

NM SECTION

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Section Manager's Note

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With 2016 now in the history books, 2017 is coming up to speed without any delay. Looking at the list of upcoming events and 2017 is shaping up to be a year full of amateur radio activity in New Mexico.

Currently there are 33 ARRL affiliated amateur radio clubs in NM, two of them hold Special Service Club status. A full list of ARRL affiliated clubs is available at <http://www.arrl-nm.org/wp/clubs>.

Some of the benefits of being an affiliated club are:

- Access to ARRL member mailing Lists
- Club membership Commission Program
- Club Liability Insurance
- Ham Radio Insurance Plan
- A club Library Book Set
- ARRL e-mail Forwarding Service
- Referrals of prospective hams
- Club gavel competition
- 50% discount on club ads in QST
- Assistance is planning an ARRL Hamfest or convention
- New Amateur Reports for Clubs

More information on the benefits of being an ARRL affiliated club can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits>

If your club is interested in becoming ARRL affiliated or wants to seek Special Service Club status, contact Art Priebe N5ART@arrl.net, Art is the New Mexico section Affiliated Club Coordinator and is there to help your club.



Upcoming Events

Winter Tailgate Swapfest;
Saturday January 28;
Albuquerque

http://www.arrl-nm.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/WinterTailgateFlyer_2017_x3.pdf

New Mexico Techfest;
Saturday February 25;
Albuquerque

<http://www.rmham.org/wordpress/new-mexico-techfest>

New Mexico QSO Party;
Saturday April 8

<http://www.newmexicoqsoparty.org/wp/>

Central States VHF Society Conference; July 27-30;
Albuquerque

<http://2017.csvhfs.org/>

Duke City Hamfest; August 11-13; Albuquerque

<https://dukecityhamfest.org/>

Rocky Mountain Division Convention; May 26-28; Cody, Wyoming

<http://www.wyominghamcon.org/>

NPOTA and the New Mexico Section NPOTA Challenge!

2016 was an action-packed year for amateur radio, and one of its most notable events was National Parks on the Air (NPOTA).

So what is the New Mexico Section NPOTA Challenge all about? It was a side challenge intended to generate some additional fun by encouraging New Mexico Hams and Clubs alike to head into the field and activate our state's NPS as part of NPOTA.

Awards (handsome plaques and NPOTA patches) will be awarded as part of the New Mexico Section NPOTA Challenge. One by the New Mexico ham or club who activates the most NPS units within New Mexico by the conclusion of the NPOTA event. Another award awaits the New Mexico ham who activates *every one* of the NPS units within New Mexico by the conclusion of the NPOTA event. A "Clean Sweep" of its own kind!

Complete details about the New Mexico Section NPOTA Challenge can be found here (<http://www.arrl-nm.org/wp/section-awards/new-mexico-npota-challenge>).

New Mexico NPOTA participants are invited to show off the fun they've had during your field activations or NPOTA shack operations. Please send NPOTA pics to ka8jmw@arrl.org and we'll share them on the ARRL New Mexico Section website and/or upcoming New Mexico Section newsletter. Or post them to the section Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NewMexicoARRL/>

You have until January 31st to post your NPOTA logs to Logbook of the World (LoTW).

Final NPOTA results and the winners of the New Mexico NPOTA challenge will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Current Point totals for the National Parks on the Air event are shown below. Totals are for confirmed contacts only. Have fun, and thank you for making 2016 the action-packed year that it's been on the air – in the shack as well as on-location from America's treasures!



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2016 National Parks ON THE AIR

www.arrrl.org/NPOTA

This month's top 15 leaders in NM are:

Activator Leader Board

Call Sign	Score
KC5RUO	50
W5IL	41
AI5P	33
NM5AE	26
K6TAA	22
NM5RC	22
KE5AKL	20
W5PDO	16
K8TE	14
WB2RIS	12
N5FO	11
AE5VM	10
K1RAX	7
WD6DCD	6
KF5THB	5

Chaser Leader Board

Call Sign	Score
K5TA	456
WB2RIS	433
AI5P	341
W5IL	337
W5PDO	283
K8TE	267
W5ABA	259
NI5W	230
W5RDL	222
N5KUC	203
KC7QY	192
NM5WB	191
K1RAX	176
K6TAA	138
N9KW	124

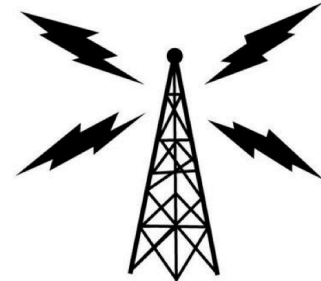
Net Report

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	964	50
NM Breakfast Club	921	56
Caravan Club Net: 82/7	82	7
Yucca Net: 404/66	404	66
Four Corners Net	629	57
SCAT Net	1112	253
Rusty's Raider's Net	463	73
Valencia County ARA Net	76	28
Tri-County ARES Net	120	11
Tri-County ARES Simplex Net	9	1
KC5JBO Memorial Simplex Net	66	0
East Mountain FM Simplex Net	31	3
NM D-Star Voice Ne	73	11
432 Mhz.SSB Net	21	0
144 Mhz.SSB Net	29	0
NM Department of Health Net: 216/1.	216	1
NM ARES/RACES Statewide Ecomm Net	11	3
Northern New Mexico Amateur Radio Net	30	5

Tower Climbing Help Needed

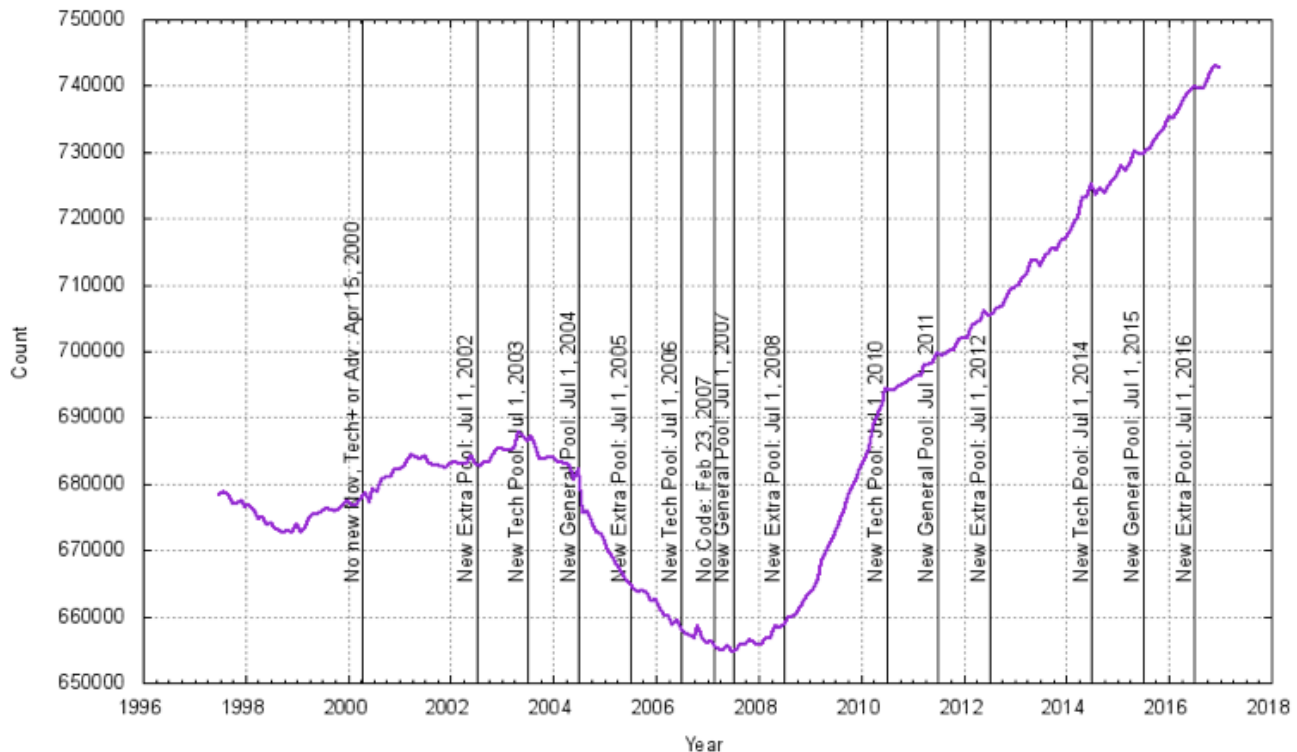
The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association and its ARES group needs to replace a repeater antenna on a tower which is mounted top center on a city water tank. Unfortunately club members who have climbed are now too old to do this and their harnesses are not in good shape. With the tower in the center of the water tank, the work cannot be done with a cherry picker, fire truck or reasonable sized crane. We would really appreciate a couple of volunteer climbers to help with this installation. Please contact Chris Gillespie W5CSG (csgillespie@msn.com , 505-450-7447) or Charlie Lyon NM5CL (nm5cl@att.net , 505-450-8536) for more information.



Ham Population Report

	Novice	Tech	General	Advanced	Extra	Total
NM	48	3,601	1,387	370	1,240	6,646
USA	10,065	371,306	172,682	45,221	143,331	742,605

Total US Amateur Radio Licenses through end of Dec 2016



Silent Key Report

We regret to report the following keys are now silent:

Travis Flatt, W5IXQ.

Albuquerque, NM.

Passed 12/13/16, Age 97.

Obituary, ABQ Journal, 12/15/16..

Lloyd Melick, W5UZL.

Placitas, NM.

Passed 12/15/16, Age 94.

Obituary, ABQ Journal, 12/18/16

New Ham Report

Call	Name	City
KG5RCI	William Seng	Edgewood
KG5RCJ	Derrick Williamson	Corrales
KG5RCS	Edward Einhorn	Tijeras
KG5QWQ	Donald Fromer	Veguita
KG5RCK	Ian Burns	Albuquerque
KG5RCH	Gabriel Bowlby	Albuquerque
KG5QPP	John George	Rio Rancho
KG5RCT	Benjamin Eftink	Los Alamos
KG5QZP	Benjamin Turner	Socorro
KG5QWY	Patrick Lopez	Las Cruces
KG5QWW	Adam Carrejo	Las Cruces
KG5QWU	Armando Alejo	Las Cruces
KG5QWZ	Chris Narvaez	Las Cruces
KG5QWX	Larry Hollars	Las Cruces
KG5QXQ	Donald Thompson	Las Cruces
KG5QWV	Albert Borunda	Mesilla
KG5QOZ	Matthew Driscoll	Clovis
KG5QOP	Shaun Banther	Portales
KG5QOO	Jeffrey Gill	Portales
KG5QON	William Smith	Portales

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