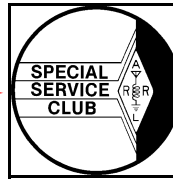


# HDARC NEWS



**HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, NM5HD**

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL !**

## President's Corner - Larry Elkin, NY5L

Well, I hope all of you are making your plans for the holiday season!

HDARC will be holding it's annual Holiday Party next month on the evening of Saturday, December 17 (more details to follow). We are looking forward to you and your family celebrating with us.

Also, the HDARC first annual club sponsored Tailgate is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 in the former American Home Furnishing parking lot near Lowe's just off of Alameda on the west side of Albuquerque.

HDARC has really become a highly successful and active organization with more club activities than we have ever held in previous years.

Now we need some assistance from one of our members. The club is looking to provide ARRL and HDARC informational handouts in a better, more organized and efficient manner. To do this, we need to have a free standing "sidewalk style sandwich board". We would appreciate if any member of HDARC who has expertise in carpentry to volunteer his time to build such a display. The basic design of the display would be provided to ensure that what the club needs is included in the display assembly. Of course HDARC would provide the materials required. Please email me at [lkelkin@q.com](mailto:lkelkin@q.com) if you can help.

And lastly and most important; remember the kids!! Please continue to bring stuffed toys to us at our club coffees and morning get-togethers and the November meeting so we can fill a second large storage bin for APD to provide to kids who experience traumatic events. The kids would appreciate our efforts.

73's

Larry Elkin

NY5L

President, HDARC

## **WINTER MEETING SCHEDULE CHANGE**

There has been concern among many members regarding our meeting change to Wednesday evenings during the winter. Most members have stated that they prefer the evening meetings on Wednesday based on a recent survey. But there are those that prefer not to drive at night during the winter due to possible inclement weather. So we have decided to have our winter meetings on Saturday mornings at 10 am, November through March. April through October meetings will be held on Wednesday's at 7 PM. We hope this change will assure that as many members as possible will be able to attend club meetings. 73's.

Jerry Aceto- K6LIE

Vice President - HDARC

**HDARC "NEW HAMS" NET**

Our club now has a "New Hams" net, which meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM. This net is hosted by Jeff Chapman, KF5LLZ. The net was inspired by Jeff, who also is new to Amateur Radio. He noticed that several new hams that he has run into have many questions regarding their new hobby. So he brought up the idea of a Newcomers or New Hams net, to encourage the new folks to come on the net and ask questions about how to start a QSO, how to put together a station, etc. We certainly have enough experienced hams in the club to help them out. The net will be on all three club repeaters. It is open to all of the community including those out of the local area via IRLP. The net is sponsored by our club as a service to the community, especially our new members, but all newcomers are invited. So, if you are new to this great hobby, please join us. Here, your questions will be answered and you can join us "old timers" to help you get over your "mike fright" and learn how to operate and enjoy your new hobby. A big THANK YOU to Mike for organizing this net!

**Next VE Session**

The next High Desert Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **November 19 at 12:30 PM** at the West Albuquerque Police station.

**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.



**NOVEMBER HDARC**  
***Birthday Greetings!***

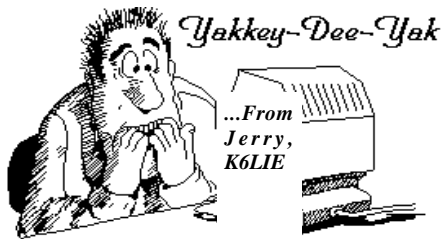
We want to extend warm **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** wishes to our club members celebrating their birthday in the month of **November**:

- Monica Miura**      **KF5JNH**
- Bill Firth**        **KE5TOB**
- Lance Hunter**    **NM5LH**
- Matthew Warren** **KF5CLS**



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**From The Editor's Desk.....**

**Hi Everyone,**  
**Wow! Did we have a GREAT October program! Actually, we had two programs. Mike Langner, K5MGR's program on Ham Radio was just excellent. Also, we had a surprise visit from APRS inventor Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, who also gave us some info on APRS as well as Solar Power. It was a great meeting, with 31 members and guests present. Bob Grant, KD4HCR won the grand prize in our first ever club raffle.**

Soon, it will be 2012 and the club will be planning more fun programs and activities. If you would like to see a program on a particular subject, or have an idea for a fun club activity, please drop me an e-mail and let me know would you would like to see for next year.

Everyone have a great THANKSGIVING!

Best 73's to all!  
 Jerry—K6LIE

**Next club meeting NOVEMBER 19.**

**The High Desert Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th at 10:00 AM, 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.**

**President Larry Elkin, NY5L, will present a program on DX'ing, the incoming and outgoing QSL bureaus and making your own QSL cards. Should be a good program for our new Ham members as well as our general membership.**

**HDARC VE TESTING FOR OCTOBER 15th**

The HDARC ARRL VEC VE team conducted a testing session on October 15 with the following results:

E1 2 - 2 people passed  
 E1 3 - one of the two people who passed E1 2 also passed EL 3. Both people are studying to take the next level test at the monthly testing session in November

Marty Soffran, NM5MS, VE Coordinator.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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

**MIKE LANGNER - K5MGR**

*We are excited that Mike has decided to join our club. He has already proven to be an asset to the club with his wonderful multimedia presentations. He brings decades of experience and knowledge of Ham Radio and Communications to the club. Welcome aboard, Mike!*

**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.**

## **HDARC LIBRARY**

The HDARC library is our newest service to our club members. It is small now, but we intend to grow it into a very useful service for our members. All members are welcome to use this service. If you have any books related to Amateur Radio specifically or communications in general, please consider making a book donation to our club library. You are welcome to bring any books you wish to donate to our club meetings or any other club event.

### **Here is a list of books we have so far:**

**ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (Technician Class )**  
**ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (Technician Class )**  
**ARRL General Class License Manual**  
**ARRL Extra Class License Manual**  
**ARRL Instructor's Manual for Technician License Courses**  
**ARRL - APRS - Tracks, Maps and Mobiles**  
**ARRL - RFI Book 2nd ed**  
**ARRL - Your Ham Antenna Companion**  
**The Mobile DXer**  
**The Modern Amateur's Mobile Handbook**  
**Your Guide to HF Fun**

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

Club President, Larry Elkin, NY5L, will present this months program. Larry will talk about DX'g, the In-coming and Outgoing bureaus, and making your own QSL cards.

Larry has always been interested in working DX and is always looking for the rare one. And he is pretty good at it, too. When he gets on, there is a good chance that he will hear a station that he needs. He does quite well with his little Mosley triband vertical. He will be installing a new Hustler 5 BTV vertical soon, which should improve things.

If you are into DX'ing and QSL'ing, Larry will be able to give many good pointers on how to assure that you will receive a card in return. Speaking of cards, Larry will also talk about making your own QSL cards.

Join us for a very informative program.

### **Info from Larry regarding his program:**

I am happy to say that since the beginning of the year the HDARC has been chosen to be the amateur radio club for many newly licensed or upgraded operators.

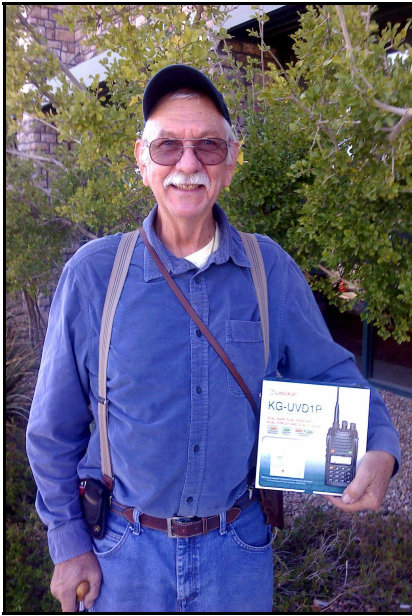
To assist them in understanding and enjoying the DX'g aspects of amateur radio, I will be presenting a 60 minute program outlining some of what you need to know to "pull out" those tough contacts so you can exchange QSL cards. The presentation will be divided into four 15 minute sections:

- "Propagation and what band to operate at what time"
- "How to DX! Using your station equipment efficiently"
- "Designing your own QSL card"
- "Using the mail and QSL bureaus for contacts"

If you have a QSL card you designed, bring it in; if you want to show off a rare contact QSL card bring it in.

**It's bragging time, an important part of DX'g!**

## OCTOBER RAFFLE WINNER



So why is Captain Bob Grant, KD4HCR, grinning from ear to ear? Because his ticket was the lucky winner in our clubs first ever raffle. Bob won the Wouyun KG-UVDP1 2 meter/70 cm Handheld Transceiver. To top it off, Bob and his wife Peggy, KD4LNO, are new members to the club. Nice to get off on a positive note with the club! Bob tells me he really wanted to win the rig when he bought the tickets and is really enjoying it!

## LET THEM EAT.....CAKE?

President Elkin decided he wanted to get a cake for our last (October) meeting. So, he went to Albertson's and had them make up a cake. But what a surprise we all had when we saw just what he had made up. The cake, as you can see in the photo, is a perfect replica of our club's emblem! And, it all was eatable! Boy, was it good! Only one problem. Larry forgot to bring a knife to cut the cake. So, Bill Firth, KE5TOB, went out to his car and brought in a .....



“weapon” to cut the cake. Remember. This is in a police station! Note the “knife” in the lower photo. After the cake was cut, we immediately washed the knife and



got it out of the police station. Thanks for the help, Bill! By the way, as you can see, not much was left. It was sooo good. THANK YOU , LARRY!!

## GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR CLUB TOY DRIVE FROM OUR MEMBERS !!

**I want to acknowledge and thank all our club members for contributing stuffed toys to benefit the Police Station where our meetings are held. Our first Toy Drive was a big success, thanks to you all. It is so gratifying to me to see so many of our members now active and supporting our club activities and functions.**

**Here is an e-mail I wrote to Commander Warfield on behalf of the club. I hope he will attend our next meeting.**

Dear Commander Warfield,

I spoke with you about 6 weeks ago regarding a stuffed toy drive sponsored by our radio club to benefit your Police Station. We have since been quite successful at collecting stuffed animals for your officers to hand out to kids at the holidays.

Our next club meeting will be on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 AM. We would be honored to present the toys to you at our meeting. Would it be possible for you to attend? If not, could you appoint one of your officers to attend and receive the toys?

Judging by the response of our members in the relatively short time we've had to collect them, it looks like this will be an annual event for our club.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you,

Jerry Aceto  
Vice President - High Desert Amateur Radio Club

## **HIGH DESERT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB TO SPONSOR FALL TAILGATE**

Our club secretary, Chuck Palmer, NM5F, has been wanting to have our club sponsor a Tail-Gate gathering in the Albuquerque area. He sites he has heard that the Albuquerque area should have a Fall or Winter Tailgate, since we do not have one this time of year. So he approached the club with the idea of taking on this project. Chuck has pretty much everything in place now and the HDARC TAILGATE is ON! Mark your calendar and spread the word that Saturday, November 12th, 0700 to noon is the date and time of our first Tailgate. For more information, go to [www.nm5hd.com](http://www.nm5hd.com) for the location and other details. We hope this will be an annual event.

### **STUFFED ANIMAL TOY DRIVE**

This year marks our first Toy Drive to benefit those young children that have endured some traumatic event during the holiday season. Please try to bring a cuddly stuffed toy that a young child can embrace and hug during a traumatic time such as being involved in an accident, etc. We plan to present Commander Warfield or one of his appointed officers, the toys at the November meeting. His officers do hand out toys to the kids they encounter as a tactic to help settle down and calm the kids during a trying time. When attending any club function or meeting, please try to remember to donate a toy for this important cause.



Don't forget. Last chance to donate a stuffed toy is the November meeting!

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our club Holiday Party. This year, our party will be on Saturday, December 17 at 6:00 PM. The location will again be the Alegria Club House in Bernalillo located at Highway 518 and Santiago. Further information will be coming via this newsletter and e-mail notices.

### **CLUB SHIRTS**

The club shirts are now a reality and boy, are they nice. You can get a beautiful men's or woman's polo shirt with the club logo, your name and call sign on them for \$21! You can order yours at the club meetings or contact Fred Lete, KC5IPK, or Adrian Miura, W5ASM or any club officer. Thanks Fred & Adrian for all your work in securing the shirts!



**BALLOON FIESTA SPECIAL EVENT 2011**

This year's International Balloon Fiesta ran from October 1<sup>st</sup> thru October 9<sup>th</sup> and the High Desert Amateur Radio Club was there with our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Special Event Station, W5B. Terry Zipes (W4RCN) and Dave Johnson (N0LVA) served as co-chairmen. We would like to thank all of you who helped with setup, tear down and operation.

Larry Elkin	NY5L	Kathey Meland	WB6JAN
Jerry Aceto	K6LIE	Howard Morganstern	KE5OHU
Jim Cook	N5KY	Bob Nieri	N5UKA
Bob Cornett	KE5WDC	Chuck Palmer	NM5F
Maryanne cornet	NS7X	John Romano	N2LMN
Jim Cross	W5UCF	Frances Royo	KB3LSI
Phil Darling	KF5LEF	John Royo	KB3LSJ
Susan Darling	KF5LEG	Bill Schwantes	W7QQ
Bill Firth	KE5TOB	Eric Shockey	KF5DTR
Lee Hill	KC5ETN	Linda Soffran	KC0LOS
Jim Holston	W9FFR	Marty Soffran	NM5MS
Dave Johnson	N0LVA	Pete Stine	KE5WTM
Kajder, Jim	KF5MMY	Scott Webb	N5SQR
Key, George	W5YZ	Bob Will	N9WHB

These fine operators met with the public and discussed the special event station, Amateur Radio and the High Desert Amateur Radio Club. They also operated the CW and SSB stations making contacts around the country as well as DX contacts. We made 138 contacts. 6 were dx to Canada, Japan, Mexico, and Christmas Island. We also had 115 eyeball contacts. There were other visitors that we didn't get into the Guest log. So all in all, it was a very successful event.

Terry Zipes (w4rcn) and Dave Johnson (n0lva)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:K5ZI@arrl.net) (5/2011)

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## CLUB RAFFLE

The prize for this month's club raffle will be a Baofeng UV-3R dual band handheld. The unit is shirt pocket size, but is a very capable handheld. It covers 2 meters and 70 cm, running 2 watts output. Dual display, CTCSS (PL), VOX, FM Broadcast band radio built in, Time Out Timer, Monitor Channel.....I could go on and on. Oh...did I mention the built in Flash Light? Needless to say, it is a lot of radio in a very small package. And it could be yours for next to nothing...that is if you win the raffle. And how do you do that? Simple, tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for 5 bucks! At this price, you can buy a bunch and have fun even if you don't win! Good Luck!



## **DX NEWS - LARRY ELKIN. NY5L**

It is just past 0000 UTC on Sunday, 10/30. The CQ WW DX contest has ended and the bands will quiet down. Have any of you worked 10 meters over the last three weeks? Did any of you try your hand at DX'g this week-end? If the answers to these questions is "no" well I am sorry to say you missed out on a great deal of fun, and maybe some frustration!

Over the last three weeks, 10 meters has opened up during the daytime like during past solar cycles with activity to the east (Europe and the Middle East) in the early part of the day and west towards Oceania and Asia during the late afternoon. 12 meters is similar to 10 meter propagation. I have been fortunate enough to have a QSO with seven new countries and a few repeats. Kiribati Island (easy DXpedition to reach) on 5 bands and also from the Balloon Fiesta field operation, Svalbard Island, Marquises Island, Moldova, Fiji Island and Corsica. The last 5 were a challenge but I succeeded! Oh, I did have some easy QSO's with Australia, Russia and Italy to ensure that I was operating OK. Most of the contacts were on 10 meters where Techs can operate SSB, 28.300 to 28.500 Mhz.

Sorry guys there is no excuse for not trying to overcome microphone fright! Way back when, it took me two weeks.

As for 40 (evening), 20 (days and early evening), and 17 and 15 meters (days), check them out if you are a General or above for some interesting DX possibilities.

Soon, I hope to have my new Hustler 7 band antenna assembled and operating so I will also be able to report on 75/80 meters.

Sunspot numbers have shown a good increase. In the last month, sunspot numbers have increased from 95 up to 207, the best showing since November 2003. As of now, the experts predict that the sunspot maximum period should be in April 2013.

## **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](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 Sofffran, NM5MS, at 410-3992 or Fred Lete, KC5IPK at 892-0380. We provide VE testing every 3rd Saturday of the month at 12:30 PM.

**CLUB LIBRARY** - This new club service allows our members to check out books relating to Amateur Radio and Communications. Anyone is welcome to donate books to our club library. (**See page 4 for info**)

A reminder! At this years holiday party, we will collect all your QSL cards for submission to the "Outgoing Bureau". Next month's article will spell out the submission rules to qualify for the club to send out your cards. First and foremost; you must be an ARRL and HDARC member to use this **free service**. At this month's general meeting, I will give a presentation on DX'g, the Incoming and Outgoing bureaus, and making your own QSL cards.

Tune slow and listen carefully!

Larry

## HDARC NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Coffee - 2 pm at Flying Star in Corrales. HDARC New Ham Net at 7:30 PM.	3 Breakfast -8 am at the Flying Star in Corrales.	4	5
6 <u>Nothing yet</u>	7	8	9 Club Coffee - 2 P.M. HDARC New Ham Net. 7:30 PM.	10 Club Breakfast- 8:00 AM.	11	12 HDARC Tailgate - 7:00 AM to Noon. 3500 Alameda at Hwy 528.
13	14	15	16 Club Coffee - 2 P.M. HDARC New Ham Net. 7:30 PM.	17 Club Breakfast- 8:00 AM.	18 Explora Adult Night - 6:30 to 10:00 PM.	19 Club meeting, 10:00 AM at the APD substation, Ellison Road opposite Cibola HS. VE Testing at 12:30 PM
20	21	22	23 Club Coffee - 2 P.M. HDARC New Ham Net. 7:30 PM.	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU ALL!	25	26 No Breakfast Social Scheduled this month.
27	28	29	30 Club Coffee - 2 P.M. HDARC New Ham Net. 7:30 PM.			

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A CLUB BREAKFAST AT THE SANDIA CASINO OR A "LUNCH OF THE MONTH" THIS MONTH DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**