



The High Desert Dispatch



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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

This past summer has been filled with activities that have built skill, fostered a growth in knowledge, and camaraderie within our club. We welcome fall with open arms and see what it brings to us. The blitz of club activities for September 2025 have been accomplished! We have had an eventful month with great events and have also gained valuable experience. A big 73 to all club members, their families and guests who have joined us during these events.

We started with a successful club trip to the National Solar Observatory in Sunspot NM. We had a great weekend. We had a week in between to prepare for the upcoming 96 hour blitz of activities and events for Sept. 18-21. In that time frame club members were directly involved in the East Mountain monthly luncheon in Edgewood, attending and presenting during all three days at the Duke City Hamfest in Albuquerque, setting up and operating a station for STEAM Night at the National Nuclear Museum in Albuquerque, and traveling to the Spaceport America Openhouse on Saturday Night to setup and operate a remote Special Event Station K5S to support the event on Sunday, coming home that same night. Our special event station at Spaceport America made nearly 100 contacts on 20 meters during our short operation period of 5 hours. I am proud of what we have accomplished as a club. We did add to our membership roles at the Hamfest. Mike NM5MC was approached by the VLA at the STEAM Night for us to contact them for a tour, and we were approached by leadership of the Civil Air Patrol at Spaceport America asking if we would consider providing some training to their cadets on using HAM radio so they have a secondary method of communication during Search and Rescue missions. Contact information was exchanged.

I am appointing Don Shoemaker N9DCS to lead the Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee. Thank you Don for accepting this appointment. Don has decades of experience in this field and will be a great addition to the leadership team.

Ken AG5UY and I have decided that the club will use the repeater 443.750 + PL 100 as the club repeater frequency effective immediately. Rob K5NBN , our Repeater Committee Leader has ensured that this repeater is currently operational and housed in the NE heights. Currently it has limited capabilities to the East Mountains but we are working on a solution for that. We have learned today that this repeater will be going to its new home on top of the Sandias and operational within the next 30 days. This move to 443.750 is being done in the best interest of the club. We will no longer use 442.750 + PL 162 for club operations. HDARC 2 Night will move to 443.750+PL100 immediately under a new schedule of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1930 local. More info inside.

We will be needing a volunteer to assume the duties of supplying coffee and donuts for our monthly membership meetings on the 3rd Saturday of every month. The club purchases all the items. 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 October 2025 meeting. If interested, please contact me.

Thank you to the members who completed the club survey. We had almost a 40 percent response rate. I will be reporting a summary of the results at the October Membership Meeting.

Elizabeth Witney, President of the Small Satellite Group at University of New Mexico and I had a conversation and email exchanges. Elizabeth is asking if HDARC can assist her group and other STEM based club members/students at UNM that might be interested in obtaining their technicians licenses. We have a tentative schedule of events for us to support. More Info. inside.

Here are some important updates for this week:

There is a State Wide Chat Shack Net this Saturday on the Mega Link. I am repeating the following announcements in the Dispatch this week, Dr Fong Antenna Build, Club Home Brew contest, promotional items, and the QRZ jumpstart program for newly licensed technicians. Details within.

Twenty Five members took advantage of the DCHF reimbursement.

The HDARC-SCARES MOU proposal is moving forward. More info inside.

Mike NM5MC is leading an effort to recruit members who want to be involved in club sanctioned 24 hour field day events (contests). More details inside.

Join HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone. 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. I accepted the request.

Our next large Social Event will be our Winter Holiday Party in December. I am looking at the first week in December for this event. For the last two years we held it at Rudy's BBQ on the westside. I am looking for ideas and volunteers to help with this year's celebration. Reach out to me if you wish to be a part of the planning team. We will discuss this at the October membership meeting.

You can reach out to me on most nights at 1930 hours checking in on HDARC 2 Night , by email hdarcpres@gmail.com or call/text at 505-401-0219.

I hope to hear you nightly on HDARC 2 Night.

73 Mike KI5NBP



THE SOUNDER SECTION

"To join together by pressure, fuse together for strength"

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies

The Club operates on 443.750+ PL 100 on Sandia Crest. The Club uses two Simplex frequencies, 146.460 and 446.025

Join the FUN, join the Club

Are you aware that the HDARC is one of the most active Amateur Radio Clubs in New Mexico? Well, it is! Read on and find out! Tell a friend! www.nm5hd.org

To become a club member go to www.nm5hd.org and click on the "become a member" tab to join the ever growing group of the coolest Hams in New Mexico, you'll be glad you did!



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

Vic Newton: KX5VN

Shawn Jipp: KI5VFY

Dan Clark: WN5GBX

David Quintana: KO8I

Shirley Godfrey: K5ZPZ

Jack Nutter: KZ5PZ

THE COUNTERPOISE SECTION

“To have an opposing and balancing effect ”

From the Elmer

The 2025 Duke City Hamfest is nothing more than a memory. As my OM would say, it's history. It's in the archives. If you had the opportunity to attend, I hope you had a grand time. I know I did. And, if truth be told, if it weren't for the participation of members of the High Desert ARC, the Hamfest would not have been nearly as much fun.

Becky Ham, K6TYT, was the hostess for the early Sunday morning forum, “A YL in Her Own Right.” She did a FB job keeping things under control, and making sure our YL's had the opportunity to speak freely. Trust me on this one, if you ever need to present a ham radio forum, Becky is the Ham in Her Own Right who will make sure things work well.

We're lucky to have Becky as a member of HDARC. When you get a chance, thank her. And then there was the New Ham Forum, which John, KJ5KUF, (another HDARC member) ran. His “new ham forum” was so much fun. John originated the term “Ham- A-Lot.” And from that we invented the “Ham-A-Lot Princess” rescue. Frankly, it was a simple version of a fox hunt. The “Princess” was hidden somewhere in the hotel and she transmitted clues to her location. It was so much fun that there are rumors the Ham-A-Lot Princess rescue will be a part of next year's Hamfest and will be included as part of the fun and frolic. Here's the deal: Stuff that made the Duke City Hamfest different from all other hamfests (including Dayton) was the contributions made by members of the HDARC.

Just sayin'. And many thanks to Becky (K6TYT), John (KJ6KUF) and Betty (N5BEL) for making this year's hamfest a lot more fun than the typical Hamfest.

73 MaryAnn NS7X

Club Elmer and HDARC BOD Director

Amateur Radio News on the World Wide Web

Amateur Radio Newslines: <https://www.arnewslines.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, John Gleason, K5JVG

2nd Saturday, Mike Smith KI5NBP

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

4th Saturday, John Dodd KJ5KUF

5th Saturday, Open for a volunteer.

The NET Controller for this Saturdays session is KJ5KUF John HDARC BOD Director.

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. If you're having issues programming your radio

email 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.

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 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday night at 7:30 PM local on 443.750+ PL 100 located temporarily in the NE Heights. This is a casual net.

- Do not short key each other
- 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 conversation.

There are great exchanges happening, come join the conversations and camaraderie.

BRAVO SIERRA NET

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THE REPEATER SECTION

“Receive and retransmit a communication signal”

HDARC Field Day 24 Hour operations team- Members Needed

We have had success with our public front exhibitions to demonstrate the purpose and utility of HAM radio (E.g.; Schools, museums, events, and the next an invite to exhibit HAM at the Spaceport USA open house 2 years running). Some members have expressed an interest in forming a HDARC Field day team to operate for the normal 24 hour periods. I'll say those words you shouldn't, contest, compete etc. Treasurer NM5MC Mike C is leading the effort to form such a team for HDARC. We will still keep our exhibition team/approach intact. The club has enough equipment and access to equipment to supply both the contesting and exhibition efforts. Adding this layer will just enhance the member experience and operation capability of the Club .Please contact Mike NM5MC if you are interested in participating in the 24 hour Field Day experience.

University of New Mexico Small Satellite Program

Request for Assistance - NEW

Several weeks back Elizabeth Whitney, President of the UNM Small Satellite Program reached out to the club about their program and an upcoming build of a Sat. Cube they are going to launch by balloon that they wish to track using Amateur Radio Bands. HDARC member Ed KC2LM responded to questions they had. Members of the program wish to get their technicians license. Elizabeth has reached out to other STEM clubs and programs at UNM and found that there is interest within those clubs also to obtain their Amateur Radio licenses. Elizabeth has requested for HDARC to help her put on a four (4) week event on Wednesday Evenings at UNM starting October 22 with a field day exhibition and ending November 12 with a mass testing session. Here is the proposed schedule:

Wednesday, October 22nd from 5-7pm : Workshop/showcase day

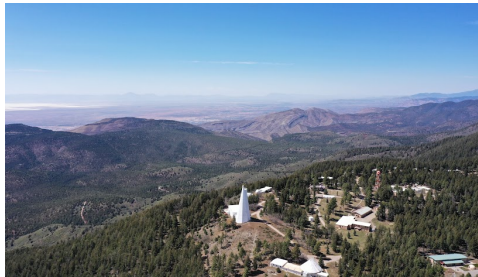
- Presentations (HAM radio overview, studying resources and exam prep)
- Field Day Hands On Exhibitions (HF,FT8, 2m/70cm voice, DMR, Digital Modes, Satellite, etc..)

Wednesday, October 29th from 5-7pm : Mentored Study Session/ Q/A 1

Wednesday, November 5th from 5-7pm : Mentored Study Session/ Q/A 2

Wednesday, November 12th from 5-7pm : Mass Exam Day

The tentative location is the STAM room + courtyard at the Centennial Engineering building on the UNM main campus. Club president Mike KI5NBP will discuss set up and breakdown times with Elizabeth. They will meet next week to look at feasibility. This is just a proposed schedule at this point and time. Once they meet and discuss feasibility Mike will reach out to members who have already approached about facilitating this project to schedule a time to meet Elizabeth and her program members.



Hamming Around New Mexico National Solar Observatory Sunspot NM. REPORT

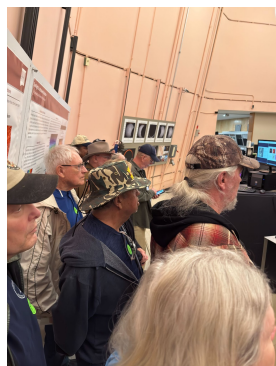
By Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL

Were you aware that New Mexico is home to a premier facility for solar observation and research in the Sacramento Mountains? Did you know that that facility was established in 1947 and is still operational? Well, New Mexico is and that facility, which was started by the US Air Force, is the Sunspot Solar Observatory. Several members of High Desert Amateur Radio Club (HDARC) ventured down on Friday, Sept 5th to Alamogordo in preparation for a Saturday visit to the Observatory in Sunspot, NM. An informal get together was held Friday night at Pizza Patio in Alamogordo. Bright & early Saturday morning, we wandered the 30 or so miles along mountain roads with outstanding vistas to Sunspot. Several people set up radio stations. As usual, Rob & I set up to do a Parks on the Air (POTA) activation as the observatory is located within the boundaries of Lincoln National Forest (US-4516). We had a blast! At times, there were 5 of us working a single POTA contact on the radio. It was hilarious. At times, I couldn't remember if I had spoken with the contact! But that is only a part of the story...



Thanks to Marc's KD6KR efforts, the HDARC members and guests were treated to a presentation by Dr Sean G Sellers about various solar events, how they can affect radio transmissions, and the history of the Richard B Dunn Solar Telescope. It was a fascinating presentation and many questions were asked, so many that the presentation, according to Dr Sellers, went overtime. He was very obliging. After the presentation, we were treated to an actual visit to the telescope and its inner workings. He explained and demonstrated how the

telescope tube, optical lab, and instruments are connected as a single freely-rotating platform that weighs 350 tons and floats on greater than 120 gallons of liquid mercury. It was a great experience. Sadly for us, we learned that Dr Sellers is leaving his post at the Observatory to take a position in Bern Switzerland for the next 2 years. We wish him all the best! I am not sure if anyone hung around for an additional night in Alamogordo. We did not. We pointed the Jeep northbound and headed home. If you want to learn more about the Sunspot Solar Observatory, they have a website - <https://sunspot.solar/> . If you ever get the chance, I suggest you check it out!





2025 SPACEPORT AMERICA OPENHOUSE

Special Event Callsign K5S -REPORT

By Elaine Summerhill KJ5ATL

On Sunday, September 21 st , a group of High Desert Amateur Radio Club (HDARC) members gathered at Spaceport America for their annual open house. This was the 2nd year that HDARC has been invited to participate and to celebrate, we had a Special Event call sign – K5S. For those who went down to Truth or Consequences on Saturday, following the Duke City Hamfest, there was a get together for dinner at Johnny B's. Those at dinner were Mike Smith (KI5NBP), Yul



Bratcher (WA5YUL), Rob (KI5NBN) and me (KJ5ATL). We had an outstanding waitress who was a lot of fun!

Early Sunday morning, and I do mean early at 0600, HDARC members met at the Comfort Inn before proceeding to Spaceport where the club was directed to set up by the taxiway next to the Civil Air Patrol. Radios were set up and transmissions done on various frequencies. Operators included: Rob (K5NBN), Ken (AG5UY), Gabriel (KJ5KFG), Mike (KI5NBP), Yul (WA5YUL), Jean (KG5ZRU), Don (N9DCS) and me (KJ5ATL). At the open house, there were attendees of all ages. I managed to get a young (10 yr old) girl to briefly chat with another operator in Missouri. She was

delighted! Maybe, she's a new ham in the making. Anyway, there were static aircraft displays, a flying acrobatic team, exhibitors, STEM activities, and guest presenters including NASA employees and a Virgin Galactic pilot. Some of the many booths to browse included War Eagles Museum, the Astronomical Society of Las Cruces, a Rocket Club, and various food trucks. A good time was had by all.



HDARC and Sandoval County ARES - MOU

UPDATE: The SCARES membership has finished their review of the initial document submitted by KI5NBP HDARC President Mike.

SCARES President Gary K5BIQ was authorized by the SCARES membership to complete a final review with HDARC President Mike KI5NBP over the next coming week. Once that review is complete it will come to HDARC for review by the BOD and membership for any comment and revisions.

As I mentioned in my president's introduction a few weeks back, I am making a direct effort to find area HAM clubs that:

- **Share our membership base;**
- **Represent the interest of our membership and overall club's direction;**
- **Operate under a similar management structure as a 501c3;**
- **Are willing to share expertise and resources; and**
- **Have similar philosophical/organizational values.**

Sandoval County Amateur Radio Services meets all the bullet points. Over the next few months SCARES President and HDARC member Gary K5BIQ and HDARC President and SCARES member Mike KI5NBP will be exploring this possibility and drafting a Memorandum of Understanding to share with both organizations for possible ratification. The process will involve these steps:

- **Identifying broad areas of commonalities, areas of strength, and improvement opportunities for both organizations;**
- **Draft a document that can be presented to both leadership teams for discussion and review;**
- **Present the draft to both memberships as a whole for input;**
- **Refine the final document;**

- Present the final document to both Boards of Directors for vote;
- Once passed by both BODs publish the document to both membership bases for review and comment; and
- Bring the final document to both memberships for ratification.

I look forward to working with Gary and both leadership teams in making this happen. This approach can only strengthen both clubs.

2025 DUKE CITY HAMFEST HDARC Member Admission-Final Report

Twenty-Five (25) members received the reimbursements as directed by membership vote.



HDARC EAST MOUNTAIN GROUP

The HDARC East Mountain Group will be holding their monthly luncheon/meeting on October 16 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.

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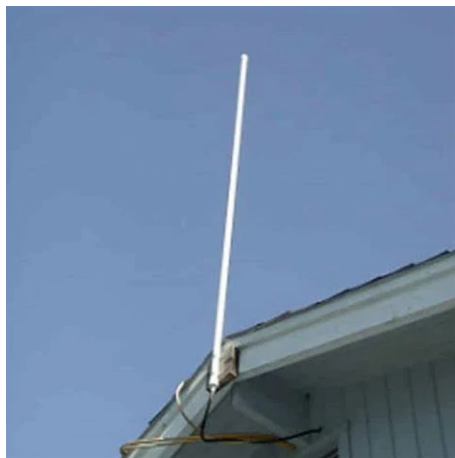
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together for chatting, telling jokes/riddles/puns and generally having fun. Each week is a new Net Controller so that volunteers can practice their skills as Net Control in a relaxed and supportive environment.

Dr. Fong

Dual Band HAM Antenna DBJ-1

Build Workshop November 2025- NEW



HDARC Member John Dodd KJ5KUF made a proposal to the membership that would arrange for Dr. Edison Fong Professor and PhD of Electrical Engineering at the University of California Santa Cruz to present via zoom to the club about his antenna designs. John has bought ten(10) of Dr. Fong's VHF/UHF kits for the club to assemble and members own. Thank you John for your generous donation. I have reached out to Dr. Fong directly and we are working out the details for a Zoom presentation in conjunction with an antenna build workshop during the November 2025 membership meeting. He has agreed to present via zoom on November 22, 2025.

There will be 10 to 15 antenna kits available for members to build and keep. Starting at the August 2025 membership meeting those members in good standing who wish will be able to put their name and callsign in a drawing to get one of the fifteen FONG antennas to build at the workshop and keep. In addition any newly licensed technician from January 2025 till present who tested with our V.E. is eligible for the drawing. This build is simple. We are adding a testing component so the operator becomes familiar with the use of amateur radio related testing equipment. John Dodd KJ5KUF has agreed to lead the build.

For more information about Dr Fong and his antennas click on this link

<https://edsantennas.weebly.com/>

HDARC Club Home Brew Contest/Exhibition January 2026 - NEW

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! More information to come in October 2025.

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

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

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

Club Calendar
September- October 2025
SAVE THE DATES

September 2025

Friday September 26, 2025 2000 hours : BRAVO SIERRA NET
HDARC East Mountain Group members on the Bravo Sierra Net on the Raven Road repeater in Tijeras every Friday at 8 pm @ 146.720 (-) 100 Hz Tone.

Saturday September 27, 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.

October 2025

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays Evenings all month from 1930 -2030 hrs: “*HDARC 2 Night*” casual net, operating on repeater 443.750+ PL 100 in the N.E. Heights.

Wednesday October 1, 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 October 4, 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.

Wednesday October 8, 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 October 11, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club Pres. Mike KI5NBP is our net controller.

Wednesday October 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 October 16, 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 October 18 ,2025 10:00 AM -2:00 PM: Monthly General Membership Meeting Followed by V.E. Testing.

Location: North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center Room #1
7521 Carmel NE Albuquerque, NM 87113.

Wednesday October 22, 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 October 25, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Club BOD Director John KJ5KUF is our net controller.

Wednesday October 29, 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

Future Scheduled Club Events

- November 2025 Fong Dual Band Antenna Building Workshop
- January 2026 HDARC Club Home Brew Contest
- January 2026 Winter Field Day
- February 2026 Club Officer and BOD elections

Club Events in the Bull Pen (Not Scheduled Yet)

- POTA - Field Days - October 2025
- 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 **(Scheduling Change)**

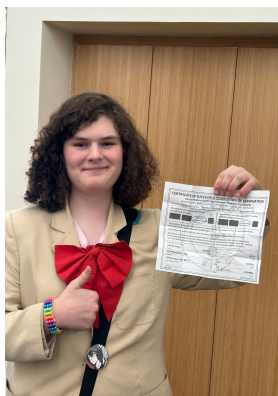
The HDARC is a sponsor of the Institute of HAM Radio Sciences, which conducts free V.E. testing sessions on behalf of the HDARC at 11:30 on the 3rd Saturday of April, June, August, October, and December immediately following the Monthly HDARC In-Person Club Meeting in classroom #4 at the North Domingo 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. For more information contact Yul Bratcher at his email, 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 Saturday October 18, 2025

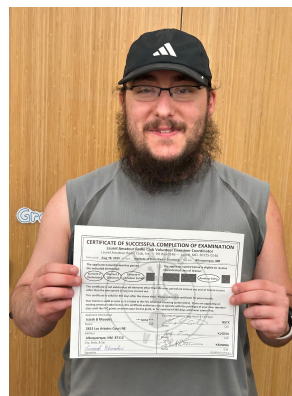
Saturday December 20, 2025

Saturday February 21, 2026

We have 2 new Extras from the Aug. 16, 2025 session



Gabriel Mora



Isaiah Rhodes



[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 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 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

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. 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. If you wish to add content to "The High Desert Dispatch" bi-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 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
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