

BOSQUE BEACON

*Newsletter of the Bosque Amateur Radio
Club of New Mexico*
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President's Corner - Brian Listvan KJ5CNC

Greetings All!

Well, the first Duke City Hamfest in 5 years has come and gone. Needless to say, it was a very big success!! The Hamfest board of directors did a great job, with lots of great prizes, vendors and forums to delight everyone who attended. The on line pre-registration reached 302 and many others registered on site, with a total attendance estimated at around 500. Needless to say, the response from the ham community was amazing. Larry Goga, AE5CZ and his very hard working board of directors did a great job and are hoping that next year will be an even bigger and better hamfest. We are all looking forward to next year!

At our last meeting, Bill Tilman, KA0B was elected our new club secretary. Since we were without a secretary for over a month, Bill volunteered and was elected by acclamation. I want to thank Bill for taking on the job of club secretary and look forward to working with him.

The club purchased a Yaesu FT-710 transceiver and was assigned to Jerry Aceto, K6LIE, to check it out. Jerry tells me he has done that and his report is published in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Saturday, the 5th. Everyone stay well and best 73!

Brian KJ5CNC

Bosque Amateur Radio Club



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Club Net

The Bosque ARC hosts a **Club Net** *Every Saturday Morning at 10:00 am local time except for the first Saturday of the month when we meet in person for our club meeting.*

146.900 (- 600 kHz) pl 67.0

442.450 (+ 5000 kHz) pl 67

449.550 (- 5000 kHz) pl 71.9

Club Meetings

- * 1st Saturday of the Month, 10 AM
- * Always a program that deals with Ham Radio
- * APD NW Area Command on Ellison, across from Cibola HS

Activities

- * School Visitations to Promote S.T.E.M.
- * Field Day Activations
- * Gatherings for Breakfast,
 - * Thursday mornings at 7 AM,
 - * Flying Star, 10700 Corrales Rd

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Whether you are a new ham, a seasoned old timer, or just thinking about becoming a ham, I would like to invite you to our meetings to take in our presentations, join us for breakfast on Thursday mornings, or participate in any of our activities. If you like what you see and hear, we would love to have you join our club. If you have any questions regarding ham radio, we can answer them.

Hope to see you at our meetings!
73.

Brian Listvan KJ5CNC
President, Bosque ARC

VE TESTING

If you would like to upgrade your license, or take your first amateur radio test, Mathias Gibbens, K0WBG, holds licensing exams after our regular club meeting on the first Saturday of the month. Testing starts around 12:30. If you would like to test or know anyone else that would like to test, contact Mathias at AbqRRVET@gmail.com to sign up.

CLUB MEETING ADDRESS

APD NW Command Center, 10401
Cibola Loop NW, Albuquerque,
NM 87114 (across the street from
Cibola High school)

CLUB ADDRESS

Bosque ARC
2524 Baldy Loop NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144

CLUB REPEATER — 444.200 (+) 67 Hz PL

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CLUB NET

Our club net has been doing very well and we want to thank all of you that participate each week. Anyone wishing to be net control, simply let a club officer know and you will be set up with the script and instruction page on linking the repeaters on the Upper Rio repeater system. This affords a good learning experience on conducting a net and engaging in conversation.

Remember, club net every Saturday morning at 10 am (except the 1st Saturday for our meeting) on the Upper Rio Repeater system.

CLUB REPEATER 444.200 Mhz (+) 67 Hz PL

A reminder to all that our club repeater is up and running from the west area of Rio Rancho at an elevation of about 700 feet above the valley, affording reasonable coverage of the greater Albuquerque area.

The repeater has been very quiet since getting it on the air a few months ago. We would like to see it used by our members and also the entire community. It is open to all. You all are welcome to meet on our system. You can chat all you want and meet with your friends and club members. Since it is a low level system, handhelds may have a problem, but in actuality, we have heard several folks on handhelds. But the ideal system is a typical mobile or fixed station running 20 watts or so to an outside antenna. In this situation, the system is very usable and does well. Please give it a try and you can chat all day long, if you wish!!

NEW MEXICO QSO PARTY AWARD TO CLUB



Brian Mileschosky N5ZGT Larry Elkin NY5L Glen Caine N6HEW Jerry Aceto K6LIE Sean O'Mara AI5IZ Club Award For Sponsoring This Years New Mexico QSO Party

Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, honored our club by presenting the club with an award of appreciation for sponsoring this years New Mexico QSO party. The picture shows the beautiful plaque and those of us receiving the award at this years Duke City Hamfest.

It was a pleasure assisting Brian taking part in the event, promoting it and helping Brian compile the logs for the event.

Thank you Brian, for acknowledging the club. We really appreciate it!

OCTOBER PROGRAM - SUMMITS ON THE AIR
Carol Sugars K5TFL

A ham since the early eighties Carol recently moved to New Mexico, where she quickly embraced the Summits on the Air Program. She will give an overview of the SOTA program, cover equipment and techniques for success and give some tips to get started in one of the best states in the US to enjoy this interesting part of our hobby.

Looking forward to meeting and attending Carol's presentation!

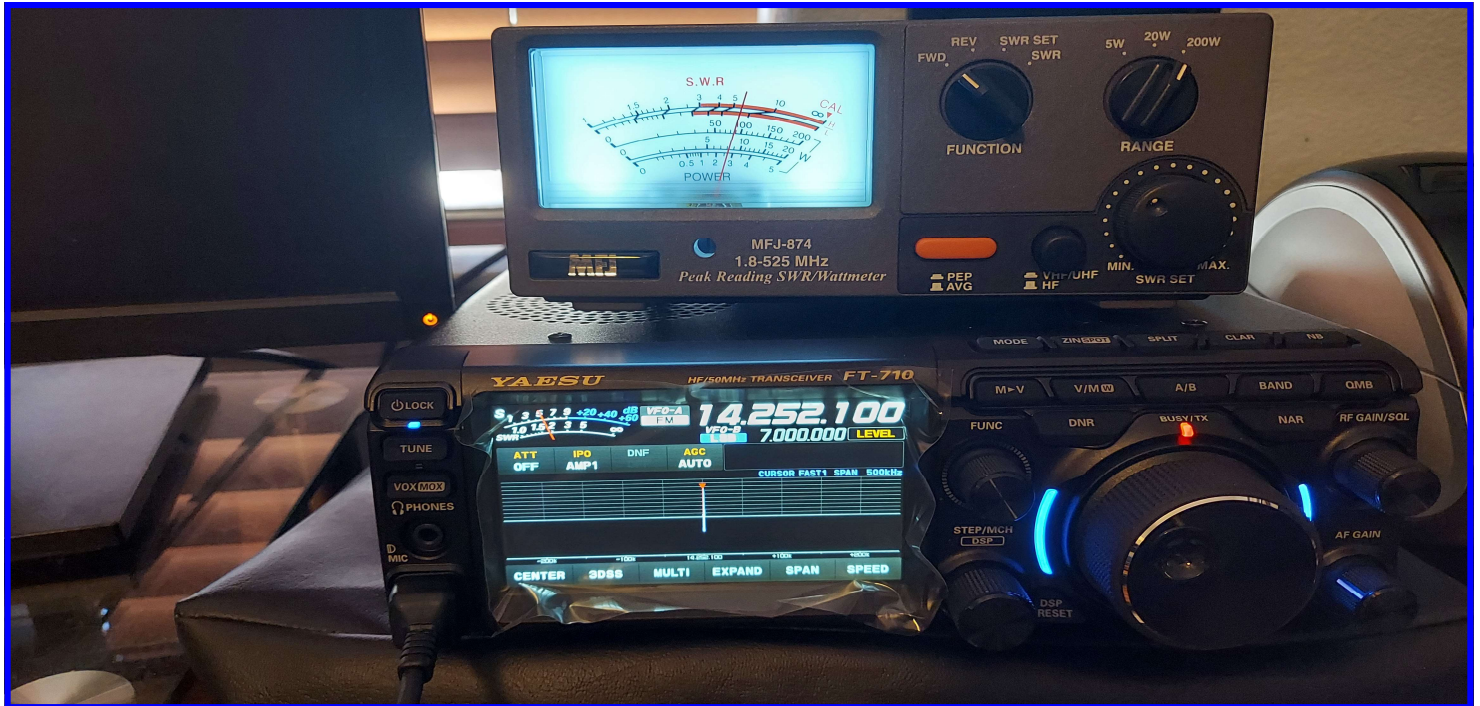
JEFF GOLDSTEIN N0IDA
One Very Lucky Ham At The Duke City Hamfest !



BARC member Jeff Goldstein, N0IDA (AKA "No Idea"), was one lucky ham at the Duke City Hamfest. On Saturday of the hamfest, he passed his general test with a 100% score. Then on Sunday of the event, he won one of the grand prizes, a Yaesu FT-710 AESS!! Talk about luck....he won the transceiver on the second ticket pulled because the first person that won the radio was not present to claim it!! Wow, talk about luck.

Jeff moved to NM in 2022 and joined the club in September 2022 and was non-licensed at the time. He received his Tech License in 2023 (also a 100% score) and his General at the hamfest. Jeff has made great progress since having no technical experience. He has made a serious effort at learning the theory and trying to understand it. Since he is a retired lawyer, this has been a real challenge for him. Jeff is a cousin of our member, Terry Zipes, W4RCN.

CLUB PURCHASES A YAESU FT-70 FIELD TRANSCEIVER
Jerry Aceto K6LIE



Our club purchased a Yaesu FT-710 Field transceiver and I was assigned to check it out. It is pictured above showing about 100 watts output.

I have checked pretty much all of the functions, filters etc and it is in perfect working order, as expected. Also worked a station in California on 20 meters and was told the audio sounds great, again, as expected. The radio is sitting on top of my FT-710 AESS, so I am somewhat familiar with this radio.

I think the club should invest in a protective case. We will also have to purchase a power supply and some sort of portable antenna. This all can be discussed at our next meeting.

I feel this is a very good choice for the club. It is compact and is perfect for a fixed station or field use. It is easy to operate and the menu system on it is really very intuitive. I think the club will very much enjoy using it.

RE-ENERGIZING NTS ACTIVITY IN NEW MEXICO

Gerry Jurrens N2GJ

Bill Mader K8TE, the New Mexico (NM) Section Manager (SM), appointed me (Gerry 'with a G' Jurrens, N2GJ) to the position of Section Traffic Manager in January 2024, based upon my many years of service to the National Traffic System. Since becoming the NM STM, I have built a great relationship with Tom Russell, N5ATR, a recently retired airline pilot and avid ham radio resource. Together we have begun to generate more and more interest in traffic handling in our section. Some of our accomplishments since January include the following:

I immediately began soliciting and collecting reports from managers of all nets, NTS affiliated or not, requesting numbers of sessions, check-ins, messages handled (formal and informal) and total time of operation each month. I send these monthly reports to the Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator and Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator as well as to [Steve Ewald, WV1X](#), ARRL Field Organization Supervisor.

With Steve Ewald's help, we have been able to gain access to and update our section website at www.arrl-nm.org/wp.

Tom, N5ATR, has worked closely with Pete ,NM5PB, our regional technical guru, to establish a packet BBS (ABQBBS) on 145.010 MHz, allowing local hams to send and retrieve radiograms for delivery. We also now have a new VARA digipeater built by the Caravan Radio Club, which operates on the Sandia Crest on 145.050 MHz and which will be used for Winlink traffic.

Tom and I have met with members of the New Mexico Roadrunner Traffic Net, our only official NTS® net, which meets on 3.939 MHz daily at 0100Z, to try to build interest in getting members to originate, send, receive and deliver third party radiogram traffic. Progress has been slow, but we are trying to overcome decades of disuse of the NTS® program.

To encourage members to send radiograms to each other as well as to friends and relatives, Ed, KC2LM, has created a "Packet Pals" group on Winlink. Ed, a retired schoolteacher, is also active in building websites for organizations. He serves as a net control operator on the ARES® nets and has encouraged others to use the new ICS-213 form on the NTS® 2.0 website.

RE-ENERGIZING NTS ACTIVITY IN NEW MEXICO

Gerry Jurrens N2GJ

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Tom, N5ATR, has given briefings to several community groups, providing information about traffic handling as well as general ARES® capabilities. These briefings have been very well received. He has also created a Google group <https://groups.io/g/NMTRAFFIC> to facilitate communications among interested parties.

I have given briefings to several central NM ham clubs concerning NTS®, past, present and future, as well as to a recent NM ARRL Convention, where I spoke with Maryann, NS7X, a veteran CW traffic handler and one-time Iowa Section Traffic Manager, about the possibility of creating a NM slow speed CW training and traffic net. We believe that handling traffic can be a terrific aid to learning Morse Code.

One area yet to be addressed is the New Mexico relationship with the 12th Region Net. The 12th Region SSB Net meets on 3.923.5 MHz daily at 7:00 AM Mountain Time, but currently there is no coordination of liaison stations. Also, on my to-do list is to follow up on any activity with the CW 12RN. I think we have accomplished a lot in a few months' time, and I am optimistic there will be more to come.

73 de N2GJ, Gerry (with a G) Jurrens

(From: The NTS Letter)

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Ed Ricco N5LI

September 29, 2024 – Tour of the Rio Grande. The Tour (<https://www.torgbc.com>) runs from the Bernalillo County / Int'l Sunport Rail Runner Station located at 113 Rio Bravo SE in Albuquerque and continues south through Los Lunas, Belen and loops around Bernardo, NM. The route runs parallel to the Rio Grande with beautiful views and sights of the more relaxed side of New Mexican life. The ride offers multiple distance points for riders of any caliber. There are four ride lengths for the Tour: 39 miles, 62 miles, 80 miles, and a 100-mile ride. Bob Longoria N5JH (rjlongo3@comcast.net) is coordinating the event. Contact Bob for more information or to volunteer.

October 20, 2024 – Duke City Marathon. Albuquerque area amateurs have supported this event for more than 20 years. As in recent past years, the marathon will follow an out-and-back course from downtown Albuquerque north along the Bosque bike path to Paseo del Norte and east to a turnaround point near Edith Blvd., then return. A half marathon and 10K and 5K runs are included in the event, as well as several walks of varying distances. We will need a substantial number of volunteers to cover rest stops along the course, to provide medical communications, and to shadow race officials as well as a few bicycle mobile stations and sag vehicles. Contact me to volunteer.

73, Ed Ricco N5LI
n5li@arrl.net.

CLUB SHIRTS

These beautiful club shirts come in ladies and men's styles and sizes. We proudly wear our shirts whenever we are doing an activity that involves the public. It is a great way of promoting the club, not to mention that they look great! They are available in polo and button down long sleeve.

Contact Turbo Threads at 505 999-1234 or on line at <https://turbothreads.com> .

BTW...That snazzy club logo on the shirt and on our club banner was designed by Art Nichols, KI5GOL, one of our founding members.



If you wish to use PayPal to pay club dues, simply go to bosquearc.com and click on the Membership and Dues tab. You will find all the info needed. When you fill out the form on line, hit Submit at the bottom of the page. This will take you to a prorated table. Since our dues are paid by the year starting in April, you will only pay a partial amount based on the month you join. Club dues are only \$20 per year.

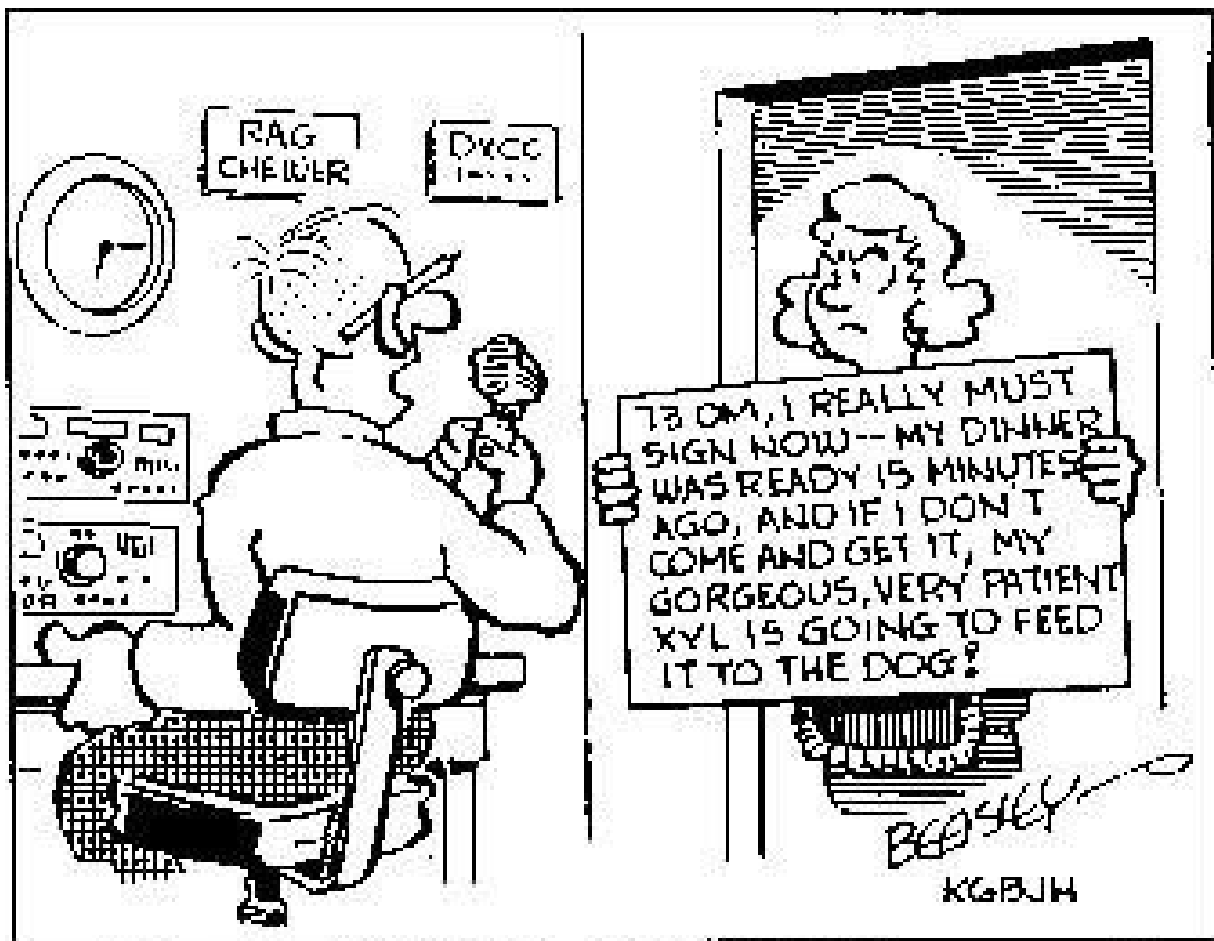
Here are email addresses of our officers should you need to contact any of them:

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Treasurer - Bob Witter W5IV - rwitter@hotmail.com



-73 O.M., I REALLY MUST SIGN NOW-----