



NM5HD

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FOR THE
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR 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

Greetings,

You have 7 shopping days till Christmas. What HAM related gift are you buying this year? Go ahead, you deserve it. If you don't mind gently broken-in equipment or a DIY challenge, the club has a lot of inventory at Santa's (Quartermaster Rob KI5NBN) workshop in the north pole (east mountains). We just had another SK donation of equipment to the club. Thank you Past President David N6SIK for working that out for us. Please email me or Rob if you are looking to give a home to something new to you!

I hope you are taking a minute or two to find time to relax amongst all the hustle and bustle of the season. A big 73 to NM5MC Mike C for being net control last Saturday on the Statewide Chat Shack Net. If you are a member and checked in you will receive 1 ticket towards the incentive program grand prize. We have openings for Net controllers through February 2025. An email is all it takes to save a spot. Details in the newsletter.

Thanks to all of you that attended the club holiday party and 20 year celebration. We had close to 60 members and guests attending. We took over the enclosed patio dining area at Rudy's. A lot of good cheer and camaraderie was present. See pictures and read more about it later in this newsletter.

The January 2025 Satellite workshop and February 2025 DMR Workshop are filling. Don't wait till the last minute to register. It takes a simple email to hdarcpres@gmail.com to do so. We have a location

in Albuquerque for both workshops. Details in the newsletter. I am also announcing two (2) NEW workshops starting in March 2025. If you plan to participate in the HDARC Winter Field Day please let me know. It is just around the corner. We have a primary and secondary location. Both are in a climate controlled environment. More details in the newsletter. The HDARC East Mountain group will have its monthly luncheon this Thursday in Edgewood. They always have a fun time and a great meal. You should attend if you can. Ed Poccia KC2LM will be our January 18, 2025 club meeting presenter on the topic of Winter Field Day. That's one week prior to Winter Field Day.

I look forward to seeing you at this Saturday's membership meeting. John Betz KI5YIF will be presenting and the membership will be ratifying the 2025 club operating budget that was approved by the BOD this week. Testing by our VEC will follow the meeting. Our next newsletter comes out on Christmas Day.

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! 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>

HDARC Holiday Dinner and 20 Year Celebration -Report



On Saturday December 14, 2024 we held our annual HDARC Club Holiday Dinner at the Rudy's Country Store and BBQ at 10136

Coors Blvd NW in Albuquerque NM. Close to Sixty (60) members and guests attended our celebration. We also paid tribute to our 20th Anniversary as a club. A wonderful time was had by all. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, story telling, and a lot of BBQ.



We also gave black anniversary edition NM5HD hats and Yeti Mugs, kits and a DMR radio. Congratulations to those winners. A big 73 to all that attended. Special thanks to Cynthia KJ5FMW (the crack candy she made was a hit), Becky N6TYT, and David N6SIK for being there real early to help with set up.



Look forward to doing this again in 2025! A big thanks to Rudy's BBQ for a great meal.

Saturday CHAT SHACK NET Incentive Program-Update

This program has been developed to promote members to participate in the Saturday Chat Shack Net and develop net controller skills. We just finished the 4th week of the program that runs through February 2025. The membership approved this incentive program for members who check in and members who volunteer to take on the role of net controller on various Saturdays. I have the following dates available if you wish to volunteer as net controller:

December 2024: Saturday December 28, 2024

January 2025: Saturday January 4, 2025

Saturday January 11, 2025

Saturday January 25, 2025

February 2025: Saturday February 8, 2025

Saturday February 22, 2025

This past Saturday's net controller was NM5MC Mike C. The following members call signs checked in:

**NM5MC - Net control KI5NBP AG5UY N6SIK WA5YUL KE5DKJ K5JVG
NS7X KJ5GWV**

There is no net this coming Saturday. The monthly Club meeting will be taking place.

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 indicate 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. Those who chose to volunteer to be net controller and complete that assignment for a given Saturday will receive 5 tickets with their call sign attached. A member can be a net controller once per month.

Net controllers will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. You only need to be a net controller for the specific date you sign up for. We have a specific script to guide you and mentoring if you wish. These are not long term assignments. You can determine if you liked net control and if you liked the assignment we can schedule you again in a month or after the challenge.

If you wish to be net control for the Saturday Chat Shack Net on any of the available dates send an email to hdarcpres@gmail.com. The grand prize is a \$300.00 gift certificate to HRO (Ham Radio Outlet) and will be drawn at the March membership meeting. At every monthly club meeting between now and February 2025, members who

participated can obtain an envelope with the tickets they earned to date. We hope that members actively participate in this challenge.

Saturday CHAT SHACK NET/MegaLink

The Saturday 10am 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.

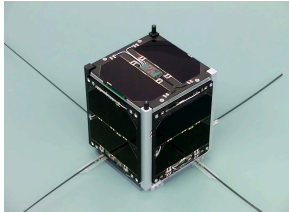
NM5HD Net Controllers :

- 1st Saturday, John Gleeson, K5JVG
- 2nd Saturday, OPEN . VP Mike C NM5MC
- 3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net
- 4th Saturday, Open for a Volunteer
- 5th Saturday, (when needed) Open for a volunteer.

The next net is Saturday December, 28 2024. There is no volunteer to be net controller. Mike NM5MC is the backup controller. You can reach this Net from any part of NM because of its design. You just need to be on the right frequency, offset, and PL tone for the local repeater closest to your location at the day and time of the net. I use a HT and have checked in from different parts of the state with minimal issues. For current mega link frequency information go to www.nm5ml.com. 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.

HDARC Space/Satellite Communications Program - UPDATE

The club will be hosting a **Beginners HAM Radio Satellite Workshop** to be given by Ed Poccia, KC2LM . The date for



the workshop is **Saturday January 11, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The location will be the Bear Canyon Senior Center**



<https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/senior-multigenerational-centers/bear-canyon-senior-center> in Albuquerque New Mexico. The workshop is open to any interested licensed amateur radio operators. Here is the outline of the workshop:

No prior knowledge nor experience is necessary for success in this most interesting field of Amateur Radio.

At the conclusion of the class, you will be able to:

1. Decode **Slow Scan TV** Images transmitted by the International Space Station (ISS).
2. Find out when the ISS is operational and in position overhead.
3. Have a **FM Voice QSO** with other hams across the country using the repeater onboard the ISS.
4. Use the digipeater on the ISS to make **APRS contacts**.
5. **Make a Satellite Antenna** for transmitting and receiving antenna using 18" steel rods from "Home Depot" and a stick.
6. **Use your mobile rig** and antenna to make satellite contacts.
7. **Use a Baofeng HT** radio as your satellite station.
8. **Track the ISS** and other LEO (*Low Earth Orbiting*) satellites across the sky.

Instruction will be based on *Power Point* slides and LIVE satellite transmission recordings.

Also presented will be a discussion on:

- * the basic equipment you will need.
- * useful Organizations & Internet Sites

If you are interested in attending the workshop please send an email to hdarcpres@gmail.com expressing your interest to attend. Do not hesitate to enroll. This workshop will fill fast. We now have 20 HAMS registered to attend.

Click on this link to access an article from “The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT)” to learn more about this topic: https://www.amsat.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/For_Beginners_Compilation.pdf



2025 HDARC Winter Field Day

HDARC will participate in the 2025 Winter Field Day. Field starts on January 25, 2025 at 1200 hrs local time. **SAVE THE DATE.** We are currently seeking a location. I have asked YUL WA5YUL to see if the Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center is available. If that location is not available, the ASK Academy in Rio Rancho has offered space. Either location would provide us with a climate controlled environment with plenty of access to run all the coax and wires we feel like. We will keep you informed. Click on the link for general information about Winter Field Day 2025: <https://winterfieldday.org/>

If you know at this point that you want to operate during our field day event, contact me now for an operating assignment. First come first serve.

Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) - Getting on the Air Workshop- Update

The date for the DMR Getting on the AIR workshop is Saturday February 1, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 p.m. *The location will be the Bear Canyon Senior Center*

<https://www.cabq.gov/seniors/senior-multigenerational-centers/bear-canyon-senior-center> in Albuquerque New Mexico. The presenters are John Betz II KI5YIF and Paul Bouthillier KBØWMA. This workshop will get a new DMR operator and their DMR radio on the air. If you are interested in attending this workshop, send me a quick email stating such to hdarcpres@gmail.com. We already have 11 HAMS registered to attend as of this printing.

SOTA (Summits on the Air) and CW workshops coming Spring of 2025

We have a commitment from Carol K5TFL to lead a SOTA workshop and activation for licensed HAMS who are interested in learning what SOTA is and directly experiencing an activation in the local area.

We also have a commitment from our club elmer MaryAnn KS7X to do another series of CW workshops for those licensed HAMS wanting to learn and build proficiency with CW. This time around we will include a Club CW challenge in late spring early summer 2025.

We will have more details in the coming weeks about both opportunities.

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 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).

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.

HDARC at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History

We have been invited back to the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History to set up another hands-on Radio Demonstration for the 2025 Atomic Science Week. We are scheduled for Friday January 31, 2025. If you are interested in participating in the hands-on demonstration contact Yul WA5YUL at yul.bratcher@att.net.

2025 NEW MEXICO TECHFEST CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Rocky Mountain Ham Radio (RMHAM) is pleased to announce its (Eleventh!) annual New Mexico TechFest, an ARRL-sanctioned operating specialty event, on Saturday, February 22, 2025. TechFest features a day of quality presentations, poster boards and demonstrations provided by some of New Mexico and Colorado's (and beyond!) leading technical hams on a variety of emerging and relevant topics within amateur radio. Its purpose is to facilitate the sharing of technical knowledge and collaboration within the amateur radio community, and to encourage the discussion of new ideas with one another.

New Mexico TechFest is a hybrid event: Both in-person at the UNM Continuing Education Conference Center (1634 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102) and, for those unable to travel or attend in-person, online via Zoom's professional webinar platform.

TechFest is open to all interested hams. Admission is \$15 (proceeds will offset event related expenses detailed on the event website). Online registration will open on/about February 1 when the event's lineup of presentations, poster boards and demonstrations is officially announced. Amateur radio related prizes will be drawn throughout the event. Coffee, water, and light snacks will be available for in-person attendees. An optional, catered lunch will be provided to in-person attendees who purchase one.

CALL FOR TECHFEST PRESENTATIONS, POSTER BOARDS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS: The New Mexico TechFest is seeking presentations, poster boards and demos on emerging and relevant amateur radio technical topics, techniques, and applications. If you've been working on a special project, are researching a technical topic, or have discovered or adopted a technology or technique that you're applying within amateur radio, TechFest is a great venue to share your knowledge with the amateur radio community in a casual and friendly environment. Presentation slots are 50 minutes in length. Poster Boards and demonstrations are more casual, shorter in length and occur during time slots during the day. Hams interested in providing a presentation, poster board or demonstration are asked to submit a summary/abstract of their proposed topic for consideration **by January 25, 2025**. Visit the New Mexico TechFest website for submission details and key dates.

Additional details about the New Mexico TechFest, for both attendees and potential presenters, can be found at <http://www.rmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest> A printable event flyer for posting on ham email reflectors, your club's website, or your club's newsletter is attached.

We hope to see you at TechFest 2025!

73,

Brian N5ZGT

President - Rocky Mountain Ham Radio (New Mexico)

HDARC East Mountain Group

Thursday Decemeber 20, 2024: East Mountain Group Luncheon.

11:30AM 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 !

From the “Elmer”



There’s an old saying in amateur radio. “If your antenna didn’t come down last winter, it wasn’t big enough.” In other words, some antennas work really well in some circumstances. On the other hand, not so much. Having said that, here’s a gentle reminder that this is a good time to check out your antenna and its feedline. This winter your antenna is likely to experience cold brutal winds. This is why you need to check the anchor points of your antenna. Also , make sure that your connectors are healthy, and not collecting waste water. Have a look at your feedlines and watch out for weather related abuse of your coax. Back in the “olden-days,” hams spent a lot of time

experimenting with building their receivers and transmitters. These days commercial radio equipment is pretty way cool, and most hams are only looking at which is the best rig for the price. And yet, there are antennas. If truth be told, today most of the experimenting being done by hams is in antenna technology. And there's some pretty exciting stuff going on with antenna experimentation.

Years and years ago, I loaded a window screen as an antenna and contacted a station in Germany. It was pretty cool. Although I was using the most meager of all meager antennas. But the bestest incredible antenna I ever saw was a home brewed dish antenna built by Kenny Kucrera from Riverside Iowa (the future birthplace of James T, Kirk). He was active on EME (moon-bounce) and was the ninth person to ever work all 50 states vis the moon. This accomplishment was the result of his home brewed 50 ft dish antenna which was mounted on a surplus US Navy WW2 gun mount. His call was NAØY and he became a silent key in 2020. Don't be afraid to experiment with antennas, but never forget that every antenna is a compromise. And the more real estate you have, the more fun you can have experimenting with antennas.

73 de MaryAnn, NS7X ns7x@arrl.net

Elmer MaryAnn has prepared several tutoring kits for new hams. These kits will be available at this coming Saturday's meeting. Thank you MaryAnn. If you know of someone wanting to become a ham or if you wish to upgrade, MaryAnn NS7X can be contacted through ns7x@arrl.net

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

Which HF radio should I buy seeing I just got my general ticket?

<https://youtu.be/zURNxqAypiQ?si=8yUo-5a7g5XyJU8>

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. ***NOTE: There is an issue with this vendor's online store. Follow the instructions for manual check out. We will be looking for a local vendor.***



HDARC Shirts,hats,and other Club gear can be ordered from Rio Rancho T-Shirts, 1207 Golf Course Rd SE Ste F, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Speak with Wayne or



Penny at: (505) 891-1521

Club Calendar
December 2024 - March 2025
SAVE THE DATES UPDATED

December 2024

Wednesday December 18, 2024 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 December 21, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.
Presentation: John Betz II KI5YIF: Intro. to Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)
DMR 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.

Live Stream Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88211647427?pwd=OydQbRtlYap1GUbnEYmbKfA9Tlxc6l.1> **Passcode 737373**

Wednesday December 25, 2024 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 December 28, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net controller tbd.

Wednesday December 30, 2024 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

January 2025

Wednesday January 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 January 4, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. K5JVG John is our net controller.

**Wednesday January 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 January 11, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBD.

**Saturday January 11, 2025 10:00 A.M.: Beginning HAM Radio Satellite Workshop ; Presenter is Ed Poccia KC2LM
Location: Bear Canyon Senior Center 4645 Pitt NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111**

**Wednesday January 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**

Saturday January 18, 2025 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing. Presentation: Ed Poccia KC2LM “Winter

Field Day” & 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.

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

Wednesday January 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 January 25, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBD.

Saturday January 25, 2025 09:00 A.M. to 4:00 PM: HDARC WINTER FIELD DAY. Location TBD

Wednesday January 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

Friday January 31, 2025 08:00 AM to 4 P.M.: HDARC at the National Museum of Nuclear Science and History Hands-on Radio Demonstration for the 2025 Atomic Science Week.

February 2025

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

Saturday February 1, 2025 10:00 A.M.: Getting on the AIR with DMR Workshop ; Presenters are John Betz II KI5YIF and Paul Bouthillier KBØWMA.

**Location: Bear Canyon Senior Center 4645 Pitt NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111**

**Wednesday February 5, 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 February 8, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. Net controller TBD.

Wednesday February 12, 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 February 15, 2025 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presentation: “A candid discussion on why you should learn CW” Presenter Club Elmer MaryAnn, NS7X

Club BOD elections. 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.**

Live Stream Link: TBA at a later date

Wednesday February 19, 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 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.
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MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1) PIN 737373

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.
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MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1) PIN 737373

Saturday March 15, 2025 10:00 AM: 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. [Click here](#) 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.
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MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1) PIN 737373

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

Wednesday March 26, 2025 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime
Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3
MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82410741347?pwd=kXb9i18t3bc3MATidQmEsJb31DoVnR.1) PIN 737373

Saturday March 29, 2025 10:00 A.M.: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
Net Controller will be Pres. Mike S KI5NBP

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
- March - May 2025 Learning CW workshops
- April 2025 Membership Meeting Presentation: Bill Mader K8TE “Why Aren't You Contesting?”
- April 2025 SOTA - Workshop/Field Day Activation
- 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
- Las Cruces Space Festival /Spaceport America (Sept 2025)
- National Solar Observatory -Sunspot NM (Spring 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 [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.

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. There are no new classifieds this week. *This is a free service with no fees attached.*

HAM RADIO ETIQUETTE

- adapted from the original Amateur's Code, written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928

The Radio Amateur is:

CONSIDERATE...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

FRIENDLY...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

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. 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 newsletter. Thanks to those of you who provided content for this newsletters. 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. *I look forward to seeing you this Saturday at our club meeting.*

73 Mike

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