



# Making Waves

High Desert Amateur Ham Radio Club Newsletter March, 2021

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CLUB REPEATERS 442.750 + PL162.2    224.480- PL 100

Weekly net every Saturday at 10 am on 145.330 - PL 100    Monthly Meeting is the Third Saturday of the month and is cancelled until further notice.

Weekly Vlog on YouTube is found on Ham Sandwich Productions.

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## **President's Corner, David Ham N6SIK**

Greetings Friends,

Is it really March already? Where does the time go? Rest assured that I am working to make your club experience better every day. The WAMO Nets continue to gather support. If you haven't been on the net, please make time. It's a great way to meet and talk with members. The weekly Lunch Chat is a great way to SEE your fellow members!!! The weekly club nets are well attended as is the Presentation Saturday. Our web page continues to grow and improve content all the time. We are working to have a presence at the Explora Museum. As conditions improve, we are planning for lot's of activities. It

looks like we need a turquoise condition to have mass gatherings of up to 150 persons. Stay tuned for this. A committee has been working on a club brochure which you will find in this newsletter and on the webpage. Due to other commitments, Robert Witter has resigned as treasurer. We will be having an election for treasurer at the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nominations are now open and will close on March 15<sup>th</sup>. At that time, I will email ballots and the results will be mentioned at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting. Please email me with nominations. [n6sik@arrl.net](mailto:n6sik@arrl.net). Thanks and let's have a great March

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## Ham Radio and You, Larry Elkin, NY5L What We Do

To those of you recent members of HDARC I say "welcome".

Now I know many of you that are new to the Amateur Radio Service and HDARC are thinking "how is the club going to Elmer me?" Many of you have HT's that you just can't get programmed correctly or at all. Well, we have members who can assist you; just ask for some assistance! Others may need help with assembling or setting up a base station and antenna. Just ask some of us veteran hams for assistance! But, what about the other side of the coin? What are **you** going to do to assist the club? As many of you may know, HDARC began it's revised life around ten years ago when I became the president. My main tenet for the club was "inclusiveness". Over the years, club members have taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade students how to solder control boxes for tethered submersible robots; demonstrated the Amateur Radio Service at local museums, schools, Expo New Mexico and the State Fair to name just a few places we have been with our stations. Of course, our having been selected by NASA to operate amateur stations for ARISS contacts twice is our most crowning achievement. Now, we are looking for new adventures. At the Explora Children's Museum's new teen wing, we are presently in discussions with their staff about having a ham base station. Since Tanda can no longer combine business interests with Explora, I will once again be leading the Explora endeavor as I did before with Adult Night at the museum. I am hoping some of our new members would assist me with what we finally put together at the museum. And also, when this Covid is degraded to a safe point, we will need volunteers to work with the club at events where we participate. Of course some of you grizzly veterans can also join the fun! If you have questions, email me at [ny5l@arrl.net](mailto:ny5l@arrl.net)

### ***Amateur Radio Ethics***

When it comes to the Amateur Radio Service: our focus should be ham radio along with just having a decent social get together either in person or on the waves. In many ham publications, two important subjects have been brought up to **not discuss**. What are they? **Religion and Politics**. Well, unfortunately in this time of divisiveness, many hams have forgotten this ham radio golden rule. Whether you are communicating with a ham in Iran or Cuba or any other country, do not bring up these subjects! And here in the U.S.A, the same rule applies; at ham functions keep those opinions/sarcasms to yourself in a mixed crowd. Unfortunately, people have become too sensitive. And, if someone expounds something not to your liking---HAVE A THICK SKIN and show you are better than they are. In other words, don't lower yourself to their level. I don't care whether you are to the right, left, or center, there are positives and negatives in all of politics. We want our club to be known for our welcoming environment for new hams and for service projects that promote the hobby of Ham Radio to the Albuquerque community, not for divisive comments. During my six years involved with buildings engineering safety, and over 30 years involved in technical and call center training, technical support, consumer relations and marketing and sales, the one major point I always had drilled into me was that every word you say or write could have the potential to become a very serious negative issue. Think before you put something in writing or make a comment since it could come back to bite you.

I say again, we all must refrain from putting "our foot in our mouth".

Keep safe and stay healthy

Larry  
NY5L.

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**March Events, Jim**

1. Ken, KO5Y, is organizing a tailgate for Saturday, March 20th, starting at 6 AM. It will be held at American Legion Post 13 (a new location), at 1201 Legion Road NE in Albuquerque. This site is on the north side of Lomas Blvd between I-25 and University. Drive behind a large self-storage facility to reach Post 13.

2. QSO Today's second "Virtual Ham Expo" is scheduled for March 13 and 14, 2021. Early Bird registration is open, and the early registration fee is \$10.00. The cost will be \$12.50 "at the door". After the EXPO ends, all presentations will be available for download until April 12, 2021: <https://www.qsotodayhamexpo.com/>

3. A web page with links to many subjects of interest to Ham Radio operators: <https://www.qsl.net/w2vtm/hamactivities.html>

4. The ARRL list of special event stations: [http://www.arrl.org/special\\_events/search/page:1/model:Event](http://www.arrl.org/special_events/search/page:1/model:Event)

Here are a few March events, courtesy of WA7BNM's web site. There are many more events and sprints, so check out his site: <https://www.contestcalendar.com/>

1. ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m. 0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7, 2021. <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

2. NSARA Contest. Nova Scotia province QSO party, CW, SSB, Digital. 80M only. 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 7 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 7, 2021. [http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/?page\\_id=82](http://nsara.ve1cfy.net/?page_id=82)

3. South America 10 Meter Contest, 10M, CW, SSB. 1200Z, Mar 13 to 1200Z, Mar 14, 2021. [http://sa10m.com.ar/cqsa10m\\_rules.html](http://sa10m.com.ar/cqsa10m_rules.html)

4. SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, CW. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m. 1200Z, Mar 13 to 2400Z, Mar 14, 2021. [http://www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekend\\_sprintathon/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/)

5. Oklahoma QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8). 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m. 1400Z, Mar 13 to 0200Z, Mar 14 and 1500Z-2200Z, Mar 14, 2021. <http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm>

6. QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Assn) QSO Party, CW/Digital, Phone. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m. 1800Z, Mar 13 to 1800Z, Mar 14, 2021. <https://www.qcwa.org/2021-qso-party-rules.pdf>

7. Idaho QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8). 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m. 1900Z, Mar 13 to 1900Z, Mar 14, 2021. <http://www.pocatelloarc.org/idahogsoparty/>

8. Classic Exchange, Phone (Older commercial & home brewed equipment), AM, SSB, FM. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2m. 1400Z, Mar 14 to 0800Z, Mar 15 and 1400Z, Mar 16 to 0800Z, Mar 17, 2021  
[http://www.classicexchange.org/announcements/Winter\\_2021\\_CX\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.classicexchange.org/announcements/Winter_2021_CX_Rules.pdf)

9. Wisconsin QSO Party, CW/Digital, Phone. All bands except WARC. 1800Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15, 2021. <http://www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm>

10. Russian DX Contest, CW, SSB. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m. 1200Z, Mar 20 to 1200Z, Mar 21, 2021. <http://www.rdx.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp>

11. Virginia QSO Party, CW, Phone, Digital. All bands except WARC. 1400Z, Mar 20 to 0400Z, Mar 21 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 21, 2021.  
[https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2021\\_VQP/2021\\_VQP\\_Main.html](https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2021_VQP/2021_VQP_Main.html)

12. CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB. 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10m. 0000Z, Mar 27 to 2359Z, Mar 28, 2021. <http://www.cqwp.com/rules.htm>

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**Membership Brochure** The updated brochure for new members is now complete. It is attached to this week's email that is sent out by David Ham. It can also be found on the website. Please print out a few copies and keep them in your vehicle. That way if you are talking to someone who is interested in learning about our club or ham radio, you can hand them a brochure.

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**Winter Tailgate** Ken Rindfleisch, KO5Y will be hosting a winter tailgate on Saturday March 20th, 6am till??. The site is the American Legion Post 13 located at 1201 Legion Road NE in Albuquerque. Please wear your face mask.

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**Weekly Zoom Meetings** The weekly Zoom meeting on Wednesday at 12pm is still ongoing and usually has about 10 to 15 people joining. If you are interested in attending, there is an email that is sent each week to members only with the secure login information. Prior to the meeting, go to Zoom.us and sign in to download the required operational software. David Ham, N6SIK is the moderator for the Wednesday lunch.

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### **Please help our club maintain our ARRL club affiliation**

The HDARC is an ARRL affiliated club. To maintain this status with the ARRL, we must have a minimum of 50% of our membership in the ARRL. If you are joining the ARRL for the first time, please consider joining through our club. For every new subscriber that joins through our club, we will receive a \$15 commission from the ARRL. For every member that renews their ARRL membership, the club will receive a \$2 commission. Go to [nm5hd.com](http://nm5hd.com), click on Member Services, then Membership Information, then click ARRL Membership Application Form. Fill out the form and bring it to a meeting or email it to the Membership Chairman at [jrgilb@comcast.net](mailto:jrgilb@comcast.net).

You can now designate the HDARC as your charity on Amazon Smile. The club is now set up on Amazon Smile. You need to designate HDARC as your recipient of 0.5% of your purchases.

Your unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-2180552>

If you are interested in contributing to an article for the newsletter, please contact Becky Ham, N6TYT. I am looking articles for the April Newsletter. My email is [Beckylham@aol.com](mailto:Beckylham@aol.com).

Club Shirts can be ordered through Turbo Threads 505-999-1234

1503 Golf Course, Rio Rancho, NM

Club Badges can be ordered through The Signman of Baton Rouge

Order online: <https://thesignman.com/clubs/hdarccart.html>

If you are interested in buying this style of club shirt, it can be found at Rio Rancho T-Shirt. The shop is located at 1207 Golf Course Rd, Ste F in Rio Rancho. Speak with either Wayne or Penny at 505-891-1521. Prices are dependent on the style of shirt and number of Club patches.



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