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New Mexico Club Awarded Grant for Emergency Communications Hardware

Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club is a Recipient of an R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation Grant

Ruidoso, NM – The Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club of Ruidoso, New Mexico announced that it has been awarded a \$3,500 grant from the R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation. The grant was in response to the club's request to the Foundation's 2008 Southeast New Mexico Grant Program.

SBARC will use the grant money to replace obsolete hardware in its Alto Crest VHF repeater and to link that machine to its Camelot repeater, all in the Ruidoso, NM area. As a linked system these repeaters will enable a single unified area of coverage and greatly improve Amateur communications across the mountainous and high-desert region.

“I am thrilled that the club is a recipient of this award!” says SBARC president Wayne Greaves, WØZW. “Affording this hardware upgrade would simply not have been possible otherwise. The Ruidoso area will greatly benefit as a result of our enhanced emergency preparedness,” Greaves said.

The Sierra Blanca Amateur Radio Club is located in south-central New Mexico and is an affiliated club of the ARRL, the National Association for Amateur Radio. SBARC maintains two local VHF repeaters and a VHF packet radio node. The club call sign is KR5NM. For more information visit the club's web site at www.sbarcnm.org.

The R.D. and Joan Dale Hubbard Foundation offers annual grants to 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, schools, municipalities, and counties in southeast New Mexico. In 2008 the Foundation earmarked approximately \$266,000 for the Southeast New Mexico Grant Program. For more information about the Foundation phone (575) 258-5919.

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