

NM SECTION



Serving Ham Radio Operators throughout New Mexico

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Section Manager's Note

Ed James, KA8JMW - ARRL NM Section Manager



This month as part of a section manager's workshop I visited ARRL HQ in Newington CT. Nestled in an unassuming residential neighborhood, you could easily drive right past if you're not paying attention.



Our host for the weekend was Steve Ewald WV1X ARRL Field Organization Team Supervisor.

With over 34 years at ARRL Steve was able to provide us with a wealth of information about the ARRL and radio history in general. With a continuous dialogue of ARRL and communications history, Steve guided us through the nerve center of the

League. Of particular interest was the outgoing QSL Bureau, the Education Department, the ARRL Lab, QST publication, VEC staff and the Contest and Awards area. So, next time you find yourself back east, consider a trip to ARRL headquarters as part of your plans. It is well worth the time to see your ARRL in action.

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>

Outgoing Yearly Total Cards	
2008	608,350
2009	670,500
2010	907,750
2011	880,000
2012	731,410
2013	781,000
2014	729,050
2015	725,550
2016	
2014 Centennial Cards	
Foreign Bureaus	
139 Boxes	3,711 Pounds
US Incoming Bureaus	
61 Boxes	1,099#

ARRL Headquarters



The Joy of Ham Radio and Nature

W5WHN and WB5LYJ

Just a few weeks ago found us trekking up the rugged La Luz Trail enjoying the sun rise over the expanse of the Rio Grande valley while providing communications for the annual La Luz Trail Race. Ham Radio operators all over the world, often combine the love of the outdoors with their amateur radio hobby.

One of the most popular events is the 2016 "National Parks on the Air" (NPOTA) where Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary by activating National Park Service (NPS) units to promote the NPS through Amateur radio.

Hams love the friendly competition among the Amateur Radio community, whether it is a Field Day event, Special Event, or an internationally recognized program such as Summits on the Air (SOTA). During these events, Hams often experiment with antenna designs, radio configurations, and off-the-grid power schemes to hone their contesting skills. Some enjoy the hiking or mountain climbing experiences while earning certificates or awards. Others savor the challenge of operating in remote environments on portable rigs.

Many Ham Radio operators join local or community Ham Radio organizations to participate in group camping or RV traveling. One of our favorite venues is the annual Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park Hamfest, held outside of East Glacier National Park (one-hour drive north east of Kallispell, Montana). This annual event, is the longest running annual hamfest at 83 years, and is hosted by local US and Canadian Amateurs. The family-fun RV camping venue offers a wide variety of events such as: seminars, Volunteer Examinations, a Tailgate Swap Meet, craft sale, Hidden Treasure hunt, and children's activities. But, Montana is not the only state to boast incredible sky lines and amazing vistas.

Aren't we, NM Hams, lucky to experience over 310 days per year of sunshine with an unlimited variety of available terrain to operate from? Ham operating options range from the western edge of the majestic Sangre De Cristo Mountains, north of Taos to the southern gypsum region of White Sands National Park. So, Hams of New Mexico, start up the RV and fire up those radios!

Incoming QSL Card Total Wtgy Lbs	
Sept. '15	- 230 lbs.
Oct. '15	- 202 lbs.
Nov. '15	- 255 lbs.
Dec. '15	- 445 lbs.
Jan. '16	- 353 lbs.
Feb. '16	- 413 lbs.
March '16	- 464 lbs.
April '16	- 390 lbs.
May '16	- 533 lbs.
June '16	- 303 lbs.
July '16	- 230 lbs.
Aug. '16	- 232 lbs.
Sept. '16	- 217 lbs.
Oct. '16	
Nov. '16	
Dec. '16	

2016 National Parks ON THE AIR

www.arrl.org/NPOTA

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

Call Sign	Score
KC5RUO	45
AI5P	33
W5IL	33
NM5RC	21
KE5AKL	20
NM5AE	18
W5PDO	13
AE5VM	10
K1RAX	6
WD6DCD	5
NM5DX/M	4
AI6KK	3
KM5XK	3
N2IC	3
AL7L/5	2

Chaser Leader Board

Call Sign	Score
K5TA	434
WB2RIS	389
W5IL	288
AI5P	272
W5PDO	213
NI5W	147
W5RDL	142
NM5WB	135
N9KW	109
KC7QY	104
N5KUC	97
W5ABA	91
K8TE	84
N5WMQ	83
K1RAX	57

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	1181	45
NM Breakfast Club	830	81
Caravan Club Net	81	6
Yucca Net	370	83
Four Corners Net	640	42
SCAT Net	1124	239
Rusty's Raiders Net:	500	64
Valencia County ARA Net	48	14
Tri-County ARES Net	127	9
Tri-County ARES Simplex Net	8	1
KC5JBO Memorial Simplex Net:	73	0
144 Mhz. SSB Net:	29	0
432 Mhz. SSB Net:	21	0
NM D-Star Voice Nets	65	12
NM Department of Health Net	199	8
NM ARES/ RACES Statewide Net	20	4

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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:

Virginia Gordon, W5DOJ

Albuquerque, NM.

Passed 8/23/16, Age 91.

Obituary in ABQ Journal, 9/24/16.

New Ham Report

Call	Name	City
KG5PMH	William McBride	Corrales
KG5PNE	Erik Boldt	Albuquerque
KG5PMO	Jack Hill	Albuquerque
KG5PMG	Geoffrey Petrie	Albuquerque
KG5PKY	Damian Sieja	Albuquerque
KG5PKZ	Richard Borders	Albuquerque
AG5GV	Eric Wheat	Aztec
KG5PMF	Anwei Chai	Santa Fe
KG5PLE	Casey Dewey	Socorro
KG5POS	David Schneider	Clovis
KG5POQ	Lawrence Fields	Clovis
KG5POP	Corde Mailman	Clovis
KG5POM	William Michaels	Clovis
KG5PON	Geri Michaels	Clovis
KG5POO	Justin Michaels	Clovis
KG5POT	Montana Locke	Clovis
KG5POR	Jorge Gutierrez	Clovis
	Danny	
KG5PPG	Damaschke	Clovis
KG5PMK	Donald Moore	Roswell
KG5PIC	Henry Drieman	Tularosa

Ham Population Report

	Novice	Tech	General	Advanced	Extra	Total
NM	48	3574	1373	370	1241	6606
USA	10210	369629	172300	45598	143484	741221

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

www.socorroara.org/hamfest.html

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