

NM SECTION



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Section Manager's Note

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Amateur Radio Parity Act: Passes in House

We have an opportunity to positively affect Amateur Radio for years to come. H.R. 1301, the Amateur Radio Parity Act, has unanimously passed the House of Representatives and moved on to the Senate for consideration. All you need to do is spend two minutes of your time to send an email to your two Senators supporting the Bill. By doing so, you will have helped the future of Amateur Radio by guaranteeing our ability to have an effective outdoor antenna in a deed-restricted community.



The number of people living in such communities grows exponentially each year. Often, a ham homeowner has no choice but to live in a community restricted by covenants. There are nearly 3/4 of a million licensed hams in the United States, more than ever before. But that may change if we are forced to live in a community that refuses to allow an antenna.

Help yourself and help your fellow hams. Go to this link:

<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

Enter your zip code and follow the prompts. The letters are there. All you need to do is fill in the blanks, hit save, then send. That's it. Under 2 minutes and you're done.

If you haven't yet done so, please do so today. Your voice counts!

Upcoming Events

10/15/2016 | [Socorro Hamfest](#)

Socorro, NM, ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Socorro ARA, Tech ARA, & City of Socorro

Website: <http://socorroara.org/hamfest.html>



Throughout 2016 Amateur Radio is helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country are activating NPS units, promoting the National Park Service and showcasing Amateur Radio to the public. This month's top 15 leaders in NM are:

Activator Leader Board		Chaser Leader Board	
Call Sign	Score	Call Sign	Score
KC5RUO	40	K5TA	426
AI5P	33	WB2RIS	378
W5IL	29	W5IL	280
NM5RC	21	AI5P	272
KE5AKL	20	W5PDO	193
NM5AE	13	NI5W	137
AE5VM	10	NM5WB	128
NJ7H	10	W5RDL	117
W5PDO	10	N9KW	97
N5FO	8	KC7QY	95
WD6DCD	5	K8TE	86
K1RAX	4	N5WMQ	75
NM5DX/M	4	N5KUC	66
AI6KK	3	W5ABA	47
KM5XK	3	K5TEE	40

The Manhattan National Historic Park has recently opened a visitor's center in Los Alamos and the site can now be activated for credit from the parking lot. You can find out more about this fun operating activity at www.arrl.org/NPOTA and the NM NPOTA Challenge at www.arrl-nm.org/wp/section-awards/new-

Net Report

To ensure inclusion in this monthly report, please forward all net reports to Don Grab K5BIS@ARRL.net and Alden Oyer AG5S@ARRL.net - thank you!

Net	Check-ins	QSTs
NM Roadrunner Traffic Net	1131	144
NM Breakfast Club	788	62
Caravan Club Net	86	9
Yucca Net	411	80
Four Corners Net	576	31
SCAT Net	1164	209
Rusty's Raiders Net:	563	50
Valencia County ARA Net	56	42
Tri-County ARES Net	95	8
Tri-County ARES Simplex Net	7	1
KC5JBO Memorial Simplex Net:	82	0
144 Mhz. SSB Net:	32	0
432 Mhz. SSB Net:	29	0
NM D-Star Voice Nets	69	10
NM Department of Health Net	161	4
NM ARES/ RACES Statewide Net	12	2

September is “National Preparedness Month”

Jay W5WHN, Jay Miller DM65SQD

Let's dial the clock back to Christmas evening, December 25, 2015 around 7:53 pm in New Mexico. Most New Mexico residents were enjoying the Christmas Holiday with no inkling of the incoming storm. Even though, the National Weather Service in Albuquerque issued a Winter Storm Watch for most of New Mexico.

On December 26, 2015, snow started falling and the outside air temperature plunging, especially in rural areas of northern and eastern NM. This was followed by a Weather Civil Emergency Warning on the following day at 10:05 am for Roosevelt, Quay and Curry Counties (southeast NM) via the Emergency Alert System (EAS), more about this warning later.

During this time, the Clovis repeater at 449.925 MHz became very active, with over 10,000 SE NM residents experiencing lost power and telephone services. The winter blizzard arrived in full force. Three Sheriff Office (SO) vehicles were damaged and unavailable due to the winter conditions. Also, few of National Guard Humvees suffered the same fate. The two major NM interstates, I-40 and I-25 were now both closed. The Governor of New Mexico issued a “State of an Emergency” declaration at 12:30 pm on December 27, 2015. At that time, the southeastern portion of NM had experienced both power and telephone outages for over 48 hours.

K5UOT, W5OMU, plus a few other Hams were actively updating local weather conditions and radio status on the NM5ML system. Also, KB5VIE and KF5NXA were both providing updates and communications on 7,236.5 Khz LSB. The two groups provided both UHF and VHF coverage during this emergency period.

Recall the mention of the Weather Civil Emergency Warning at 10:05 am on December 27th. Well, that message did not make it through the NM Eastern area EAS system because of power failures in some eastern NM radio stations. Consequently, W5OMU was required to transmit that message manually to the rest of the broadcast stations in the eastern area.

The question is, are you prepared for a minimum of 72 hours without power or telephones? Do you have enough food and water stored for the same period of time for your family, pets and yourself? Could you run your 50 watts UHF/VHF radio or 100 watts HF SSB radio on backup power for 72 hours? How about operating on one of the many digital modes? Do you know who your County or City Emergency Manager is?

Be prepared, as winter will be here in a few months.

As a reminder, the ARRL October Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is scheduled for October 1 and 2, 2016.



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If you are interested in
an open leadership
position, please
contact Ed James.

Silent Key Report

We regret to report the following keys
are now silent:

Bobby Dale Foard, N5WNF

Formally Albuquerque, NM

Passed 7/29/16, Van Buren, MO, Age
75.

Obituary ABQ Journal 8/7/16.

Clement "Clem" Burke, W5IXR

Formally Fairview, NM

Passed 8/31/16, Littleton, CO. Age 95.

Obituary, ABQ Journal, 9/11/16.

Charles "Chuck" Stanton, W5LBU

Albuquerque, NM

Passed 9/1/16. Age 94.

Obituary, ABQ Journal, 9/11/16.

New Ham Report

Call	Name	City
KG5PAB	Mario Harris	Peralta
KG5OSS	Toni Smith	CORRALES
KG5OSR	Glen Smith	Corrales
KG5PCS	Dion Fitzgerald	Albuquerque
KG5OYR	James Klein	Albuquerque
KG5OYX	Jonathan Sather	Albuquerque
KG5OYV	Michael Olewine	Albuquerque
KG5OYB	Norman Farmer	Albuquerque
KG5OYO	Daniel Maierhafer	Albuquerque
KG5PBA	Joseph Arellano	Albuquerque
KG5PAZ	Brian Wright	Albuquerque
KG5OYS	Stuart Wichman	Albuquerque
KG5OYQ	Todd Christenson	Albuquerque
KG5OZA	Julie Jenkins	Rio Rancho
KG5OWE	Eric Sechrist	Rio Rancho
KG5OYW	Donald Pooler	Rio Rancho
KG5OYU	Stephen Friedman	Gallup
KG5OYA	Sean Duffy	Santa Fe
KG5OYT	Sally Wright	Pecos
KG5OYP	Nathan Wales	Tesuque
KG5PCR	Preston Ruff	Socorro
KG5PBH	Emerson Gates	Las Cruces
KG5PCG	Aaron Cline	Clovis
KG5PCF	Jeremy Cochran	Melrose

Ham Population Report

	Novice	Tech	General	Advanced	Extra	Total
NM	48	3,552	1,372	370	1,244	6,586
USA	10,268	369,230	172,287	45,747	143,412	740,944

Community Contributions

Please submit your club or event's flyer to ka8jmw@arrl.net to be included in the Section Newsletter.

Socorro Hamfest (Free Admission)

NM Fire Fighters Academy, Socorro, NM

Saturday, October 15, 2016

8 AM — 2 PM

Pre-Hamfest Events

Ham's Tour of the VLA: Friday, Oct. 14,
1: 00 PM, at the VLA site, 50 miles
West of Socorro on Highway 60

Hamfest Banquet: Friday, Oct. 14,
6: 00 PM; Speaker: Dave WD5COV
"Intrepid DX Group – VP8 Expedition"

Fantastic Prizes

All Yaesu

FT-450 HF/6M Base
FT-7900 V/UHF Mobile
FT1XD V/UHF HT w/APRS
FT-60 V/UHF HT

Hamfest Events (preliminary)

0730 Tailgate/swap-meet setup
0800 Using WSJT
0900 ARRL Forum
1000 QSLing Today
1100 State ARES/RACES meeting
1100 VE registration
1200 VE exam (ARRL VEC)
1230 D-STAR Admins

Half-Hourly* Prizes
Commercial Vendors
Silent Auction

Breakfast and Lunch Available
Tailgating \$10.00 per space
Swap Meet \$10.00 per table

*must be present to win hourly, half-hourly prizes

**Same Great Venue As Last Year for Hamfest Banquet
Great Speaker !!**

The banquet is once again at the Bodega Burger Company, 606 N. California Street, near Radio Shack. **Dave Jorgensen, WD5COV** will speak about his recent adventure with the **Intrepid-DX Group expedition to South Sandwich and South Georgia Islands**. The meal will be a sit-down dinner. Special dietary needs can be accommodated upon request. See the SARA web page at <http://www.socorroara.org> for details and to reserve space.

More Information and Directions on Our Website

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D-STAR 444.500 linked to 055A



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