was a great discussion. Looking forward to her workshop and contest. Thank you Paul KB0WMA for being at the meeting to support those who attended the DMR workshop. Thanks for flashing my DMR radio and answering attendees' questions. There is a really good possibility that there will

be a follow up DMR workshop in the very near future. The membership selected a new identity for the newsletter, "The High Desert Dispatch". Pay attention to the new layout with section names. They might be familiar to some of you that attended the meeting. I am changing the moniker from weekly newsletter to weekly periodical. This is more in line with the direction of the 30 page plus document which is published every week.

New officers for vacant board and leadership team positions we elected. More details within. Thank you to Marc KD6KR for his contribution on legislation about Amatuer Radio being reintroduced in the U.S. Congress.

A big 73 Steve Loeffler WB9ZRE for fixing an MFJ Antenna Analyzer so we can add it to the Test Equipment Loaner Program and the donation of two (2) heavy duty tripods for our Club Satellite Communications Kit.

In February club membership dues are collected as per the constitution and bylaws. The club dues make up 45 percent of our operating capital for the year. Thank you to all members who have already submitted payment. Your attention to this detail is greatly appreciated.

We now have a location to hold the D-Star workshop thanks to John Mocho KC5QOC. 73 John. The SOTA Workshop date has changed to April 12, 2025. Details within this newsletter.

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Don't forget about our Wednesday Noon Zoom Chat Room . This link is active through the end of 2025.

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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! <a href="https://www.nm5hd.org">www.nm5hd.org</a>

To become a club member go to <a href="www.nm5hd.org">www.nm5hd.org</a> 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: <a href="https://www.arrl.org/membership">https://www.arrl.org/membership</a>

#### **Welcome New Members**

A big 73 to the newest members of the HDARC:

Johnathan Earhart- KI5UIT
Nathan Hardman - KJ5JLE
Grace Haven - KJ5JMK
Michael Hudzik - K5MJH
Donald Shoemaker - N9DCS
Robert Wright - KE8CEO
Robert Watson - KJ5GMA
Benjamin Phillips

#### **Club Officer Elections**

We held elections for the open Club officer positions. The membership elected members to fill the following positions:

Vice President (1 year term) John Gleason K5JVG
Director BOD (2 year term) Bill Jackson KM6CRL
Director BOD (2 year term) Ken Ham AG5UY
Director BOD (1 year term) Mary Ann Cornett NS7X



The BOD appointed Ken AG5UY as the Chairman of the Board. Ken and MaryAnn took their oath of office. John and Bill will be sworn in at the next meeting.

#### Naming of this Newsletter

The membership had the opportunity to name this newsletter by submitting names over the last 3 weeks and adding to the list at this past Saturday's membership meeting. After a facilitated process the membership agreed on the name of "The High Desert Dispatch". The general reasoning was that the name aligns with the theme of the wild west and the history of communications around the Santa Fe Trail, the pony express and the laying of railroad track and poles which allowed the growth of communication by stringing lines and punching C.W. code making the lines sing and keys tap. We had a few naming contenders that had made the prioritized list. I am attempting to use those names as section headers and changing the moniker from a newsletter to a periodical because of the frequency of publication. number of pages and content growth. So this publication is now known as "The High Desert Dispatch", the weekly periodical of the High Desert Amatuer Radio Club of New Mexico Inc. You are invited to contribute to the publication with relevant information about or for the club and anything Amatuer Radio related. The editor reserves the right to approve or send back submissions for corrections. I am looking for regular contributors. Please contact me at hdarcpres@gmail.com if you wish to inquire.

#### THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

"To have an opposing and balancing effect "

#### From The Elmer, NS7X

#### The Amateur's Code

There once was a fellow named Paul M. Segal. He was a ham, W9EEA. You could say he was very active in the early days of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). In fact, his contribution to the early days of ham radio were significant enough that in 1967 he received the ARRL President's Award – the highest recognition offered by the League. He also was posthumously inducted in the CQ Hall of Fame in 1996. Oh, and he also was an attorney. So what was Paul Segal's great contribution to amateur radio that made him someone to be honored and remembered? He wrote "The Amateur's Code" in 1928 which all hams should be familiar with and should follow. After all, it's a great guide to remind us all of how to be not just a "fine business" ham, but also a healthy member of the human community.

#### The Amateur's Code

The Amateur is Considerate: Never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

The Amateur is Loyal: Offers loyalty, encouragement, and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which amateur radio is represented.

<u>The Amateur is Progressive</u>: Keeps their station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. Their operating practice is above reproach.

The Amateur is Friendly: Operates slowly and patiently when requested, offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation, and consideration for the interests of others. This is the hallmark of the amateur spirit.

<u>The Amateur is Balanced</u>: Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school, or community.

The Amateur is Patriotic: Station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

The Amateur's Code may seem trite in this day and age, but I can't think of a better way to distinguish what makes ham radio so special than Paul Segal's Code. Even if it was penned by a lawyer.

73 de MaryAnn, NS7X <u>ns7x@arrl.net</u>

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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

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

Lets review basic HAM radio Jargon, Slang and Codes:

https://youtu.be/zl37-QKAsq0?si=gNZA\_\_IlbjdmqrLO

# Senators Wicker, Blumenthal Reintroduce Legislation to Protect Amateur Radio Operators "The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act" By Marc KD6KR

In the last session of congress Senators Wicker and Blumental attempted to introduce legislation known as the "The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act". This will be their second attempt in the U.S. Congress to introduce this legislation that would allow Hams, especially those who are limited to stealth vent-pipe, flagpole, and under-the-eves antennas because of HOA's and other local zoning restrictions, a better chance at putting up "reasonable" antennas on their property.

While neighbors might agree with your antenna perception that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", they see it as a blight and more likely to devalue their property. The primary pushbacks will come from HOA's and CC&R's which have contract law on their side. But the current exceptions of broadcast and satellite TV antennas tend to get our foot in the door. If passed this new legislation this would expand the FCC's Memorandum and Order PRB-1 which has been in effect since 1985 as an Amateur-friendly regulatory guideline to cities, counties, and states. Although, I have found that some are unaware that they are in violation of this Federal regulation. Click on the link below.

https://www.wicker.senate.gov/2025/2/senators-wicker-blumenthal-reintroduce-legislation-to-protect-amateur-radio-operators

#### 73 Marc KD6KR

#### THE CHAT SHACK SHEET SECTION

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

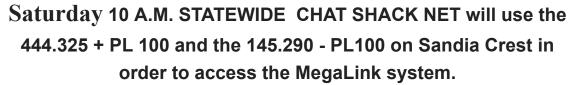
#### **Saturday CHAT SHACK NET Incentive Program-Update**

Our last net for February and this incentive program will be Saturday February 22, 2025. NM5MC will be net control. Any member in good standing who checks into the Saturday Net will receive a ticket with their call sign attached. When you check into the Chat Shack Net indicating that you are a member, clearly give you callsign using phonics. The net controller will submit their log sheet to the President who will verify and assign tickets.

The grand prize is a \$300.00 gift certificate to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) and will be drawn at the March membership meeting. Callsigns of those who have participated at any time during this program will be published in its entirety in the March 5, 2025 newsletter.



#### Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink





#### **NM5HD Net Controllers:**

1st Saturday, John Gleason, K5JVG 2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP 3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net 4th Saturday, Mike C NM5MC 5th Saturday, (when needed) Open for a volunteer.

The next net is Saturday February 22, 2025. Mike C NM5MC will be net control. 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 <a href="www.nm5ml.com">www.nm5ml.com</a>. If you're having issues programming your radio email <a href="mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com">hdarcpres@gmail.com</a>. You will be directed to someone in the club that can help you. Please <a href="mailto:click here">click here</a> to see the operational status of NM5ML Mega Link Repeaters.

#### **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 conversion? 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 then 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 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 someone this Thursday night.

#### THE REPEATER SECTION

"Receive and retransmit a communication signal"

#### D-Star Workshop -March 22, 2025 -Update

Bob Langoria N5JH has agreed to present 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. A big 73 to John Mocho KC5QOC for making the arrangements for the facialites use. Registration is now open. If you wish to attend please send an email to hdarcpres@gmail.com. The class size will be limited to 15 participants.

A D-STAR (Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio) workshop offers an opportunity for amateur radio enthusiasts to delve into the intricacies of digital communication systems. During the workshop, participants specifically explore the D- STAR protocol, learning how it enables reliable digital voice and data transmission over radio frequencies. Experienced instructors guide attendees through the setup and operation of D-STAR equipment, including transceivers and repeaters, while discussing the benefits and challenges of digital modes compared to traditional analog methods. Attendees also engage in hands-on activities, allowing them to program, configure and test their equipment in real-time, allowing a deeper understanding and proficiency in using this advanced technology. The workshop will also explore the use of hotspots to further enhance the digital communications experience. Whether you are a seasoned operator or a newcomer, the workshop offers an environment to enhance skills, share experiences, and explore the potential of digital amateur radio communication.

### SOTA (Summits on the Air) Workshop April 12, 2025 (New Date)



Carol Sugar's K5TFL will lead a SOTA workshop on April 12, 2025 in Albuquerque N.M. from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Location TBD. THIS IS A NEW DATE. 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 to register. The class size will be limited to 25.

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**

NS7X MaryAnn has agreed to conduct another series of weekly CW classroom sessions starting in April going through May 2025. The classroom sessions will be followed up with a multi week club CW contest starting in June 2025. We are working out dates, times and locations over the next few weeks. These sessions are for anyone wishing to learn and improve their skill set in keying CW. Class size is limited to 12 participants.



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. The link to the Observatory is: <a href="https://nso.edu">https://nso.edu</a>

#### THE CONNECTIONS SECTION

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

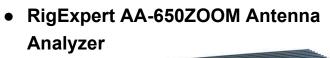
#### **Test Equipment Loaner Program for Members**

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:* <a href="https://www.nm5hd.org/\_files/ugd/d9cb96\_5fe894d5a99c43419171257">https://www.nm5hd.org/\_files/ugd/d9cb96\_5fe894d5a99c43419171257</a> 5def6987b.pdf

The current inventory of loaner test equipment includes:



• MFJ - 802B Field Strength Meter





We CURRENTLY have three 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).

MFJ 1GHz Dummy Lo

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

#### **HDARC Member Name Badges/Hats/Shirts-New**



I have been asked by members how to purchase a HDARC Membership Badge.

<u>Click Here</u> to be directed to our vendor's web store. <u>The site is fully operational again.</u>



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.

The Black Special Edition HDARC 20th Anniversary Ball Caps and Shirts are available at Rio Rancho T-Shirts. Email me if you would like to purchase one at <a href="mailto:hdarcpres@gmail.com">hdarcpres@gmail.com</a>.

## Club Calendar February - April 2025 SAVE THE DATES UPDATED

Wednesday February 19, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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Saturday February 22, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBD. LAST NET FOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM

#### **March 2025**

Saturday March 1, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. K5JVG John is our net controller.

Wednesday March 5, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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Saturday March 8, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller. TBD

Wednesday March 12, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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<u>Saturday March 15, 2025 10:00 AM</u>: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presentation: "What is SOTA (Summits on the Air) Presenter Carol Sugars K5TFL.

V.E. Testing begins at Noon. <u>Click here</u> for more information Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

Wednesday March 19, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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Saturday March 22, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net Controller will be VP Mike C NM5MC

Saturday March 22, 2025 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM: D-Star Workshop. Presenter Bob Langoria N5JH. Location: The Clubhouse at "The Vineyards 55 plus estates" 6118 Edith Blvd NE Albuquerque New Mexico.

Wednesday March 26, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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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. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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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.

Wednesday April 9, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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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 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.: Summits On The Air (SOTA) Workshop presented by Carol Sugars K5TFL. Location TBD

Wednesday April 15, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3</a>
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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. <u>Click here</u> for more information Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #4 7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

Wednesday April 22, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime
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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.

#### **Future Scheduled Club Events**

- February 2025 Club Board of Directors and Officers Elections 2 BOD positions and 1 year V.P. (complete Mike C term).
- February 18-21, 2025 Discover Steam Week National Museum of Nuclear Science and History HDARC Demonstration
- April May 2025 Learning CW workshops
- April 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE "
   Why Aren't You Contesting?"

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- April 2025 SOTA Workshop/Field Day Activation
- June 7, 2025- National Solar Observatory -Sunspot NM
- May June 2025 Club CW Morse Code Challenge
- 2025 ARRL FIELD DAY June 2025
- 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
- Transmitter Fox Hunt workshop and field day
- Ham Radio Home Brew Challenge
- Club Test Equipment Workshops
- And more to come.......

#### 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 <a href="#FREE TESTING">FREE TESTING</a> 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, <a href="mailto:yul.bratcher@att.net">yul.bratcher@att.net</a> A big 73 to YUL and the V.E. team for volunteering their time and resources. Without them this could not happen.

#### **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 Feel free to haggle with Rob. We will update this inventory weekly.

#### Looking to Buy

Grave, KJ5JMK, is looking to buy a used 13.8 V power supply for her 50W base station. She can be contacted at <a href="Mt.HavenNM@outlook.com">Mt.HavenNM@outlook.com</a>



#### Available for Purchase from the club Inventory

BAOFENG UV5R- extended Li-ion battery- spare 1800 mAH battery- data cord- external battery charger- OEM antenna Suggested Donation \$35.00



## BAOFENG UV5R #2 Extended Li ion battery- 1800 mAH spare batteryexternal battery charger- clip-on lapel

Suggested Donation \$40.00

microphone- data cable



ABBREE AR518 HT. 10 Watts. Full Band. No external charger. Suggested Donation \$40.00



ICOM IC2A HT radio- 2 meter only-works. Suggested Donation \$40.00

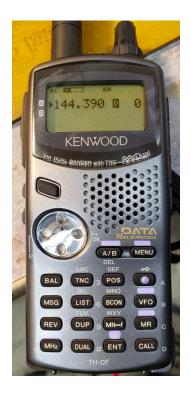








### ICOM IC-27A 2 Meter 50 Watts. Missing to snap in plastic cover. Suggested Donation \$50.00





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. <a href="www.nm5hd.org">www.nm5hd.org</a>

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. 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. I look forward to hearing you on the Chat Shack Net Saturday at 10:00 AM local time



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