

HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF NEW MEXICO, INC



# NEWSLETTER-MARCH 2011



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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

LARRY ELKIN – NY5L

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The first hint of spring is upon us, winds!

I hope everyone begins to plan a date to go out to check their antenna equipment on some comfortable 55-60 degree day before they get knocked off the air!

Well, we made some changes at the February club meeting; now a lot of club business will be presented on video before the meeting, during the meeting break, and after the meeting. I will increase the font size to allow for reading the business presentation while seated instead of just while standing near the video screen. We also tried an Elmering session, which while successful for some members, was also in need of some tweaking. The next time around, we should be in the new building with its larger Community room. This room will allow us to break up into smaller groups in corners of the room to discuss specific topics. We also will request those members with questions to email us so our experts can be ready to help those hams out at one of the tables.

We are starting to plan our club events for the year. First there is Field Day, we have decided on a new location, which will be formally announced at the next meeting. We do need members to volunteer to take the lead in planning the ham operation. This year, we would like to make Field Day a family outing with food and a bar-be-que as well as family activities for those non hams. We want non-ham volunteers to help us have a successful family event. This event could be a great opportunity for our less active members to participate in.

The 2011 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is next October, but planning for the Special Event Station will begin in May. We do need a coordinator to take the lead in applying for the special call sign and organizing the ten-day event. We now have a complete instructional guide for organizing this event thanks to last year's event coordinator Bill Firth.

We have some ideas for other summer events/outings for the club. We are trying to put together a Special Event station outing we think has never been done in New Mexico, or possibly anywhere else. If my proposal is accepted, first by the company I have contacted, and then by members, we will operate a very different ham station that non-hams and their families would really have a fun time with. Our members and their families could play "tourist for the day". More to come!!

In the next couple of weeks, we will advise you all of whether we meet for our March meeting in the same building, or in the new sub-station Community Room.

Take care and 73.  
Larry – NY5L



**February 19, 2011**

President Larry Elkin, NY5L, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. There were 24 members in attendance.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS.**

After member introductions, Larry introduced Chuck Palmer NM5F, who gave a short talk about Dr. Mahlon Loomis, who pioneered in what eventually became amateur radio. Dr. Loomis, a dentist by profession, invented the first antenna in 1864, was the first to observe sunspots, and became the first wireless telegrapher, but has largely gone unrecognized for his work.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Larry emphasized that the Club minutes and other business is open to all on our web site, [www.nm5hd.org](http://www.nm5hd.org), that we conduct open meetings, and that it is all right for anyone to bring recorders and cameras to our meetings. He also stated that the new community room in the newly constructed APD building would be available for us to use beginning with next month's meeting, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The new room will be very large and can handle 70 persons. Larry also stated that remote control station equipment costs about \$500.00 in the current HRO catalog, and is usable though the internet.

The General Manager of Mimi's Restaurant has informed Larry that Mimi's will donate 15% of anything the Club spends there, back to the Club because HDARC qualifies as a non-profit organization. Larry stated that when we go to eat there as a group, we need to provide our non-profit status forms for the manager to review. Larry proposed that all monies coming to the Club from Mimi's be put into a separate line item in the Club budget to support technical development.

Larry introduced the Board of Directors for the Club, including newly elected members Ray Crepeau, K1HG and Marty Soffran, NM5MS. Other Board members are Fred Lete, KC5IPK, Marie Swigert KE5JIV and Bill Firth KE5TOB. He also introduced the newly elected Secretary, Daisy Crepeau KT4KW, himself as the newly reelected President, Vice President Jerry Aceto, K6LIE and Treasurer Robert Nieri, N5UKA.

Both Larry and Jerry explained the Amateur Radio term, "elmering", which means experienced hams helping new hams get started, and answering questions. Jerry pointed out that there is an elmering link on the HDARC web site. Larry recommended also that new hams obtain an ARRL radio engineer's handbook as a great resource of information.

## POWERPOINT

In response to members' requests that Club business be kept to a short time period during meetings, Larry created a power point show that presents Club business, such as Treasurer Report and election results and survey results, in a continuous loop on a screen throughout the meeting. Members are encouraged to read these during breaks and before and after each meeting. The Secretary's minutes will be provided in hard copy form, being too long for the power point presentation. This month, the Treasurer's Report stated a balance of \$1017.27.

Election results were as follows:

Club President and Secretary

Larry Elkin NY5L, President	Yes, 36	No, 2
Daisy Crepeau KT4KW, Secretary	Yes, 36	No, 2

Board of Directors, 2 openings

Marty Soffran NM5MS	Yes, 23	No, 1
Ray Crepeau K1HG	Yes, 18	No, 9

Member Survey results were as follows:

1. Whether to conduct meetings during a weeknight,  
Yes, 16 No, 11 Abstain, 0.
2. Club apparel (T shirts, hats, etc.),  
Yes, 24 No, 3 Abstain, 0.
3. Fundraising by raffles,

- Yes, 15 No, 12 Abstain 0.
4. Build a Club remote station,  
Yes, 21 No, 5 Abstain 1.
  5. Presentations by Club to other groups,  
Yes, 25 No, 1 Abstain 1.
  6. Conduct Club business during regular meetings,  
Yes, 18 No, 10 Abstain 1.
  7. Shall the Board of Directors present new projects to the membership for voting upon, or shall members make direct decisions by vote at regular meetings?  
BOD presents projects, 12.  
Membership originates and votes, 17.

After a short break, Ray and Daisy presented their research into color choices, prices, and availability of proposed Club apparel. A hearty discussion followed. Adrian Miura W5ASM made a motion that we wear a uniform color, such as black. Marie Swigert, KE5JIV moved that officers and the Board sample different colors with the Club logo to present at the next meeting. Marty Soffran seconded this motion. Adrian agreed to combine colors and the logo for all to see on our web site. This motion was passed by show of hands.

Ray presented a certificate to new Ham Monica Miura, KF5JNH in honor of her first radio contact on the Club net, earlier this month. Ray was Net Control that evening.

Larry opened the meeting to questions, and the group separated into elmering discussion groups involving various aspects of amateur radio. He adjourned this meeting at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted by

Kathey Meland, WB6 JAN  
Outgoing Secretary



## FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### High Desert Amateur Radio Club

#### Monthly Financial Report February 19, 2011

**Beginning Checking Account Balance As of January 15, 2011** **\$1,029.16**

Deposits:

Paulsen, Miura, donation	30.00
Technician & General ARRL VE exams	105.00
Subtotal	135.00

Withdrawals:

Bill Firth, Paul Choc picture frame	4.28
Nieri, donuts	14.96
Payment to ARRL for VEC tests	84.00
Marty Soffran, for VEC expenses	36.00
Subtotal	139.24

**Ending Balance as of January** **\$1,024.92**

**Transactions to date for February**

Deposits:

R. Rood	20.00
Mike O. Gonzales	15.00
Two VE tests	30.00
L. Scott	15.00
Subtotal	80.00

Withdrawals:

Larry Elkin, QTH and business cards	63.65
Marty Soffran, ARRL VE test fees	24.00
Subtotal	87.65

**Ending Balance as of February 19, 2011** **\$1,017.27**

Bob Nieri, N5UKA  
Treasurer



## MARCH 16, 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

1. By-Law Committee: BOD, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, 1 recent & 1 long time mbr
  - a. Succession of officers.
  - b. Delete three readings.
  - c. Change Saturday meetings requirement.
  - d. Allow June, July, and August meetings.
  - e. End staggered officer elections.
  - f. Officers part of the BOD?
  - g. Revise dues structure and new fiscal year starts on July 1.
2. Budget Review to propose new dues.
3. Request Member's Input for Upcoming Activities
  - a. Field Day
  - b. Train ride with portable station
    - i. Include other clubs in ABQ?
  - c. Balloon Fiesta - May meeting deadline
  - d. Star-gazing and remote operation with Astronomy Club
  - e. November Toy Drive
  - f. Holiday Party
4. Remote Station expenses
5. Fund Raising Activities
  - a. Newsletter adverts
  - b. Pass the Hat for specific projects
  - c. Other Ideas
6. Handicapped HAM training
7. Board of Directors Book to record actions taken
8. Any other items to be discussed

All members may attend the Board of Directors meetings.



*We would like to extend a GREAT BIG HDARC WELCOME to our newest member:*



Mike Gonzales – KF5CTZ

**We welcome you and hope that we provide you and all our HDARC members with a fun club experience! Your ideas for new club experiences and projects will be most welcome. Please let us know if we are doing things right and don't hesitate to let us know if we need improvement in certain areas. Welcome aboard!**



## MARCH HDARC BIRTHDAY GREETINGS !!

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

**LARRY ELKIN – NY5L**



## A NOTE FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jerry Aceto – K6LIE

Hi everyone,

Well, things are going well for the club. We finally have all our new officers in place. Our new Board of Directors will have their first monthly meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>. The board meeting agenda is included in this issue of the newsletter and will be included each month, along with the minutes of the board meetings. All are welcome to attend the board meetings. Starting with this issue, the clubs financial report will also be included.

Since Ray, K1HG, took over the club net, things have been going well. The numbers of checkins has been increasing. Coupling the club net with the 220 Rag Chewers Net immediately after the club net has also resulted in more checkins for both nets, with the club being able to join in on the fun of working stations all over the country and some outside the country via the IRLP systems that we operate on both repeaters.

We are hoping that our next club meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> will take place in the new community room. We believe the new police building will be open for business by then. If so, a very large community room, complete with kitchen facilities, rest rooms and outside entrance which will be accessible just about anytime we need the facility. Larry and I were able to see the new room. It is very large, easily holding 70 people and will be complete with big screen video monitors for presentations. The community room also has public Internet access.

We have been working to restructure and streamline our meetings, as President Larry Elkin mentioned in his Presidents message. Our first attempt was the February meeting, which worked out well. We have some tweaking to do, but all in all, things went well. This came about because you, our members, wanted to have more ham radio discussions and less club business. We listened and Larry came up with the idea of scrolling the majority of club business on the video monitor, where everyone could read it at their leisure. I think it worked out pretty well.

We also have various projects in the works, so stay tuned! If you have any suggestions, please make your feelings known. We feel the club is on the right path and is doing well and will work to keep the momentum going.

In closing, I want to congratulate one of our newer members, Jim Holston, KF5JOL. Jim upgraded from Technician to General class during a Club VE session at Marty's home! Now, we are working on Jim to get on the air! Great going, Jim!

We have a great program for our March meeting. You won't want to miss this presentation.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting!

73.

Jerry Aceto – K6LIE



## MARCH PROGRAM

For our March Program, I have asked Mike Langner, W5MGR, to do his presentation of the History of Radio Broadcasting. Mike has worked in broadcast radio since the early age of 19. He has been chief engineer of various stations and has also built commercial

broadcast stations. I was very fortunate to find him and look forward to his presentation on the history of broadcast radio.

You won't want to miss this program! Hope we see you all at the next meeting!



**Hi all!**

**This is to announce the upcoming Lunch of the Month, to be eaten at the Calico Cafe & Cantina, Friday March 11 at 12 noon.**

**The Calico Cafe is located at 6855 4th Street, in Ranchos de Albuquerque, 87107, just 1/4 mile north of the intersection of 4th and Osuna. Just take a straight shot south on 4th from Alameda and 4th. Calico is on right side coming from that direction. Can't miss it, or use GPS.**

**Calico informed me they do accept separate checks, so I made the reservation. If there is an overflow, they will move us to Vernon's, which is part of their complex. Please RSVP to me as soon as you can. Please reply to me at [dustdevil41@cablone.net](mailto:dustdevil41@cablone.net).**

**Remember, members families are always welcome at all our club events!**

**Kathey WB6JAN**



**VE session - Sunday March 6:**

El 2 (Technician Class License) - 2 people passed  
El 3 (General class License) - 1 Person passed

One examine passed both El 2 and El 3.

One examine came from Taos to test and is going to notify other members of her Search and Rescue group that our VE team will try to accommodate their testing needs. Marty offered to conduct a testing session in Taos if there are at least five people wanting to test at one time.

**FIRST CONTACT AWARD!**



That's Monica Miura, KF5JNH, who recently took the club's Technician class and received her license. Since Ray, K1HG, has taken over running the club net on Wednesday evenings, he noted that Monica's first QSO with her new license was working Ray on the net. So Ray, K1HG and Daisy, KT4KW, decided to award her with a "FIRST CONTACT AWARD" certificate. Here is club President Larry Elkin, NY5L and Ray presenting Monica with her very first amateur radio award! We are sure her OM Adrian, W5ASM, is very proud of her.

Most hams start off with a Worked All States award. But here at the High Desert ARC, we go one step further than that. After all, what better way to start out in this terrific hobby? We all know that making your first contact is a major and memorable event in our ham career.

Great job, Monica!! Keep those awards coming and have a great time doing it. DXCC is just around the corner!



## WELCOMING NEW HAMS

Submitted, with permission, by Dave Johnson – NOLVA

This article can be read from two sides. The side it is written for is for those of us that are and have been Hams for a while. To welcome and encourage and to foster good operating skills once licensed to do so. It can also be read from the side of the new Ham or the Ham that has been licensed but inactive for a while. For them to ask questions and let the rest of us know that they need help and encouragement.

Taken from the “President’s Soapbox” in the Jan-Feb 2011 issue of the Static Sheet. The newsletter for the DMRAA (Des Moines ((Ia)) Radio Amateur Association.

As many of you are aware, in December, we added 9 new Hams (KDØNEV-KDØNFE) from the Technician class taught by Dennis (KAØDOS), Ron (NØXWI), and me. We are feeling terribly proud like new parents. We hope they will become active as Hams and as members of the DMRAA. That will depend on how helpful and welcoming the membership will be. Remember your own start in Ham radio?? Many of us are presently members because some other ham was welcoming and helpful to us in getting started. For certain, as many of you are aware, in December, we added 9 new Hams (KDØNEV-KDØNFE), but passing the FCC Technician exam did not make us competent radio operators. The license really only gave us the opportunity to begin to learn, for real, how to operate. All of us made mistakes that we can laugh about today because someone encouraged us and supported us through the fear of looking stupid. (I now seem to be able to do stupid things with very little support.)

Taking my own story as an illustration, I don’t know if I would ever have taken the test if not pushed by a friend. He was not much help to me after that because he was using all his time and energy pursuing a new activity. I joined a local club. Like any club, the members were a little clique-y and tended to talk with their friends at meetings. Fortunately, I got enough from just listening to presentations that it didn’t bother me too much that no one looked after me. However, I never got on the air until 6 months later at Field Day. I went out late in the evening to see what FD was about (not to operate). A man I later learned was a well known DX’er and contesteer was working a station and asked me to help log. He showed me what he was doing and eventually conned me into operating. After that, I became one of the “boys” at the meetings. Unfortunately for every story like mine, there is another story of someone who gets licensed and is ignored long enough to give up and go away, or worse, is criticized for his/her first tentative efforts and thereafter withdraws from the field.

Another piece that recently caught my eye was on the ARRL web site, I think. It was

about/by a ham who had been inactive for many years, but in the process of moving to a new area, thought to update her data with the FCC. It was picked up by a local club that routinely checked for new hams in their geographic area. They contacted her and encouraged her to get active with them. The result is that she is now an active participant in their club after having been inactive for many years.

My experience of the DMRAA has been one of a warm welcome when I came here, but I did come as an Extra licensee with some experience. I am very hopeful that the membership will seek out and encourage the new people so that they will become active with us. This is how the organization thrives. In the process, maybe we will be encouraging to each other also, as we try new things. From this, we get growth in numbers, but also in experience/expertise. Remember, participation breeds participation.

73

George, KK7FM



**FOR SALE**

[If interested in any of these items, contact Ray, K1HG at \[thecrepeaus@earthlink.net\]\(mailto:thecrepeaus@earthlink.net\)](#)

**1) MIRAGE RF Amplifier - Model B23 /(144 - 148 MHz) / 2 watts in gets 30 watts out / \$55.00**

**2) KANTRONICS KPC-3Plus TNC / User Manual / Male DB9 connector / 3 ft 5 conductor shielded cable / 21 mm power jack / \$75.00**

**3) KENWOOD TH-31BT 220 - 225 MHz Handheld transceiver / Thumbwheel switches to select frequency / Dip switches on front panel to select CTCSS tone frequency (all tones available? / 1 watt - hi / .5 watt lo power / "stubby" short rubber duck antenna/ PB-21H battery pack (needs new AA NiCad cells) / "Kangaroo" pouch with belt loop / Owner's manual / Kenwood HM-23 spkr/mic/ Kenwood DC-21 DC-DC converter (13.8V to \*V) / \$65.00**

**4) KENWOOD BC-6 Quick Charger for PB-21 and PB21H batteries / Charges 2 batteries simultaneously / \$50.00**

**5) REALISTIC HTX-404 UHF 430 - 450 MHz handheld transceiver / 5 watt hi / 1 watt lo power output / 12 memory and 4priority channels / CTCSS tone encode/decode / 6 AA NiCad battery pack / owner's manual / may need to replace lithium memory battery / \$65.00**

**6) ALINCO DJ-S41T pocket size UHF transceivers (2 each) / 350 MW output / 18 memory channels / 1 call channel / CTCSS tone encode / \$75.00 each or both for \$140.00**



## NEW MEXICO QSO PARTY

The 2011 New Mexico QSO Party will take place Saturday, April 9 from 8:00am MDT until 8:00pm MDT, and all Hams across New Mexico are invited and encouraged to participate. Hams from across the United States -- and the world -- will literally be seeking out New Mexico hams on HF and 6 meters during the event period...with a particular emphasis on working hams from as many NM counties as possible. New Mexico will essentially be the sought after "DX" which will make for a great time on the airwaves for all of us.

We are looking for hams in all 33 counties of New Mexico to participate in the 2011 New Mexico QSO Party, whether for just a few hours or for the entire 12 hour period. I'm hoping that, as an officer and leader of your ham club, you can help me promote this fantastic event and encourage your members to participate either individually or as a club effort. New for 2011, there is a special award waiting for the club whose members submit their logs and accumulate the largest aggregate total of points - see the event rules for details.

This is a super event for new and experienced hams alike, and you don't need to be a contester - just join the airwaves with a desire to make some great ham radio contacts. Operate from the comfort of your home shack, or combine forces as a club effort. Hit the road as a mobile station and activate counties which result in much needed -- and appreciated -- multipliers for every participant. Or use this event as an opportunity to introduce a new person to contesting or to ham radio in general.

This year's event is hosted by the Albuquerque DX Association. Handsome plaques are available along with participation certificates, both suitable for hanging in your shack. Complete details, rules, prize information, and more can be found on the New Mexico QSO Party website at <http://pages.swcp.com/~n5zgt/nmqso-party>

If any of your members are interested in operating during the NM QSO Party, I'd love to hear from them. Please ask them to email me with info on which county (or counties, if you're interesting in going mobile) you'll be on the air from so I can list you on the event website.

We also ask that you please encourage other hams in your county, who may not be a member of your club, to join the New Mexico QSO Party. Spread the word via email, in a club newsletter, on the airwaves, or via a net. The Albuquerque DX Association will be sending information to clubs across New Mexico via US Mail this week.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing hams from every county in New Mexico on the bands during the 2011 New Mexico QSO Party -- Saturday, April 9 from 8:00am MDT until 8:00pm MDT. Please mark your calendars!

Thank you and 73,

Brian N5ZGT

New Mexico QSO Party organizer - <http://pages.swcp.com/~n5zgt/nmqsoparty>



What is the “Military Cross Band Test” and how do I participate?

After posting an announcement on QRZ.com that USS Yorktown would be operating in the annual military cross band test along with listing the military frequencies I have been barraged with E-Mails. Most opined that these frequencies were outside the ham band and amateurs could not operate there for the test.

First a little background and then we will get to the *how to do it* part. Each year the Military conducts the annual cross band test on a weekend close to Armed forces Day. Armed Forces Day is a day for the United States to pay tribute to the men and women who protect us and our country.

Before 1950 there were five separate holidays to pay tribute to separate branches of our armed forces:

- Army Day: April 6
- Air Force Day: August 1
- Coast Guard Day: August 4
- Navy Day: October 27
- Marine Corps Day: November 10

Armed Forces Day began in 1949 when Secretary of Defense Mr. Louis Johnson announced that the separate holidays commemorating the Army, Navy, and Air Force were to be combined into one celebration on the third Saturday in May. This change was a direct result of a much larger government transformation: the unification of all the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

The Armed Forces Cross Band Test gives amateurs a chance to work military stations such as Andrews Air Force Base, Navy Communications Station Washington and a myriad of other military and government stations. In the past, in addition to the contacts, a message was transmitted in CW at 25 words per minute from the Secretary of Defense. Each amateur that copied the message received a certificate from the defense department. In recent years the message has been transmitted in various digital modes such as AMTOR, MT-63 and RTTY. There will be no message this year as the Obama administration has indicated they will have no time to prepare and approve the message due to the reorganization of the defense department.

Now on to how to work the military stations. You will normally find a list of stations in QST or on the net for the Cross Band test. In the case of the USS Yorktown we published

USS YORKTOWN (CV-10) (14 MAY 1200Z - 15 MAY 0400Z)

FREQUENCY EMISSION AMATEUR BAND

4010.0 KHZ LSB 80M

7348.0 KHZ LSB 40M

14478.5 KHZ USB 20M

20994.0 KHZ USB 15M

To contact USS Yorktown you simply would listen on 4010.0 LSB and you will hear the operator saying "This is November Whiskey Mike Juliet listening on 3995 ( or where he/she finds a clear ham frequency) Kilohertz OVER"

I would transmit on 3995 and say "NWMJ this is Whiskey Four Juliet Lima Echo OVER" or if a lot of stations calling just say your call phonetically.

**BIG HINT:** You will stand a much better chance of making contact if you use standard phonetics. Many of the various stations are manned by military folks that will never understand

"This is WY4GHD, We're Yearning 4 Grilled Hot Dogs"

The military stations are not permitted VOX operation and are used to hearing the proword OVER. Use it to let them know you are now listening! They will do the same.

To get an example of the stations that operated in 2010 go to:  
[http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/docs/AMC\\_Test\\_2010.pdf](http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/docs/AMC_Test_2010.pdf)

73 and hope to hear you during the Cross Band Test.

Fred W4JLE/NNN0AAG/NNN0GBS  
South Carolina  
Navy Marine Corp MARS State Director



## REPORT ON GEORGE KEY W5YZ

Just want to let everyone know that our member and CW guru George Key, W5YZ is doing very well. As you may remember George had both knees (yes, I said BOTH) replaced a couple of months ago. He is doing very well and is now driving and riding his bike around our community. George did attend our February meeting and was using a cane at that time. I understand he does not need the cane anymore.

George, we are thankful that everything worked out well for you!  
Best wishes to you and Susan from all of us at the HDARC!



## DX News

Larry Elkin NY5L – President  
PROPAGATION AND DX'g

February was a very interesting month for propagation and DX'g. First there was February 15th. This was the first time in many years when all bands (40,20,17,15,12, and 10 meters were open).

On all these bands, I heard stations from Japan, New Zealand, Australia, as well as Europe, the Caribbean, Central and South America; all coming through most of the day into the early evening MST. I did work J69MV on Saint Lucia around 1700 MST on 12 meters. That band has been dead since!!! Ten meters has been reported active in other areas of the country during this month.

As of 2/28, the best time to work DX on 40, 20, 17 and 15 is in the morning starting an hour after sunrise until around 1100 MST. In the late afternoon, after 1600MST DX can be heard on the same bands. After sunset, 40 meters and 75 meters (around the DX

window--3.8 MHz.) may have activity. As for 15 and above, well, tune in and see what happens.

Sunspot numbers for the last month varies from 20 to 80 with solar flux numbers between 53 and 104 with a peak of 114. 114 are highest in a couple of years.

What does all this mean? Just keep listening; you may hear a rare one!

On 2/26 around 2300 MST, I heard my first double remote QSO. I almost jumped for joy when an Indonesian station was heard on 40 meters. Then he advised he was in Indonesia, but the station was in San Diego! He had a QSO with a VK (Australia) ham working through a remote station in Spain (EA). So, be careful with what you hear, it may not be from where you think. Listen carefully.

Good DX'g

Larry  
NY5L



## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE–MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Club Coffee - 2 PM at the Flying Star in Corrales. Club Net 7:30 PM. 145.37, 162.2 PL.	3 Club Breakfast - 8:00 am at Flying Star in Corrales.	4	5
6	7	8	9 Coffee - 2 PM. Club Net 7:30 PM.	10 Club Breakfast.	11 Lunch of the Month, noon at the Calico Cafe. <b>Family members welcome!</b>	12
13	14	15	16 Coffee - 2 PM. Club Net 7:30 PM. <b>Board of Directors meeting. 6 PM at the home of Fred Lete. All may attend.</b>	17 Club Breakfast.	18	19 VE Testing before club meeting - 10:30 am. Club meeting noon to 2 PM at west Abq Police Station on Ellison across from Cibola HS. <b>Program on the history of radio broadcasting presented by Mike Langner W5MGR.</b>
20	21	22	23 Coffee - 2 PM. Club Net 7:30 PM.	24 Club Breakfast.	25	26 Club Brunch, 9:00 AM, Thur Shan Buffet, Sandia Casino. <b>Family members welcome!</b>
27	28	29	30 Coffee - 2 PM. Club Net 7:30 PM.	31 Club Breakfast.		



## CLUB 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, [www.nm5hd.com](http://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 Soffran NM5MS at 410-3992 or Fred Lete KC5IPK at 892-0380.

**CLUB REPEATER** – 145.370 Mhz ( - offset, 162.2 Hz PL). Open to the entire Amateur Radio community. The system covers the general Albuquerque area. Our IRLP system is also open to all. If you are out of the area and can connect to an IRLP node, touch tone node number 7706 and you will be connected to the club repeater from ANYWHERE you can access a node. Check [www.irlp.net](http://www.irlp.net) to find a list of IRLP nodes when traveling.

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**DON'T FORGET, CLUB MEETING MARCH 19 AT NOON. VE TESTING BEFORE MEETING AT 10:30 AM. THE PROGRAM WILL BE A PRESENTATION BY MIKE LANGNER, W5MGR, ON THE HISTORY OF RADIO BROADCASTING.**

**TAKE CARE AND SEE YOU ALL AT THE MEETING!**

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