



NM5HD

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FOR THE
HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW
MEXICO INC.

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Introduction from the President

Greetings,

As I was researching information about our club while preparing a presentation I discovered that this year HDARC celebrates 20 years as a club. That is a wonderful milestone that we will recognize and celebrate by year's end.

I want to thank all of the club members that had a role and attended the 2024 Duke City Hamfest this past weekend. It was a great success and the HDARC was well represented. We will resume the monthly in person meetings on Saturday October 19, 2024. That meeting will be live streamed.

Last week I published a request from Bill WT0DX out of Colorado. He is seeking help from us in completing his grid contacts to achieve the ARRL-FFMA Award. This week Bill forwarded an invite for an open house in the Colorado Springs Area with an organization he is affiliated with. This event will give attendees a hands-on EME experience. Thank you Bill for the invite.

I have appointed Rob KI5NBN as the Clubs property coordinator aka quartermaster. This is a committee level position. Rob is free to build his committee as he sees fit. More details to come in future newsletter. Thank you Rob. That's all I have for this week. Hope to hear you in the Chat Shack Net Saturday Morning.

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!



Welcome to our Newest Members

Gena Cacy - KC5WSH
David Founds - KE5DKJ
Donald Gallegos - KI5PGI
Leo Kenny - KI5UOB
Lane Luper - KJ5HDA
Theodore Shaffers, Jr.
Ronald Mori - AF5FQ

HAMMING AROUND NEW MEXICO

HAMMING AROUND NEW MEXICO [Major Update](#) as of 9-15 24

Weekend of October 4-5-6 Cooke's Canyon north of Deming. Drive down on Friday the 4th and stay at the Little Vineyard RV Resort 2901 E Pine St Deming NM 575-546-3560

If you plan to attend, please RSVP at n6sik@arrl.net or call 619-306-7260

Deming is about a 3.5 hour drive from Big I. If you are driving down for the day there is no need to drive all the way into Deming. Go south on I-25 to Hwy 26 (Hatch Hwy). Take Hwy 26 west for 33 miles to AO 19 (Cooke's Canyon Rd NE) Try to arrive here by 8:30 am. This is about a 3 hour drive from the Big I.

Saturday morning, we will get an early start so we can visit many of the historic sites important to the history of New Mexico. These are good dirt roads with only a few rough spots so any good ground clearance vehicle should be okay.

We will venture out to visit places like Cooke's Town, Fort Cummings, the old Butterfield Trail and the Wells Fargo Stage Route and Massacre Canyon.

Saturday afternoon we can fire up the radios and see who we can chat with.

For more information contact Past-President David N6SIK.

2024 Duke City Hamfest and Convention

Thank you to all HDARC members who attended the 2024 DCHF. It was reported that over 450 HAMs were in attendance over the long weekend. I want to recognize and thank the following HDARC members for volunteering their time and expertise at the 2024 DCHF:

Harvey -KI5YVY

Bob- N5UKA

Tim-KY5YK

Jeff - W5OMU

Sean- KJ5USN

John-KI5YIF

MaryAnn -NS7X

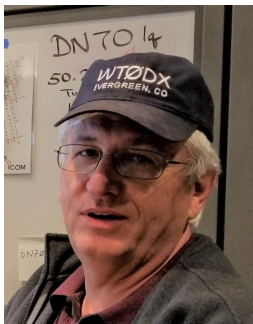
Yul - WA5YUL

Ed-KC2LM

Bill-K8TE

Robert- KC5UKE

I look forward to next year's Hamfest.



Special Request from Bill WT0DX -[NEW](#)

I received an email this week from Bill WT0DX out of Colorado. Bill is chasing the ARRL Fred Fish Memorial Award (FFMA), and needs several grids in New Mexico. He is asking any club member who operates or roves in the grids listed below to contact him:

Grids needed: DM56, DM72, DM75, DM76, DM85 and DM86.

Let's help Fred achieve his goal.

Email: wt0dx1@gmail.com

QRZ Page: <https://www.qrz.com/db/WT0DX>

Info. on ARRL FFMA Award: <https://www.arrl.org/ffma>

Grid Locator:

https://www.levinecentral.com/ham/grid_square.php

Open House - Earth-Moon-Earth

I received this invite from Bill WT0DX for our club members to attend this open house:

Annual Deep Space Exploration Society

Open House – Public Invited

Saturday October 5, 2024

10am-5pm at the Plishner Radio

Telescope Site, located at 9301

County Rd 20 (Delores Lane),

5 miles south of Haswell, CO.

In addition to demonstrating the many capabilities of our 60 foot radio telescope, we offer a STEM and Amateur Radio event with optical telescopes on site for viewing the skies. Our new building will be open for visitors. **A ham radio station using the DSES club call sign, KØPRT (Plishner Radio Telescope) will be on HF and VHF radio bands. Using the big dish we will also be working Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) contacts on 1296 MHz – hear your own voice bouncing off the moon!**

We have lots of parking. A BBQ lunch* will be available on Saturday Noon – 2:30pm. We will have several coolers of cold bottled water and sodas. Be prepared for hot temps during the day and possible thunderstorms during late afternoon or evening. Hats, sunscreen, bug repellent, camp chairs and shoes for mud are recommended.

*** Pulled Pork and sides with dessert: Donations \$16 - Adult, \$8 - 12 and under (cash or local checks). Benefit for Kiowa County 4-H Shooting Sports program. Website: <https://dses.science/> Contact for more info: marketing@dses.science**

Test Equipment Loaner Program for Members

We have purchased the following pieces of test equipment for this program:

- **MFJ -263 Dummy Loads**
- **MFJ - 802B Field Strength Meter**
- **RigExpert AA-650ZOOM Antenna Analyzer**

Shipping was free, the total was \$902.31.



HDARC Director Harvey Dove KI5YVY is the lead for this program and will be the featured presenter for our October 2024 Membership Meeting to outline the program.

We CURRENTLY have two donated pieces of test equipment; A ZeenKo, NanoVNA-H 4 Handheld Vector Network Analyzer and a Fluke Multimeter. Please consider if you have a piece of gently used and functional test equipment you can donate for this program. Any equipment that has been purchased and in our possession to date will be at that membership meeting.

From the “Elmer” - NEW

Elmer MaryAnn has prepared several tutoring kits for new hams. These kits will be on display at our October In Person Meeting for review. 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

What is FT8?

Let's explore: https://youtu.be/YyWX0i87P0o?si=M_Kq19nsxpgw6Q_y

Live Streaming HDARC Monthly Meetings on ZOOM

The next live stream will happen during the October 19, 2024 in person membership meeting.

HDARC Member Name Badges/Hats/Shirts



I have been asked by members how to purchase a HDARC Membership Badge. [Click Here](#) to be directed to our vendor's web store.



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 - September -October 2024

SAVE THE DATES **UPDATED**

September 2024

Wednesday September 25, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM

Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6yaP8nWir.1> PIN 737373

Saturday September 25, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD

STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.

NM5MC Mike C is our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

October 2024

Wednesday October 2, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime

Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6yaP8nWir.1> PIN 737373

Saturday October 5, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. K5JVG John is our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday October 9, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6yaP8nWir.1> PIN 737373

Saturday October 12, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML. KI5NBP Mike is our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

Wednesday October 16, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6yaP8nWir.1> PIN 737373

Saturday October 19, 2024 10:00 AM: In Person Club Meeting and V.E. Testing.

Presentation: Director Harvey Dove KI5YVY, HDARC Test Equipment Loan Program Overview & Kickoff, 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 October 23, 2024 Noon: Club ZOOM Lunchtime
Chat Room. Click on the link below to enter the virtual room.
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6y
aP8nWir.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81747392564?pwd=W3vSa9XrFJdzQQrlqDFZu6yaP8nWir.1) PIN 737373

Saturday October 26, 2024 10:00 AM: HDARC NM5HD
STATEWIDE CHAT SHACK NET on the MEGA Link NM5ML.
NM5MC Mike C is our net controller. [Click Here](#) for more info.

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 . We need volunteers.

3rd Saturday, Club Meeting. No net

4th Saturday, Michael Chirin, NM5MC

5th Saturday, (when needed) Open for a volunteer. Backfilled by
Mike Smith, KI5NBP until a volunteer is assigned.

We still need volunteers to run the 2nd Saturday and 5th Saturday of the month nets. This Saturday. VP Mike NM5MC will be Net Controller.

Please join us on this Net. It only takes a few minutes to check in. 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.

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. Here is our first listing from Chuck KA5PAL who is always checking in on the NM5HD State-wide Chat Shack Net. He is listing the following for sale:



[50 foot Tower \(click on the title\)](#)

Chuck's email is cwstonex@outlook.com

If you have something to post in the classifieds please email it to me no later than Sunday prior to the Wednesday publications date. Email to hdarcpres@gmail.com

Listing 2 from Rob KI5NBN



We just got a Kenwood TM-281 from a Silent Key's family. It is 65 Watts and has the magnetic mount antenna. No mounting bracket.

It retails for over 150 bucks new in the box.

50 bucks to HDARC Members.

Contact me if you are interested in the radio.

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 Elmers MaryAnn NS7X and Marc KD6KR. 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 hearing from you on the Chat Shack Net Saturday @ 1000 hours MDT.*

73 Mike

**Michael R. Smith, KI5NBP, President HDARC
The High Desert Amateur Radio Club of New Mexico, Inc.**