



RMHAM Multi-State 5 GHz Microwave Network: A Realtime Demonstration of its Functionality and Capabilities

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RMHAM develops capabilities.

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- We provide microwave IP and/or network connectivity to partnering clubs and repeater organizations across New Mexico and Colorado to enable or expand their capabilities
- We own and operate 45 DMR, D-STAR, and AllStar repeaters and APRS i-Gates available for use by any amateur radio operator
- We get involved with many things RF, electrical, mechanical, and networking



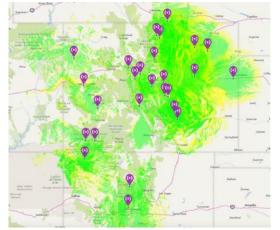
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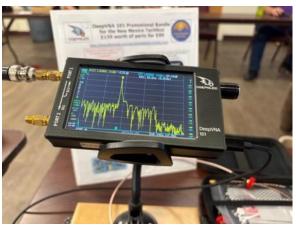
RMHAM facilitates technical education.

- We organize three annual events to teach amateur radio operators about a variety of technical topics:
 - New Mexico TechFest (each February in New Mexico)
 - NerdFest (each January in Colorado)
 - RMHAM University (weekend short courses throughout the winter months)

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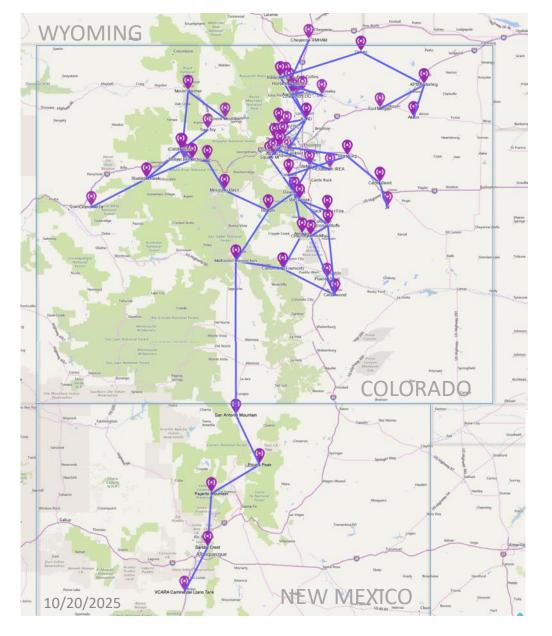






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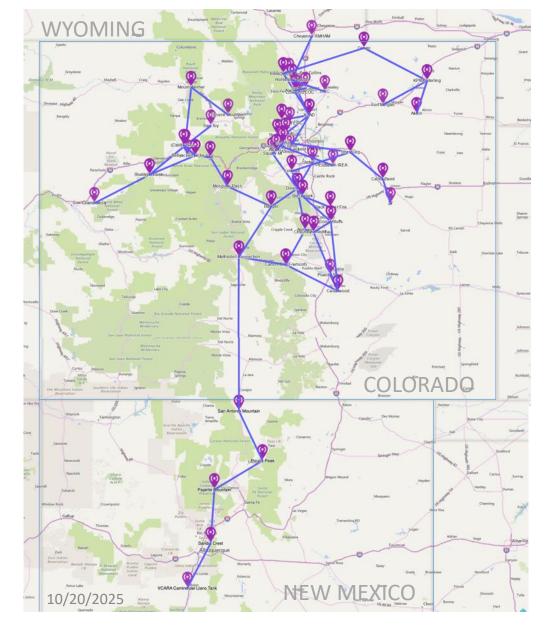
RMHAM's 5-GHz Microwave Network





- RMHAM has designed a fully-managed IP-based microwave backbone network
- Spans Cheyenne, Wyoming down to Belen, New Mexico and across Colorado's western slope (soon: down to El Paso, Texas)
- An infrastructure for partnering clubs and repeater organizations to expand their capabilities (repeater linking, repeater troubleshooting and administration, any IP-based application that is Part 97 compliant, etc.)
- RMHAM's network is comprised of (as of TODAY):
 - 950+ miles of combined microwave shots
 - 106 point-to-point and 14 point-to-multipoint microwave links across New Mexico and Colorado
 - 923 registered devices (routers, repeaters, RTCMs, power controllers, PTZ cameras, VoIP phones, etc.)

RMHAM's 5-GHz Microwave Network





- It is secure*, firewalled, and accessible only through
 RADIUS authorization and authentication
- It is managed and monitored 24x7x365 by a dedicated network operations team and a suite of tools/protocols
 - DevDB, Observium, Smokeping, OSPF, and automated email/text alerts
- Throughput averages 150-Mbit/sec across the network
- It is built from reliable COTS 5-GHz networking and microwave equipment configured to operate on Part 97 amateur radio spectrum
- It does <u>not</u> rely on the internet to function...however we do have several internet taps for automatic fail-over if an RF link goes down temporarily

Why it Matters for Clubs and Repeater Organizations

- Use Case: San Antonio Mountain (on the Colorado-New Mexico border) now hosts several linked repeater systems for different organizations, enabled by a single RMHAM microwave link. Repeater owners also now have the the ability to troubleshoot, reconfigure, power-cycle, and restore equipment without needing to travel up to 3 hours (one-way) to the mountaintop site.
- Provides high-bandwidth IP connectivity to remote RF sites
- Helps turn standalone analog repeaters into systems that can link across New Mexico, the United States, and world
- Allows for the expansion of digital repeaters (DMR, D-STAR) and APRS I-Gates
- Enables remote troubleshooting and system management (power-cycling, configuration, performance monitoring, site security, etc.) without needing to travel to the site

Why it Matters for Hams

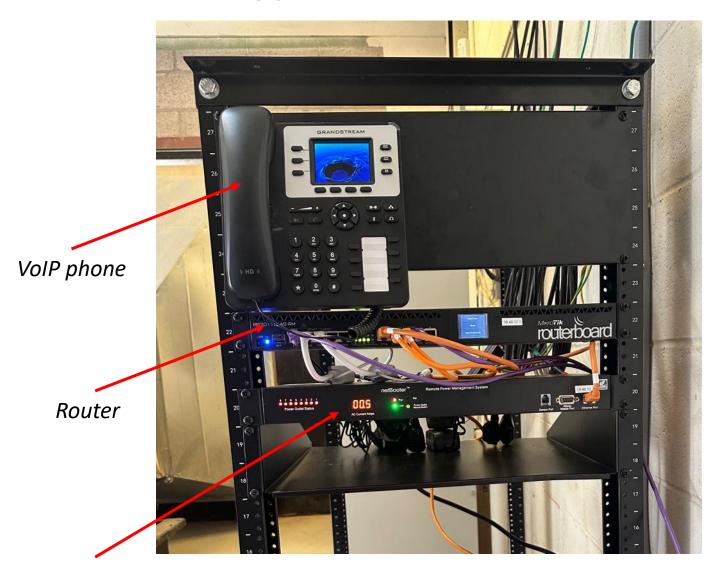
- Use Case: Pajarito Mountain (above Los Alamos) historically had just one 2-meter analog repeater. Using the IP connectivity provided by RMHAM's microwave network, the site also now offers DMR, Yaesu System Fusion, and APRS iGate service for amateur radio operators to use and enjoy.
- New capabilities to enjoy → Because of the high-bandwidth IP provided by RMHAM's microwave network, isolated standalone RF sites can now offer additional capabilities such as DMR, D-STAR, AllStar, Echolink, APRS, even the ability to operate an HF station remotely
- More coverage → Standalone repeater systems can expand their coverage footprint because they can now easily link to other sites around the New Mexico, the United States, and world
- More reliability → Downtime, due to technical issues, is reduced because site owners can troubleshoot and resolve certain problems without having to travel to 10/20/fer-away, remote RF sites

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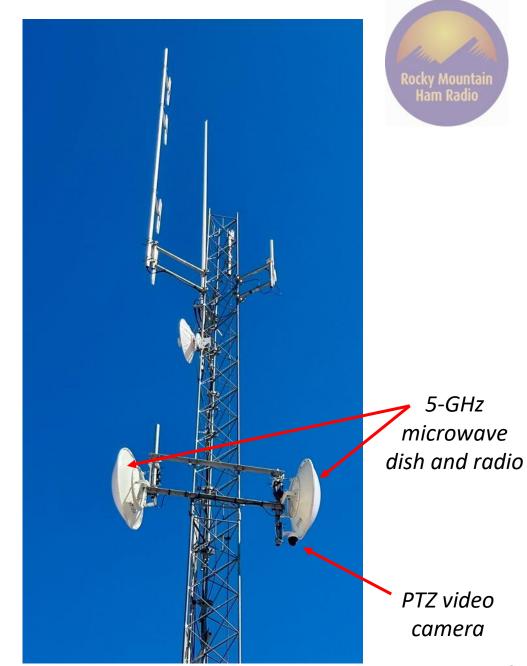
Why it Matters for Emergency Communications

- Use Case: In 2013, devastating flash floods destroyed commercial and government communications infrastructure and isolated remote communities around Estes Park, Colorado. RMHAM's microwave network was used to temporarily restore high-bandwidth connectivity for ARES teams, first responders, and disaster response organizations.
- Provides a high bandwidth backbone that is independent of commercial internet
- Allows ARES to transmit large amounts of data, including video, photos, and logistical information
- Can tie strategic locations (within line of sight of each other and RMHAM microwave sites) such as EOCs, shelters, etc. together for seamless communications
- Preserves common methods of communication (Microsoft Outlook, Word, 10/20/1/20 werPoint, conversations by VoIP telephone, etc.)

What a Typical Link Looks Like



Remote IP power management writ



Configuration Management.



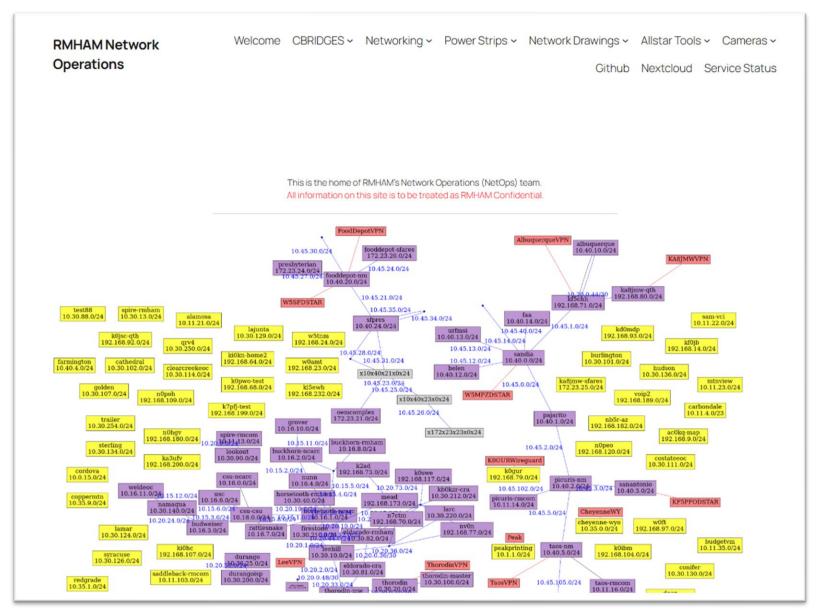
 RMHAM Network Operations Webpage Netops

DevDB RMHAM Device Database
 DevDB

Network Device setup and configuration utility
 Winbox



RMHAM Network Operations webpage

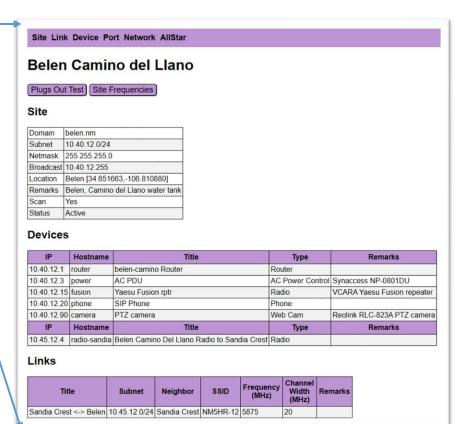


DevDB "One app to rule them all"

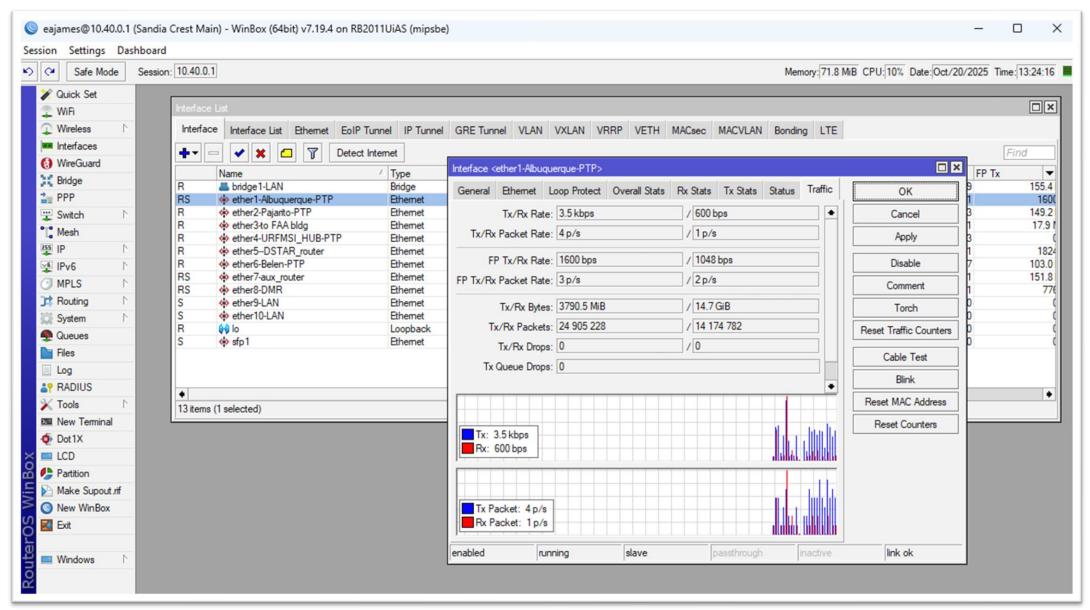
Site Link Device Port Network AllStar

Sites

Domain	Title	Subnet	Location	Scan
albuquerque.nm	Albuquerque	10.40.10.0/24	Albuquerque [35.151102,-106.572682]	Yes
belen.nm	Belen Camino del Llano	10.40.12.0/24	Belen [34.651663,-106.810880]	Yes
farmington.nm	Farmington	10.40.4.0/24	Farmington [36.77863889,-108.18583333]	Yes
edgewood.nm	KA8JMW RMHAM	10.40.11.0/24	Edgewood [35.106200,-106.256500]	Yes
mvarc.nm	Mesilla Valley ARC N5BL	10.40.7.0/24	Las Cruces [32.4048, -106.7612]	No
n5zgt.nm	N5ZGT portable ground terminal	10.40.40.0/24	Albuquerque	Yes
qrv-nm.nm	NM QRV	10.40.250.0/24	Albuquerque	Yes
testbed.nm	NM testbed	10.40.254.0/24	Santa Fe [35.6562, -105.9665]	Yes
pajarito.nm	Pajarito Mtn NM	10.40.1.0/24	Pajarito Mtn [35.886771,-106.395348]	Yes
roswell.nm	Pecos Valley ARC W5ZU	10.40.9.0/24	Roswell [33.4016, -104.3788]	Yes
picuris.nm	Picuris Peak	10.40.2.0/24	Picuris Pk [36.246985,-105.654777]	Yes
sanantonio.nm	San Antonio Mountain NM	10.40.3.0/24	San Antontio Mtn [36.858844,-106.018157]	Yes
sandia.nm	Sandia Crest	10.40.0.0/24	Sandia Crest [35.208889,-106.446944]	Yes
faa.nm	Sandia Crest FAA Bldg	10.40.14.0/24	SCrest [35.2168,-106.4523]	Yes
sffs4.nm	SF Fire Station 4	10.40.22.0/24	SF Fire Station 4 [35.656979,-105.941232]	Yes
sfeoc.nm	SF FMAC	10.40.23.0/24	SF County EOC [35.564195, -106.048919]	Yes
fooddepot.nm	SF Food Depot	10.40.20.0/24	SF Food Depot [35.658564, -105.995575]	Yes
oemcomplex.nm	SF OEM complex	10.40.21.0/24	SF OEM complex [35.562966, -106.063387]	No
sfpres.nm	SF Presbyterian	10.40.24.0/24	SF Presbyterian [35.615913,-106.025687]	Yes
socorro.nm	Socorro M Mtn	10.40.6.0/24	Socorro [34.071495,-106.963106]	Yes
taos.nm	Taos	10.40.5.0/24	Taos [36.387387, -105.587788]	Yes
tarc.nm	Taos Amateur Radio Club	10.40.8.0/24	TaosARC OPD [36.40953, -105.5725]	Yes
urfmsi.nm	Upper Rio FM Society Hub	10.40.13.0/24	KAFB [35.058, -106.587]	Yes



Mikrotik WinBox



Network Monitoring.

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Observium SNMP monitoring.
 Observium

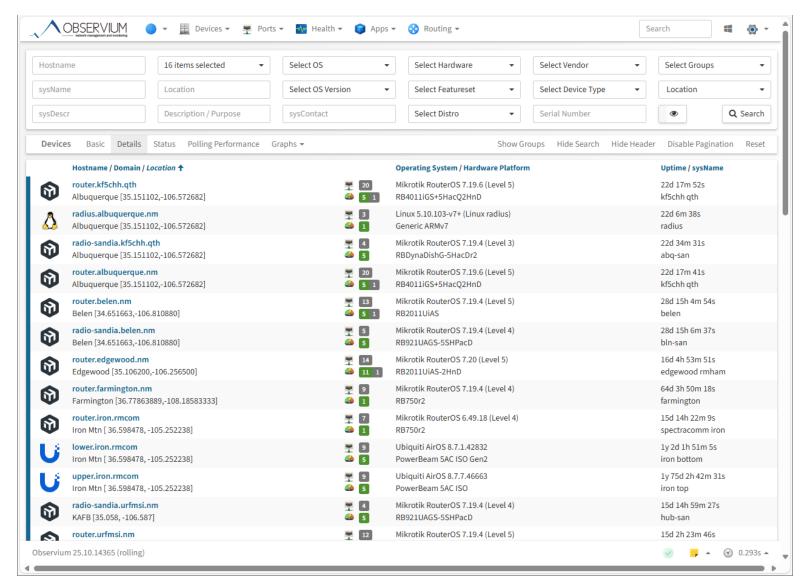


SmokePing
 SmokePing Latency

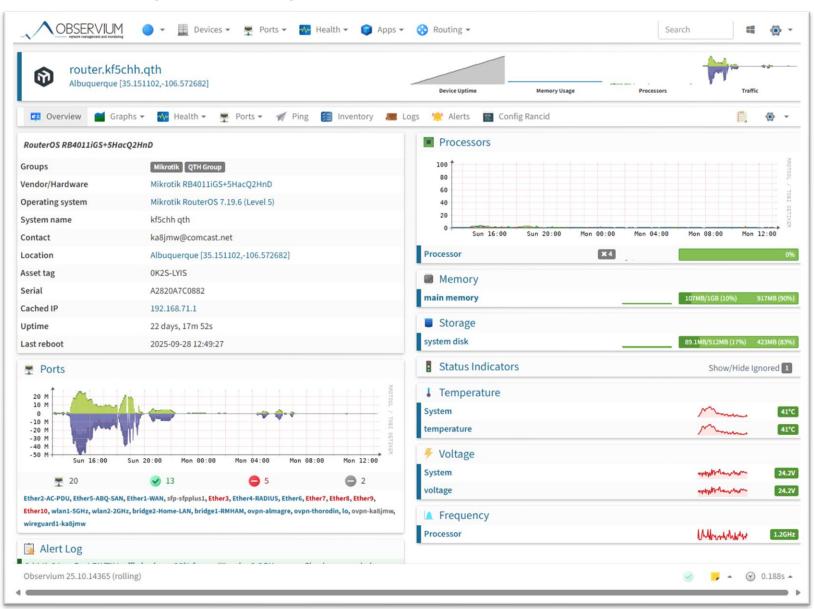


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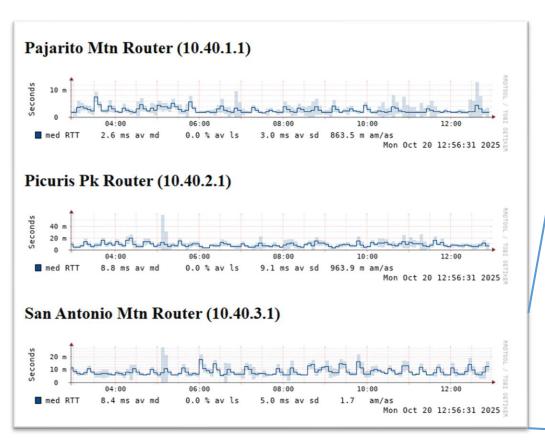
Observium



Observium (cont.)

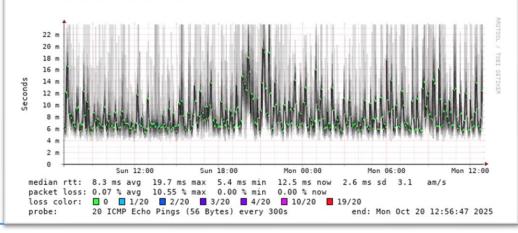


SmokePing



20 ICMP Echo Pings (56 Bytes) every 300s

Last 30 Hours from sandia



end: Mon Oct 20 12:56:46 2025

Cping (continuous ping)

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Google											
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Albuquerque - Sandia Link											
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ABQ-SAN radio	10.45.1.3	111211111	12212111	211122111121	211112111112111	16.0	3	15.5	19.3	54.7	Θ
SAN-ABQ Radio	10.45.1.4	11211111	1213111	212222121121	122111211111111	16.2	3	15.8	19.7	39.4	Θ
Sandia - Belen Link											
Sandia Router	10.45.12.1	88887779	71877871	588 1 8 1 9798 1 7	11 998787 1 888988	83.8	6	68.3	89.4	165.9	0
Belen Router	10.45.12.2	191111111	11119111	189191181811	181981881991919	93.9	7	86.0	121.5	190.9	Θ
Sandia Radio	10.45.12.3	11171111	11181181	191191191111	1 <mark>91111111191</mark> 111	150.0	7	74.9	123.2	174.7	Θ
Belen Radio	10.45.12.4	111911111	11111111	191999111111	<mark>9911111191111</mark> 1	133.8	8	94.4	119.6	158.6	Θ
Sandia - Pajarito Link											
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SAN-PAJ radio	10.45.0.3	111111111	11111111	111111111911	181199111991181	104.4	7	80.7	119.6	168.3	Θ
PAJ-SAN radio	10.45.0.4	181111111	11111111	111111911111	981111119111191	145.9	7	84.4	122.1	199.2	Θ
Pajarito - Picuris Link											
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Power Monitoring & Control.

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AC Power Control

Synaccess netBooter



DC Power Control
 RIGRunner Sandia Crest

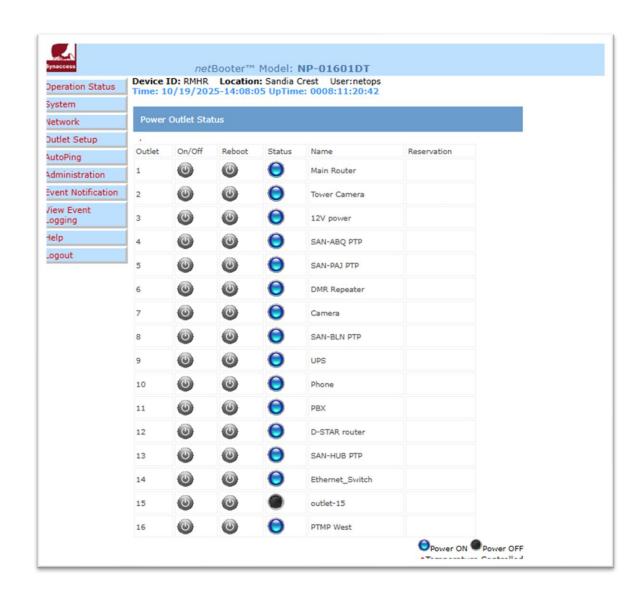
 Auto load shedding at a Solar site <u>RIGRunner Picuris</u>



DC Power monitoring & Control.

Synaccess *netB*ooter

- Control power to attached devices
- Automatically turn off or cycle power to devices based upon their ping response
- Automatically turn on/off devices dependent of temperature

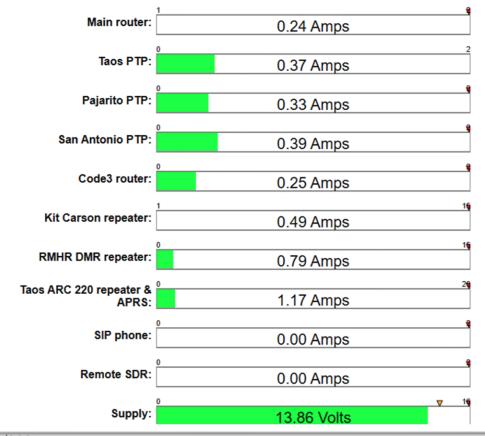




RIGRunner - Picuris

Status	Device Setup	Sensor Setup	Fuse Setup
User Setup	Network Setup	E-Mail Setup	Logout (Guest)

RIGRunner Status



DC Power monitoring & Control

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		U	Jnder alarm
Threshold:	< 11	.9	Volts
Allow auto Recovery:	Yes	~	
Recovery:	12.2		Volts
Send e-mail:	Alar	m Reco	very
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			E-mail address #2
			E-mail address #3
			E-mail address #4
			E-mail address #5
			E-mail address #6
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			MR repeater
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Network Infrastructure Resources.

• DMR C-bridge VM CO-RMHR





RMHAM Blueiris VM
 RMHAM NM Blue Iris



NM PBX
 UCM6202 | Dashboard



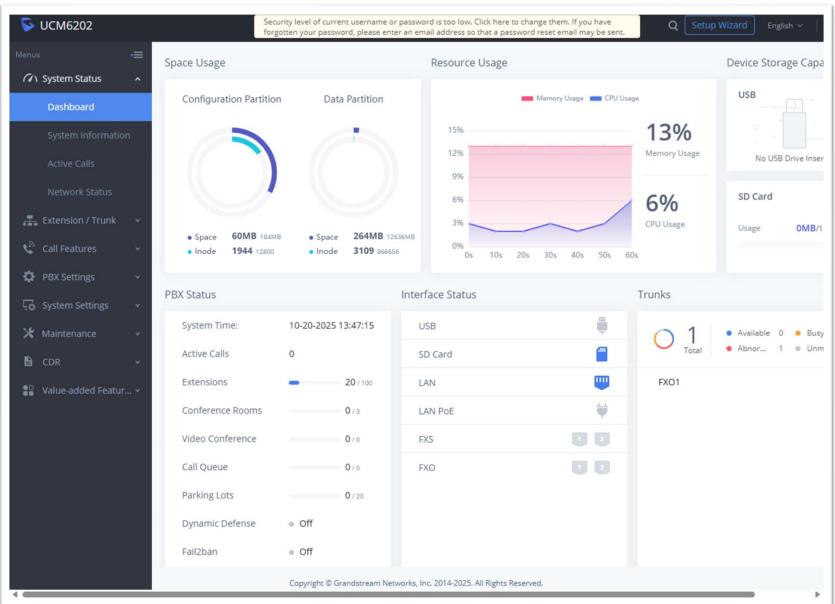




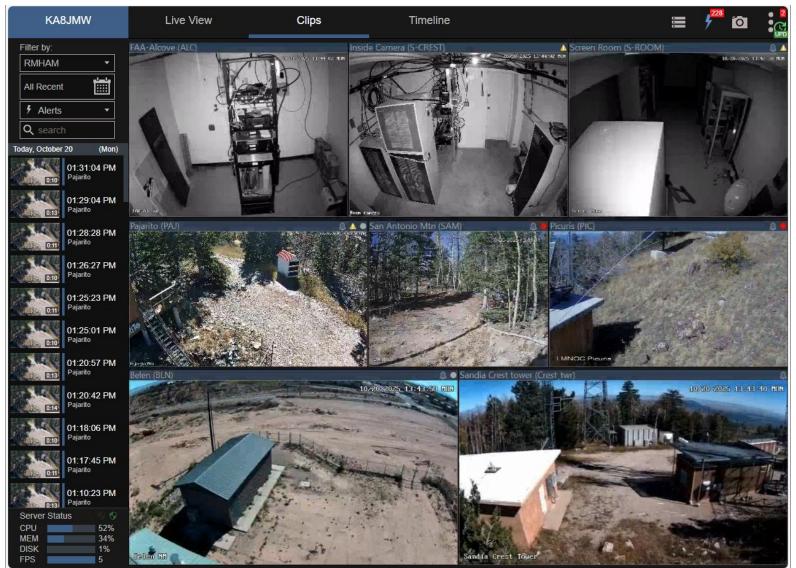
DMR c-Bridge, where talkgroups come together

Rayfield Communications 2018 W. Woodland - Springheld, MO 69807 www.wryfield.net - 800-743-9711				Control Center CO-RMHR							9612.2019.11.8 19:52:21 October 20, 2025 UTC ka8jmw Single connection Log Out					
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Grandstream UCM6202 SIP Phone PBX



Blue Iris Webcam software.



Network Infrastructure Resources (cont).



- VMware server
 - Hosts much of out software
 - Blue Iris
 - C-Bridge
 - File Server
 - Email
 - ..
 - VMware ESXi
- NTP server

Spectracom NetClock/GPS 9383





Network Community Resources.

 New Mexico Site Cameras
 Rocky Mountain Ham Radio Webcams



- PAJ APRS iGate
 aprs.fi live APRS map
- With more coming...









Network RMHAM User Resources.



 Virtual machines that host our network applications Linux, various flavors
 Windows

Remote packet, Sandia Crest
 Putty into 10.40.0.70 run minicom



Remote HF station operation
 Wfview demo





Questions

Thank You

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