Welcome Back

BY: EMMA NOURSE

Hello all! Welcome back!

I hope you all had a safe and happy Valentine’s Day! We here at the Newsletter and at Relife sure did! What did you guys do? If you did anything cool email us at james.bialek@nmt.edu or at emma.nourse@student.nmt.edu. Also, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns you have for us go ahead and shoot us an email! We want your feedback as this newsletter is for you! If we can do anything to make your reading experience better please do not hesitate to let us know! Who knows, maybe your comment could be featured in the next edition!

**NMT BIKE CLUB**

Every Wednesday
3:00-5:00pm
NM Tech Pool

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How NOT to Park

ANONYMOUS

Lately, the drivers on campus have been getting a little lax in their parking skills. We, on behalf of those of us who did pass the parking portion of our drivers test, present to you an analysis of some bad parking jobs seen around Tech.

Vote for your favorite via email at emma.nourse@student.nmt.edu, and submit any bad parking jobs you've seen! The best ones will be featured in the next newsletter.

The Obstinate Obstacle

Our first bad parking job is what happens when you forget that the sidewalk exists, and you have a high enough bed on your truck to make it unusable. This is also the best way to anger your fellow students who wish to walk the quickest and easiest way to their own homes.

QUICK FIX: Move your truck forward like 2 feet. It’s not hard.

The Firetruck Wannabe

Next comes someone who really really wanted to be a firetruck when they grew up. Not fireman. Firetruck. Unfortunately, they are here at Tech and not in a firehouse or putting out a fire.

QUICK FIX: Park in any of the open parking spots available.

The Preschool Parker

Finally, we have someone who never quite learned how to color or park within the lines. While thinking outside the box is an important skill, parking inside the lines is just as useful.

QUICK FIX: Back up and try again And again. And again. Until you are inside the designated parking zone.
HAM RADIO

BY: JAMES BIALEK

Ham Radio: A Diverse Lifelong Hobby
Are you interested in electronics? Do you have a background in science or engineering? Would you like a way to communicate with others without relying on the telephone or Internet? Are you bored out of your mind and looking for a new hobby? Then ham radio might be just what the doctor ordered!

Ham radio, sometimes called amateur radio, is a hobby enjoyed by thousands of licensed radio operators around the world. These enthusiasts communicate with one another via a wide range of radio frequencies and modes. Much of their equipment, especially the antennas, was engineered and built on a DIY or experimental basis.

Traditionally, morse code was used to make contacts before analog voice communication was possible. Now the hobby has evolved to include digital modes. In addition to simply making contact with one another, radio amateurs also enjoy experimenting with satellite communications. Likewise, the International Space Station is equipped with ham radios and most often there will be a licensed operator aboard the ISS to make a contact with. Owning ham radio equipment also allows operators to monitor other forms of communication such as fire and police dispatches, as well as shortwave broadcasts from around the world.

To become a ham radio operator, one has to prepare for and pass an exam administered by the FCC. After that, the FCC will assign a callsign depending on the license class and location. Here at Tech, we have TARA, the Tech Amateur Radio Association, callsign KC5ORO. This club has a room in the Student Activities Center with radios, antennas, as well as experimental projects that students are working on. NMT Residential Life Coordinator James Bialek, callsign KG2JL, is seen operating from the TARA station. If you’re interested in learning more about ham radio or how to get your FCC license, please contact james.bialek@nmt.edu.

Outdoor Activities in Socorro

By Nathan Carpenter

With the stressful life of a Techie, it can be difficult to find outlets especially with Covid closing down most of the activities that were available. Thankfully, Socorro has a lot of great outdoor activities that have survived the mass shutdown. Of these activities, hiking is the most popular and for good reason with a great abundance of places to go in Socorro. After experiencing a good portion of the hiking locations in the area box canyon has been found to be the best. Typically box canyon is seen as a good place for bonfires and rock climbing but there are some great loops for hikers that take you through the canyon. Before going off be sure to stay safe, bring lots of water, use a map of the terrain to understand where to go, and most importantly have fun!

Link to a map of the trail system: https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/new-mexico/the-box-recreation-area

"Radio affects most intimately, person-to-person, offering a world of unspoken communication between writer-speaker and the listener"  

Marshall McLuhan
Club Spotlight: Alpha Sigma Kappa Women in Technical Studies

BY: NATHAN CARPENTER

This week’s club is one that I knew very little about before this article. The club is the Alpha Sigma Kappa Women in Technical Studies, which is the campus sorority. With this club you will get to experience the only Greek life on campus and the primary focus of the club is to help support the women of STEM. The club is very helpful towards building character whether that be with professional growth or becoming a better leader. The club has numerous benefits as well like getting help with homework and providing a good social environment to bond with other students. A unique benefit to the club is being able to be a part of the big/small sister program. Be sure to join them during rush week starting on March 22nd for lots of fun and games!

Random Ramblings

BY: BRANDY TRUJILLO

Plants have been proven to lighten your mood. And with spring just around the corner, it’s the perfect time to plant some! Succulents are not hard to keep and don’t require much water. These come in a variety of shapes and sizes; some even look like rocks. Others might not even look like they should grow at all. They contribute well to the New Mexico feel and style. Desk plants are another dorm-friendly option. Bamboo is a popular option for this, and is even said to bring good luck; something we can all use on our exams. Spider plants are also popular and grow well inside. They have white flowers in the summer and are also very low maintenance. Air plants are also great for dorms because they don’t even need soil, just some sun and a mist of water every now and then.
How to park: As a tech student I am often scattering around looking for parking spots the closest to the building I am heading towards. Sometimes I am bummed when I can’t find a close parking spot, but the great thing about tech is that we have an ample amount of spaces to park. With that being said, there are places such as Mountain Springs Apartments that have just the right amount of parking spots. That means that it is important to treasure the space there and learn how to be a more efficient parker.

Here are steps you can take to park more correctly: Start by positioning your vehicle in the center of the parking aisle. Stop the vehicle when the front bumper is around half of the way past the parking space you want to take. Turn the wheels towards the parking space and slowly begin to drive the car into the space. Keep turning the steering wheel as you pull into the parking space until the car is parallel with the vehicles on either side.
Fun Facts

BY: LOGAN TRIEU

Fun Fact of the week: The largest pizza ever made was gluten-free. The largest pizza has a total surface area of 1,261.65 m² (13,580.28 ft²) and was prepared by Dovilio Nardi, Andrea Mannocchi, Marco Nardi, Matteo Nardi, and Matteo Giannotte (all Italy) from NIPfood at Fiera Roma, in Rome, Italy, on 13 December 2012. The pizza was named "Ottavia", a word of Roman origin for "eighth son", as a homage to the first Roman emperor Octavian Augustus, who represented an epoch-making change in the history of Rome and brought the Empire into a period of economic and cultural stability. Ottavia was 100% gluten-free.
https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/largest-pizza

Riddle of the week: I am tall when I am young, I am short when I am old. What am I?
A candle

Last Week's Comic

So, once again... no mouth