

## **General Meeting Minutes for 19 Oct 2024**

**Attendees:** See sign-in sheet. 36 people

The meeting called to order at 10:00 am

### **Introductions –**

Charlie Merritt,

Declan Reib

Steve Coltran

Carl (age 13)

Mike Wine W5NCO ???

Rick from MT (works for VA)

### **Secretary's Report**

Minutes emailed. Motion by Ken Ham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Chirin to approve the minutes. Approved.

Comment about the Typos

### **President's Report:**

SpacePort Open House – great success. We are invited back next year to Space Port and also Space Fest America in Los Alamos. Becky thanked Rob for setting up his POTA equipment & working all day. Parents were thrilled with the interactions with those on the radios. Yul commented that there were 12-20 Hams there from Las Cruces.

**Announcements:** Jeff Brewmeister, BOD member Hamfest – thanks for attending. We planned for 300 & >450 showed up. This is your opportunity to help us make it better. Least expensive casino wanted >\$30K. Looking for a hotel or casino venue for next year. Nov 23 at 2pm, we'll be holding our first BOD member for next year. Looking for new BOD members & committee members. You can participate w/o being a BOD. Come to the HUB (Upper Rio Hub) next to Kirkland AFB to volunteer. All forms are online at [dukecityhamfest.org](http://dukecityhamfest.org)

### **Treasurer's Report**

112 UTD members

Club is solvent: \$12403.12 in bank

Need to have a tailgate – will advertise in the classified section of the newsletter

### **Loan Equipment**

Harvey Dove: Overview of the new loaner program & requested input on changes.

1. Loaner program is for members in good standing (UTD on dues). Length of loan is 3 days and if more time is needed, it can be requested.
2. Members of the club who don't have a license are still eligible to borrow equipment.
3. Members are responsible for the equipment. If you break it, you buy it.
4. Honor system for the loans with a check out list.

5. Equipment will have a users manual with it. Other sources of info are YouTube videos, a couple of workshops each year, and to be created videos on the HDARC YT page. If there are questions, contact us. If you're interested in making a video, volunteer. Larry Wiles: In lieu of DVDs, I'm willing to donate a 32g thumb drive for the manuals & videos.
6. Vote taken on approval of the following:
  - 3-day loaner period
  - Break it you buy it
  - Tested upon return
  - Additional equipment (RFI decttors, crimp kit...)

Membership agreed to accept it as stands.

### **Testing Committee**

There will be some testing in the East Mtns. Next Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> at the community center. Safari maps takes you to the wrong place. Google Maps is ok with it.

### **Elmers Committee**

The Ham's Ham Workshop was held for new techs. Talked about handhelds, how to access repeaters, etc. This morning, there was someone making an unidentified transmission and was asked to ID themselves. There were a lot of techs & other hams who attended the class. MaryAnn did a great job with giving out info.

Mike Smith passed around the packet put together by Mary Ann for new operators.

### **School Outreach**

There is life at the one school and more people are getting ready to test. John is our liaison. They have a fall festival coming up & we're thinking about doing a presentation there. We're trying to get more interest. The other school is losing their people who were trying to spearhead a Ham setup. There is a want for this out there.

**Hamming Around NM:** Most recent one was going to Deming. We visited Ft Cummings, Butterfield Stage Station, and then headed out to Massacre Canyon. The Apache is guesstimated to have killed about 400 people there. We did see stone graves of the people killed there. It was a 4WD run. We're thinking about setting up some off road events such as to Cabezon where there are POTA sites.

### **East Mountain Committee**

Attend if you can. You'll have fun.

### **Quartermaster:**

Putting together a member's tailgate to move equipment.  
Thunder Valley CB shop is now carrying Ham radios.

### **Old Business:**

Duke City Hamfest: Thanks for all who participated. 451 people attended. 30 presenters.

### **New Business**

1. Hurricane Relief: Ken Ham – propose that the club donates \$300 to Samaritan's Purse. Ken said he'll match what the club sends. In 2020, Ken made the same proposal about matching and we sent >\$6000K. The Club will be sending it to Samaritan's Purse. Over the next week donations to be accepted & PayPal donations is fine. If you don't want to send it to the club, send an email to mike to let him know that You can give a check. Final date is 10/25  
Motion to move forward on the proposal: 1<sup>st</sup> Elaine Summerhill, 2<sup>nd</sup> John  
Vote: Passed
2. Party: Been a club for 20 years! Last year had a party at Rudy's. Would like to do something to celebrate the club's 20 year anniversary. Would like permission to spend not more than \$500 for raffle door prizes to commemorate 20 years. Party Date to be determined.  
Motion: To approve not more than a \$500 expenditure for the holiday party. 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Ham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Ham  
Motion passed.
3. Saturday Chat Shack Net: We need people to try being net controller. Proposal to purchase some items that if you're a member, we'll get your call sign & you'll get a ticket. AT the end of 4 months, we'll raffle off whatever's in the pot. The net is there for newbies to get past mike fright. Not asking for a commitment in blood. Appropriation of \$300-\$400 for raffle prizes (incentive). Net controller will ensure they have the right call sign & then Mike Smith will take responsibility for it. A virtual ticket. 4 month run. 5 raffle tickets for the net controller & 1 ticket for the members who call in on Saturdays beginning at 10am. Start Date in November.  
Motion to go forward with \$400 expenditure. 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Ham, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shelly (?) N5???  
Motion Passed
4. Proposal is for the club to purchase everything needed for a mobile operational satellite system: tripod, Yagi, etc. Workshops to be offered. Way to get techs to operate something other than Simplex. Dave Ham is willing to tutor those wanting to learn how to contact satellites & ISS. Can serve as a trial to see how 'radio loaning' will work out in the club. Motion to allot \$400 for a station & workshop. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike Chirin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Ham  
Motion Passed.
5. National Museum of Nuke Science Museum have invited us to again participate in Nuclear Week. Kids come in from schools, we set up radios & do presentations. This Thursday (24<sup>th</sup>) from 9am – 2pm. Be there at 8am for set up.

6. In January, there will be a program for indigenous people. Herb Goodluck (Code Talker) will come & do his presentation. Time may be the last week of January.
7. Thanks to Bil Mader, we've acquired a vintage, 1961 ham radio (transmitter & receiver). It will be donated to the Nuke Museum for the exhibit from around 1961 with placquards explaining what the equipment is. Just waiting for a time to set it up. Receiver is an EV300 for a static display with lollipop mike, headphones, etc.
8. Working on an 18 month calendar of events, speakers, etc for the club. Met a lot of presenters at Hamfest and will start listing the topics in the next newsletter.
9. Mark is putting together a trip to SunSpot in Cloudcroft, a great opportunity to see a telescope dedicated to just the sun. Cloudcroft is an interesting town. On the way back, we could visit the Space Museum & VLA. It will be an overnight trip. It will be the "Space Trail" and in the spring after the snow.

**Drawings:**

Radio: AG5UY (Ken Ham)

**50/50:** \$25 to 9026 (John)

**Comments:**

Next meeting the 16<sup>th</sup> & presentation by Mike Langer on How hams started the broadcast industry.

John's going to do an intro to DMR in December.

**Meeting adjourned**

11:45pm