

# NM SECTION



Serving Ham Radio Operators throughout New Mexico

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## Upcoming Events

**April 30th, 2016**

Dawn to Noon  
Albuquerque Spring Tailgate  
[caravanradio.org](http://caravanradio.org)

**May 7th, 2016**

Mesilla Valley Radio Club Bean  
Feed (Las Cruces)  
[n5bl.org/beanfeed/  
beanfeed.htm](http://n5bl.org/beanfeed/beanfeed.htm)

**May 13-15, 2016**

ARRL Rocky Mountain Division  
Convention (Keystone, CO)  
[hamconcolorado.org](http://hamconcolorado.org)

**May 13-15, 2016**

SARA Tailgate & Campout (San  
Antonio Park)  
[sorroara.org](http://sorroara.org)

**May 21, 2016**

Pecos Valley ARC Tailgate  
(Roswell)  
[pecosvalleyarc.com](http://pecosvalleyarc.com)

**Aug 12-14, 2016**

New Mexico ARRL State  
Convention / Duke City  
Hamfest (Albuquerque).  
[dukecityhamfest.org](http://dukecityhamfest.org)

## Our New Newsletter

Ed James, KA8JMW - ARRL NM Section Manager

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the ARRL New Mexico Section newsletter. This newsletter is intended to replace the section monthly news note that have in the past been distributed through the leagues email system. With the new format content can be expanded to include pictures and graphics.

We're looking for writers and guest columnists contribute to future issues. Whatever your interest in amateur radio may be, whether it is Getting on the air, Licensing, Education & Training, Regulatory & Advocacy, Public Service, Technology or Getting Involved, this is the place to share your passion for amateur radio. Please consider this newsletter as a place where you can share with your fellow New Mexico hams.

I would like to thank all those who helped to get this inaugural issue published, in particular my daughter, Kathy KE5WKW.

I would also like to thank you for being a valuable member of the League. Your feedback is always welcome.



# 2016 National Parks ON THE AIR

[www.arrl.org/NPOTA](http://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 leaders in NM are:

### Activator Leader Board

Rank	Call Sign	Score
20	N5VDQ	26
32	KE5AKL	19
36	W5IL	17
46	AI5P	14
77	AE5VM	8
109	N5FO	6
149	NM5AE	4
183	NM5RC	3
183	NS0W	3
241	KC5RUO	2
241	KM5XK	2
241	NM5SW	2
339	NM5HD	1
339	W4PMG	1
339	W5KT	1

### Chaser Leader Board

Rank	Call Sign	Score
55	W5IL	170
171	WB2RIS	157
200	AI5P	92
413	K8TE	81
469	K8TE	81
508	N9KW	72
631	KC7QY	52
755	NM5WB	39
778	N5WMQ	38
859	NS0W	32
888	K5TEE	30
1107	KE5AKL	21
1168	N5FO	19
1168	N9WL	19
1202	KM5XK	18

You can find out more about this fun operating activity at [www.arrl.org/NPOTA](http://www.arrl.org/NPOTA) and the NM NPOTA Challenge at [www.arrl-nm.org/wp/section-awards/new-mexico-npota-challenge](http://www.arrl-nm.org/wp/section-awards/new-mexico-npota-challenge)

### Field Day - June 25, 2016

W5WHN 1A NM

It is that time of year again to start planning for the 2016 ARRL Field Day scheduled for 24 hours

starting on June 25 at noon MDT. Did I mention that you will have FUN? You will spend 24 hours operating with Computers (Logging, PSK-31 & WL2K) and radios working CW and SSB contacts on the UHF, VHF & HF parts of the spectrum, while dodging CMEs, bugs, hail and torrential rain. You will have **FUN** ! Operate Field Day from a NPOTA location.

Field Day involves family and friends while playing with the radios. Even our pets participate in the Field Day activities acting as foot warmers and by keeping us awake during the over night CW/SSB operations. What totally amazes me is how proficient the youngsters are with the Computers using the data modes. Where will you and your group be setting up for the 2016 ARRL Field Day in NM? How many youngsters will you have logging and operating during the 2016 Field Day at your site? Do not forget to send a properly formatted NTS message to KA8JMW for an easy 100 points. More information on this year's ARRL Field Day can be found at: [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day)



## New Ham Report

The following have recently become licensed amateur radio operators, please reach out to them and invite them to your next club meeting.

KG5MMJ	Daniel Fenton	Grants
KG5MPP	Elmer Jameson	Los Lunas
KG5MHH	William Wallick	Placitas
KG5MHG	Max Montgomery	Albuquerque
KG5MFZ	Ryan Ham	Albuquerque
KG5MMK	Colin O'rourke	Albuquerque
KG5MDY	Kevin Kerns	Rio Rancho
KG5MDZ	Roger Woodrum	Rio Rancho
KG5MGA	Kenneth Ham	Albuquerque
KG5MFX	William Havens	Farmington
KG5MFY	Lynda Havens	Farmington
KG5MFW	Randal Mcewen	Aztec
KG5MMI	John Chavez	Las Vegas
KG5MAF	Denver Bird	Las Cruces
KG5MIM	James Parmenter	Capitan
KG5MHL	Cheryl Barber	Capitan
KG5MHM	Robert Barber	Capitan

## March Net Report

**Net: Total Check-Ins/Total QSTs**

NM Roadrunner Traffic: 1115/53

NM Breakfast Club: 862/79

Yucca: 377/59

Four Corners: 732/52

SCAT: 1117/245

Rustys Raider's: 447/34

Valencia County ARA: 43/15

Tri-County ARES: 109/12

Tri-County ARES Simplex: 7/1

KC5JBO Memorial Simplex: 88/0

144 Mhz. SSB: 32/0

432 Mhz. SSB: 36/0

D-Star Voice: 56/10

NM Department of Health: 166/5

## Nominations Open!

Please submit your nominations for Ham of the Year and Club of the Year.

<http://www.arrl-nm.org/wp/section-awards>

## United States Ham Population

	Novice	Tech	General	Advanced	Extra	Total
<b>NM</b>	49	3546	1,364	385	1,238	6,582
<b>USA</b>	10,644	366,777	172,563	47,160	140,979	738,123

## Jamboree on the Air - October 16-18, 2016

Bob Longoria N5JH - Section Youth Coordinator  
Troop 85 at Kirkland Air Force Base will be taking the technician class. The class includes almost all of the youth in the troop, along with several adults. Thanks to Jim Hunter, NM5JH and his crew for their efforts in setting up and conducting on the class. After the class, Scouts will also be working the radio merit badge.



Arrangements have been made for a location for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). Jamboree On The Air is held each year on the third weekend in October. This worldwide activity requires no travel, other than to visit a nearby operating amateur radio station. The plan is to have the location at the Boy Scout Service Center, so that Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in the Albuquerque area will have a convenient location to visit operating stations. In addition, arrangements have been made to showcase Jamboree on the Air at Boy Scout Camporees in the four corners area. JOTA will showcase Amateur Radio in a positive light, and give Scouts the chance to talk over the air to other Scouts in their communities, country, and all over the world.

## Pesos Valley ARC Tailgate - May 21, 2016

Garry, NM5GB, PVARC President  
The Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club is holding our Annual Tailgate on Saturday May 21st. The tailgate is at the Clubhouse (403 N. Richardson in Roswell). Talk-in will be on 147.320/920 w/ PL of 162.2. Door prizes TBD but at least a HT and a mobile/portable. We will be offering VE Exams around 9:00 - 10:00 that morning. Admission is free. Table/tailgate space is \$5.00. More information will be posted on the Clubs web site at [www.pecosvalleyarc.com](http://www.pecosvalleyarc.com) as it becomes available. Hope to see you all there.

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KA8JMW**

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### Assistant Section Managers

Southern NM -  
Robert Truitt  
KE5OFK

Northern NM - Bill  
Boedeker NM5BB

Don Grab N5BIS

### Section Youth Coordinators

Bob Longoria N5JH

Phil Darling KF5LEF

Sue Darling KF5LEG

### Affiliated Club Coordinator

Art Priebe N5ART

### Official Observer Coordinator

Jerry Boyd WB8WFK

### Section Emergency Coordinator

Bill Mader K8TE

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

### The Following Key Leadership Positions are Open:

**PUBLIC INFORMATION  
COORDINATOR**

[www.arrl.org/public-information-coordinator](http://www.arrl.org/public-information-coordinator)

**STATE GOVERNMENT  
LIAISON**

[www.arrl.org/state-government-liaison](http://www.arrl.org/state-government-liaison)

**TECHNICAL  
COORDINATOR**

[www.arrl.org/technical-coordinator](http://www.arrl.org/technical-coordinator)

# Community Page

Please submit your club or event's flyer to [ka8jmw@arrrl.net](mailto:ka8jmw@arrrl.net)



## DX University

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Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the world of DXing.

**DX University**  
Will be held at  
Keystone Conference Center  
Thursday May 12, 2016 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

This is an entirely separate event from the HamCon Colorado Convention and does require a separate registration fee.

Registration available at: [www.hamconcolorado.com](http://www.hamconcolorado.com)





## Albuquerque Spring Tailgate

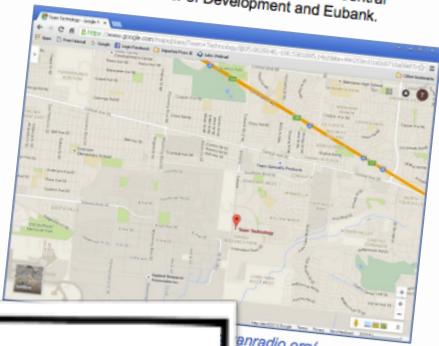
Co-sponsored by the Amateur Radio Caravan Club & the Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**Dawn until Noon**

Free admission. No vendor fees.  
Breakfast burritos & coffee sold onsite

**Location:**  
TEAM Technologies, 1400 Eubank SE

Directions: Approximately 1 mile south of Central Southeast corner of Development and Eubank.



[www.arrrl.org/](http://www.arrrl.org/)



## Socorro Amateur Radio Association Tailgate and Family Camp Out

San Antonio Park, San Antonio, New Mexico  
Friday, May 13, Noon to Sunday, May 15 Noon

- Event will be held regardless of weather.
- No reserved places. Just arrive and set up.
- Donations accepted.
- Door prizes awarded at 1300 hours on Saturday.
- Contact : Jim Boswell, 575-412-3732

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Porta Potties on Site</li> <li>•Tent Campers Welcome</li> <li>•RV Campers:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No water</li> <li>•No waste dump</li> <li>•No electric hook ups</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Families:</b> There are slides, swings, monkey bars, shade trees and some picnic tables. Fire restrictions may be in effect.</p>
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Directions: Take I25 exit #139 on US380, Drive ¼ mile toward (east) town. The park is on the right (south of US380).

Talk-in repeater: 146.68 MHz with 100 Hz tone  
GPS Coordinates: 33.9165N 106.8739W