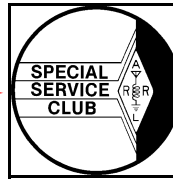


HDARC NEWS



HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, NM5HD

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NEXT SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 18

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President's Corner - Larry Elkin, NY5L

I hope everyone survived the Memorial Day holiday and can now concentrate on Summer activities.

Karen and I returned from our 2500 mile road trip to Hamvention in Dayton and Chicago. One important thing was learned from this trip; do not underestimate the power of Mother Nature. On our return trip on I-44 we passed south of Joplin Missouri and saw an extremely small sample of the damage caused by that devastating F5 tornado. Winds were reported to be at 200MPH. Later on, just West of Oklahoma City, we saw some light damage caused to a stand of trees along I-40. Our prayers go out to all those affected by this season's tornados.

On a lighter note!:

As usual, Hamvention was it's usual 2 1/2 days of intense Ham Radio and "electronic stuff". Joining my journey to Hamvention number 17, was VP Jerry Aceto (his 2nd time there), along with rookies, Treasurer Bob Nieri, and Field Day co-coordinator Terry Zipes. We all "saw and spent"! Terry's Jeanette and my Karen spent time together window shopping and stuff while we played. I have said it many times, but, if you are interested in Amateur Radio, whether as a hobbyist or for Public Service, Dayton is a must at least once. I met hams from Mainland China, Germany, and all around the US. The Flea Market had some bargains. I found some large LEDs I was looking for as well as various nuts and bolts--at \$1.00 a pound! Overall, I found most of what I was looking to purchase, including a Hustler 7

band HF antenna. I did miss out on a great deal on solar cells in the Flea Market (oh well, next time).

We will shortly have an announcement about Field Day. Also, a reminder, as requested by 5 members, that we are holding "Special General Meetings" on June 18 and July 16, primarily for the second and third and final readings of the revised club documents. At this point, summer meetings must be requested. If the document revisions are approved by the membership, summer meetings will become "regular meetings".

Just a reminder that June 30 is now the final day to renew your HDARC membership. As of July 1, the club roster will be revised to show only renewed members who will have all club privileges. This month's meeting on June 18 will feature pictures/video of Dayton, QSL card "Outgoing Buro" card submissions by members and Elmering groups where YOU can get answers to your ham questions from the *experts*. We plan on setting up Elmering groups at the corners of the Community Room each populated with Elmer's who can assist you with your specialized question(s). So far we will have a DX group, Equipment/technical group, and you come up with suggestions!

Please send your questions to me (lkelkin@q.com) for forwarding to the appropriate Elmer group.

73...Larry

HELP! The Club Needs You !!

The club is in desperate need of a net coordinator.

Our club net on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM has been just about nonexistent because we suddenly lost our net coordinator, Ray, K1HG. We need someone to take over our club net, arrange for net control operators and try to bring some interest back to the net, which Ray was very good at doing. This could be your time to shine! Please let us know if you would be interested in this club position. We would really appreciate your participation with the club net.

Next VE Session

The next High Desert Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **June 18 at 10:30 AM before the Special club meeting.** Please bring the following:

- ◆ **Photo ID** (drivers license)
- ◆ **Original** Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Copy** of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Original** CSCE's
- ◆ **Copy** of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$15.00 .
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.
- ◆ SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number.

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JUNE HDARC Birthday Greetings!

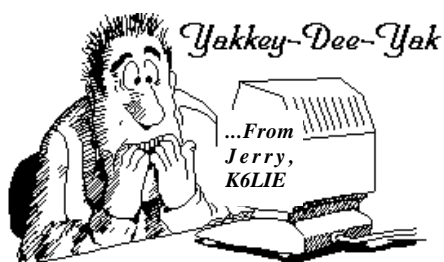
We want to extend warm **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes to our club members celebrating their birthday in the month of **June**:

- Paul Paulsen** **KJ5CB**
- Karen Elkin** **1st Lady**
- Joe Nekoranec** **KE5MWI**
- Pam Salata** **N9UPN**



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From The Editor's Desk.....



Well, Dayton has come and gone. It was such a great show. I hope to make my third Hamvention next year. This marks President Elkin's 17th trip to Dayton. For Terry, W4RCN and Bob, N5UKA, this trip was their 1st. I think it may not be their last. I believe attendance this year was around 21,000. Not bad! The vendors were very happy, I'm sure.

Time to plan for next year! Maybe a club junket?

Best 73's to all!
Jerry—K6LIE

Next "Special" club meeting June 18, 2011

The High Desert Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Saturday, June 18 at 12 noon at The Community Room of the West Albuquerque Police Station on Ellison across from Cibola High School. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The summer club meetings are specially called meetings to include the 2nd reading of the by-laws in June and the 3rd reading at the July meeting. You have until midnight of July 15 to vote by e-mail. You may also vote in person at the July 16th meeting. Send your electronic vote to Secretary Chuck Palmer, NM5F, at capalmer02@msn.com to vote on the changes to the by-laws. Everyone has received the updated by-laws. Please Vote!

HDARC VE TESTING FOR MAY

The HDARC held one testing session in May.

El 2 (Technician) -7 people passed (including a young man from China whose father is on teaching Sabbatical in New Mexico.

El 3 (General) - 2 people (they also had passed El 2 at the same session)

The New Mexico SAR VE group conducted a Technician License class for 9 local search and rescue members. A testing session followed the class and all 9 people passed El 2.

Marty Soffran, NM5MS

CLUB REPEATERS

145.370 Mhz	PL 162.2 Hz	IRLP Node 7706
224.480 Mhz	No PL	IRLP Node 3285
442.750 Mhz	PL 162.2 Hz	IRLP Node 7855

Our club repeater systems, including our IRLP systems are open to our members as well as the entire Amateur Radio community.

Echo Link coming to 145.370 soon!
IRLP is now operational on the 442.750 club repeater!

Thanks to Adrian, W5ASM and Fred, KC5IPK for working on these projects!

PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE HDARC

Bob Nieri, N5UKA

Activities in the Public Service Group of HDARC can be as wide-ranging as the interests of the radio amateur extend. These can include public service and emergency communications such as search and rescue (SAR) and ARES and RACES.

The public service area is the easiest activity to start with and is a good introduction to the other areas. It typically involves working with a group of hams to provide communications for athletic events such as bicycle races and marathons, usually for charitable organizations. It allows one to become familiar with the communications protocol used when there is a net control for several people using a repeater. This is similar to calling in to the public nets such as the SCAT net. In addition,

you become familiar with all that needs to be done to go out "in the field".

Emergency communications requires more active participation and work from the radio amateur. This topic has been extensively written about on the internet. It is more formalized communications to be followed in local, regional or national emergencies. It is typically associated with groups such as SAR, ARES and RACES. There are groups in the Albuquerque and New Mexico area with which the radio amateur can become involved. There are certifications from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA that can be gained by taking classes on the internet at no charge. The ARES organizations in New Mexico are always looking

for new members if you have the time and motivation. The Search and Rescue organizations (SAR) use the ham bands for their communication so, at minimum, a Technician license is required.

The HDARC Public Service Group has members that participate in all these activities and more. They are an invaluable resource to the new ham whose interests lie in this direction.

73
Bob
N5UKA

ANY QUESTIONS?

Remember to bring your questions on Public Service, as well as any other topic, to the June club meeting. We are anxious to help you with any questions you may have regarding anything "Ham Radio".

MAURICE GRAFF TURNS 65 AND YOUR ALL INVITED TO THE PARTY !

Club member Maurice Graff, KE5TBJ, is inviting all club members to his Birthday Party on Saturday, June 11 at 7:30 PM. The location is the Albuquerque Meadows Clubhouse, 7112 Pan American Freeway NE.

Please RSVP to Mary Graff at 301-3576 or deacon_maurice@q.com



This year Field Day will be on June 25-26. Dave Johnson, N0LVA and I, Terry Zipes, W4RCN are the Co-chairs for this event. We are striving to make this weekend as productive and as enjoyable as possible. We are researching several sites and will keep you apprized as to the final site in the near future. If anyone has a preference for a site or would like to have a site considered, please contact me or Dave. We also intend to have a Bar-B-Q/Pot Luck dinner to encourage all family members to come out on Saturday evening. We will, after a site has been chosen, ask that you let us know if you will be coming to the Pot Luck and what you will be bringing. We will need snacks,

potato chips, salads, deserts, and other main course dishes if possible. Please plan to attend the dinner with your family. We also need to have volunteers for setup, takedown, and 24 hour operations. Please let me or Dave know so that we may build a workable schedule. My email address is w4rcn@q.com. Dave's is daven0lva@gmail.com.

Thanks and Best 73s

Terry, W4RCN

Editor's note: we will not be meeting at the Sandia casino for our regularly scheduled breakfast social because of Field Day and the BBQ on Saturday evening.

2011 Membership Dues

Membership dues are due May 1st.

Dues are as follows:

Member	\$25
Family Member	\$5
Life Membership (those 80+)	Free
Aux. Member-Studying for License	\$15

Please mail your 2011 club dues to:

**High Desert Amateur Radio Club
Robert Nieri - Treasurer
225 Bryn Mawr SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106**

Please renew your dues no later than June 30th. After this date, you will be removed from the roster and Newsletter list and will not be able to participate in voting on club issues. We would certainly miss you. If you should forget, you will be reinstated upon receipt of your 2011 dues. Thank You!

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Editor's note: We are very fortunate to have a group of members that have had very interesting experiences and careers. I thought it would be nice to showcase a member each month. I have been thinking about this addition for some time now and have decided to give it a try. If you would like to submit a short bio of yourself or suggest the bio of a member you think has an interesting story or career, please let me know and I will add it to the "MEET OUR MEMBERS" column.

MAURICE GRAFF KE5TBJ

Maurice is a veteran of Vietnam, having served in the Army. Married in 1969, he and his wife, Mary, have two children. In 1974, he graduated from Queens College of the City University of New York Cum Laude. Maurice moved the family to New Mexico in 1980, having previously lived in Australia, where his two children were born. Maurice worked as a music teacher while in Australia. In 1985, Maurice became a correctional officer working with the New Mexico Corrections Department and retired from the Corrections Department in 2006, concluding a 21 year career in corrections. During his career, he, along with several other officers, were taken hostage by prison inmates at the Penitentiary in Santa Fe. This happened in March of 1986. Maurice retired in 1986 with the rank of Sergeant.

Maurice became an ordained Permanent Deacon serving the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at the Cathedral in Santa Fe in August of 2004.

During his Law Enforcement career, as well as in retirement, he stayed active with the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the Special Olympics of New Mexico. In 2006, Maurice was selected by Special Olympics New Mexico as the Law Enforcement Torch Runner representative from New Mexico. He participated in the Final Leg of the Torch Run from Chicago to Ames, Iowa. This led to the first ever USA Special Olympics during the Summer Olympic Games.

Maurice was appointed as an Albuquerque Police Department Chaplain in 2006. He has been an Amateur Radio Operator (KB5TBJ) since 2008. In addition to his Special Olympics work, Maurice also volunteers his services at the Albuquerque Balloon Festival.

In 2010, Maurice was awarded the highest honor any officer, active or retired, can receive for outstanding achievement through his involvement and accomplishments with the Torch Run in New Mexico. This award was the Willard Flame of Hope Award.

In addition to all this, Maurice also is a member of the Chorus for the Opera Southwest as well as other singing groups. He also volunteers his time working at various nursing homes in the area.

Our club is very fortunate to have this caliber of member in our club and I want to congratulate Maurice for all the very important work he has done both during his

career and continuing work in his retirement.

NO LUNCH OF THE MONTH

This month, we will be having a club BBQ during Field Day instead of our usual Lunch of the Month. This will take place on Saturday evening, June 25. We plan a pot luck BBQ and ask that everyone attending please bring a main dish, salad or desert. I believe the club will provide something to BBQ. More details will be discussed at our upcoming June meeting. **Because of Field Day, we will not be meeting at the Sandia Casino for our usual Breakfast Social on Saturday, June 25. Remember, all members, their families and guest are always welcome to join us at all club functions!**

FREE HAM ADS

Paul Richey, W05WW, has a G5RV, new & in its original package, that he is willing to part with for \$30.00. It is 102' long. He can be reached at 301-1738.

CLUB RAFFLE

Starting with the June meeting, we will be selling raffle tickets. The tickets will be \$3 each or 2 tickets for \$5. The raffle prize will be a Wouxun KG-UVD1P dual band handheld, which we purchased while at the Dayton Hamvention. We plan to have the drawing at the September or October meeting. (See page 7)

CLUB RAFFLE



Our club's first raffle will feature the Wouxun (sounds like 'ocean' in Chinese) KG-UVD1P 2 meter/70 cm Handheld Transceiver. This little beauty features complete coverage of both ham bands. It can be setup for a multitude of frequencies anywhere between 136 Mhz and 520 Mhz. It includes a 76-108 FM broadcast receiver, should you choose to listen to music instead of talk to your fellow hams. The rig includes such features as DTMF encoding, CTCSS/DCS Scan (both digital and Analog), VOX transmission, Voice guide, Wide/Narrow bandwidth, Priority Scan, High/Low Power Selection, Channel Name Edit and Display, Programmable by computer....whew, that's just a portion of it's features. Oh, did I mention that it runs 5 Watts output on 2 meters (4 on 440) and 1 watt out on both bands in low power? Oh yes, it also includes a built in LED flashlight! (don't all Handheld radios include a flashlight?).

[If you're lucky, you can get yours for a mere \\$3 per raffle ticket or an even better deal at 2 tickets for a \\$5 bill.](#)

We hope to collect enough money to pay off Terry, W4RCN, who purchased the unit while at Dayton, and gain a few extra bucks for the club treasury. The plan is to raffle off this unit at the September or October club meeting. We plan to continue raffles if successful. These will include 50/50 raffles, where you get 50% of the monies collected. So it could be profitable for you just to attend the meetings! We hope everyone will support these activities as we move forward with various club projects.

FCC Seeks to Raise the Fee for Vanity Call Signs

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on May 3, seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$13.30 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$14.20 for 10 years, an increase of 90 cents. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to col-

lect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. Instructions on how to comment on this NPRM are available on the FCC Web site.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to

a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC's 1994 Report and Order). In 2007, the Commission lowered the fee from \$20.80 to \$11.70. The FCC said it anticipates some 14,600 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year, collecting \$207,320 in fees from the program. More at <http://www.arrl.org/>

Via ARRL.ORG

MONSOON SEASON APPROACHING

Submitted by Rick Bassi

The National Weather Service (NWS) and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management have designated June 5-10 as Monsoon Awareness Week in New Mexico. The goal is for everyone to be aware of the dangers posed during the summer months - flash floods, severe thunderstorms, lightning and hail - know the safety rules that apply, stay informed of all forecasts and warnings and prepare ahead of time to survive hazardous weather.

New Mexico leads the nation in lightning deaths per capita. NWS uses the 30 second rule - if you see lightning and hear thunder in less than 30 seconds, you should seek shelter, preferably in a building, but in an emergency, a hard top car will do. Inside a building during lightning storms, stay out of the shower and off a land-line phone.

Never try to wade or drive through a flooded roadway or low water crossing - it is how most people die

in New Mexico during flash floods. As little as 8" of moving water can knock you off your feet and 12" to 14" will float most cars.

Know that a **WATCH** means conditions are right for a thunderstorm, tornado or whatever else the **WATCH** concerns and that a **WARNING** means the event is imminent or occurring and you need to take action immediately.

If you prepare ahead of time and pay attention, you will have a safe and enjoyable summer. Take heed. Be prepared. Be safe.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION CONVENTION

Only two months until the 2011 Rocky Mountain Division Convention in Taos, NM! Have you registered yet? This year will be a great event filled with activities, vendors, guests, forums, prizes and much more. Mark your calendar for August 5 - 7. Complete details including an event schedule can be found at www.2011convention.org.

COMMERCIAL ADS

Ad rates are \$20 per year or \$5 per month. Send ads to Jerry Aceto, Editor, 1023 Purple Aster Dr, Bernalillo, NM 87004 or email jerold45@yahoo.com

Help support the HDARC. Donations accepted and are tax deductible!

WANTED: New Mexico Amateur Radio Call sign License Plates, all years. Especially need 1959-1964, inclusive, plus 1976, 1977, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, and 2000. Will buy or trade. Bill Johnston, K5ZI, P.O. Box 640, Organ, NM 88052-0640. Tel. 575-382-7804. e-mail: K5ZI@arrl.net (5/2011)

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DX NEWS - LARRY ELKIN NY5L

As most of you probably observed, this month may have been somewhat of an improvement in propagation but not really anything to cheer about. Sunspot numbers have not really gone in a positive direction to make us want to slap on the headphones and tune around 10 meters with any real hope. The lower bands have been somewhat active with some night activity on 20 meters and 40 meters showing waking up signs. Operation on 17 meters is always a surprise, you just never know!. Hopefully, later this Summer, I will finally get on 80 meters with the installation on my new Hustler vertical.

Everyone tune slowly and listen carefully, the rare ones are out there! Remember, bring you QSL cards to the June meeting.

73's,

Larry, NY5L

CLUB MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

MEMBER TRANSPORTATION –Need a ride to club meetings or other club activities? Call Jerry Aceto, K6LIE at 771-1323 or Larry Elkin, NY5L, at 771 0391. We will arrange transportation for you from your home to club activities.

MENTORING SERVICES –If you are a new ham, or are interested in becoming a ham, or just have a question, we offer various services to help you along. Check out our website at www.nm5hd.com and click on the “Mentors, Education, VE testing” link. Here, you will find whom to contact for help with all your questions on various subjects.

LICENSE CLASSES AND TESTING –If you are interested in becoming an Amateur Radio operator, or want to upgrade your license, contact Marty Sofffran, NM5MS, at 410-3992 or Fred Lete, KC5IPK at 892-0380. We provide VE testing before our club meetings and also will be doing classes from time to time.

HDARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2011

Coffee - Every Wednesday, 2 PM at the Flying Star in Corrales

Breakfast – Every Thursday morning at 8 AM at the Flying Star in Corrales

Club Net –Every Wednesday evening on 145.37 at 7:30 PM.

Club meeting –Saturday, June 18 at noon at the West Albuquerque Police Station on Ellison across from Cebola High School. Program on the sights and sounds of the Dayton Hamvention presented by Jerry Aceto, K6LIE. VE testing before every meeting at 10:30 AM.

Field Day, June 25 - 26. Final discussion and planning at June club meeting.

Field Day BBQ, Saturday evening, June 25. Final details at club meeting.

Club Members and their Families are always welcome at all club meetings and events.