

# MBARC Beacon

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



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[Yucca Mesa Community Center](#). – Photo by **KO6DAV**

## Change of Meeting Time And Location

By Paul Edwards **AA6SM**, submitted on December 28, 2024

Effective immediately, the club meeting time and location have been changed to the following:

TIME: 1400 (2 PM) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday every month

LOCATION: Yucca Mesa Community Center  
3133 Balsa Avenue  
Yucca Valley (Yucca Mesa)

If you have questions or need directions, please contact me.

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## Information At A Glance

### Upcoming Club Meetings

Monthly club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, every month, at 1400.

#### Date & Time Location

Jan 18 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)  
Feb 15 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)  
Mar 15 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

### Local Nets

Net Name	Day & Time
Amateur Radio Emergency Service	MON @ 1915
<b>MBARC</b> Weekly Net	TUE @ 1900
<b>MBARC</b> “Cawfee Tawk”	DAILY @ 1000

### MBARC Linked Repeater System

For more info, see the [3<sup>rd</sup> to last page](#) for detailed diagram of the **MBARC** Linked Repeater System or visit [w6ba.net](http://w6ba.net).

Site	MHz	kHz	T
<b>W6BA</b> Yucca Valley / Paxton Hill	146.790	–	136.5
<b>W6BA</b> Twentynine Palms / Donnell Hill	147.060	+	136.5
<b>WB6CDF</b> Landers / Fire Station	447.580	–	173.8
<b>AD6G</b> Pipes Canyon	446.120	Ø	146.2

### Local VoIP-to-RF Nodes

System	# Node	RF Link
AllStarLink	503088	<b>KM6IAU</b> to <b>W6BA</b> YV
EchoLink	KM6IAU-L	<b>KM6IAU</b> to <b>W6BA</b> YV
EchoLink	WO4ROB-L	<b>WO4ROB</b> to <b>W6BA</b> YV

### Local RF-to-VoIP Nodes

Site	MHz	kHz	T	System	# Node/TG
<b>KD6DIQ</b> YV	145.770	Ø	67.0	AllStar	<a href="#">28855</a>
<b>WB6CDF</b> YV	447.000	–	10	DMR/BM	TS1: TG 3106 TS2: TG 2

MBARC Board of Directors

President --- Paul Edwards	AA6SM
Vice President --- Larry Mollica	AD6G
Secretary --- Jake Jakubowski	N6XIV
Treasurer --- Glenn Miller	N6GIW
Board Member --- Aaron Chesney	KM6IAU
Board Member --- Bryan Heveron	KF6YGK
Repeater Trustee --- Glenn Miller	N6GIW

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Your Newsletter, Your Voice.

If you have material you’d like to share in a future newsletter, [get in touch](#).

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Editor’s Note

Thanks to the folks who have sent material in the past several weeks. I’ll get those submissions included very soon. Like many of you, Maja and I have had a busy holiday season!

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President’s Message

Hello everyone and welcome to 2025! I look forward to what should prove to be an exciting year for the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club, both within the club and within the community.

**Be aware that we have changed our meeting time and location to 1400 (2 PM) the third Saturday of the month at the Yucca Mesa Community Center located at 3133 Balsa Avenue in Yucca Valley (Yucca Mesa).**

Winter Field Day is right around the corner and will be held from 0800 Saturday 25 January ~ 0800 Sunday 26 January. If there is sufficient interest (five or more), licensing exams will be held on Saturday. For further information, contact the club.

Let’s get as much positive exposure as we can this year to support the MBARC and the communities we represent!

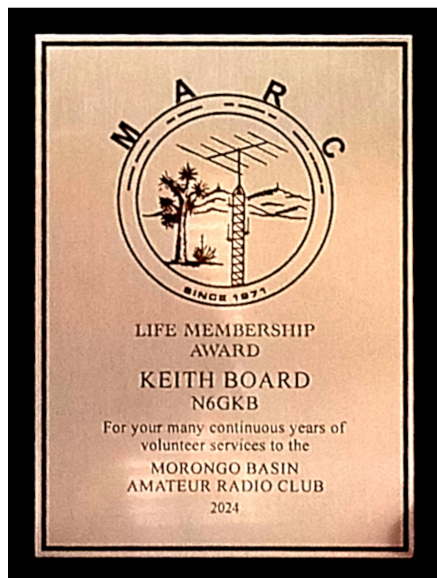
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# MBARC Christmas Party Photos

Photos by Maja Chesney KO6DAV







Chris **WB6CDF** leads contestants in the cup game. Plastic cups are destroyed for the greater good.

*“Right ear. Left ear. Right elbow. Cup!”*



## Meeting Minutes – DECEMBER 2024

*Submitted by Paul Edwards AA6SM, Club Secretary, on December 16, 2024*

The President Rob **WO4ROB** opened the meeting at 1410.

It was announced that this meeting was a combination of the installation of the club officers for 2025 and our annual holiday dinner.

It was announced that Keith **N6GKB** had been made a Life Member. New Life Members are selected by current life members and are rare.

Introductions were made: first of all of the 2024 outgoing club officers, secondly of the incoming club officers, and finally everyone else.

Our guest was **W6RHK** Robert “Bob” L. Turner from Perris, CA, the **ARRL** Orange section manager.

The treasurer’s report was given by Glenn **N6GIW**.

The Secretary Paul **AA6SM** read the minutes of the November 2024 meeting.

A 50/50 drawing was conducted by the Vice-President Keith **N6GKB**. A total of \$64 was collected with half going to Jake **N6XIV** – two consecutive wins by Jake.

The meeting was adjourned at 1435 by Rob **WO4ROB**. ---




## Member Birthdays – JANUARY 2025



On behalf of the club, I extend our warmest birthday wishes to these cherished members.

May your special day bring joy, love, and peace. Stay happy and blessed.

If you’d like your birthday to be included for recognition here and on the club’s [Facebook page](#), [get in touch](#).

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# Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club

## Linked Repeater System Overview

As of December 2024

- VOICE (audio signal)

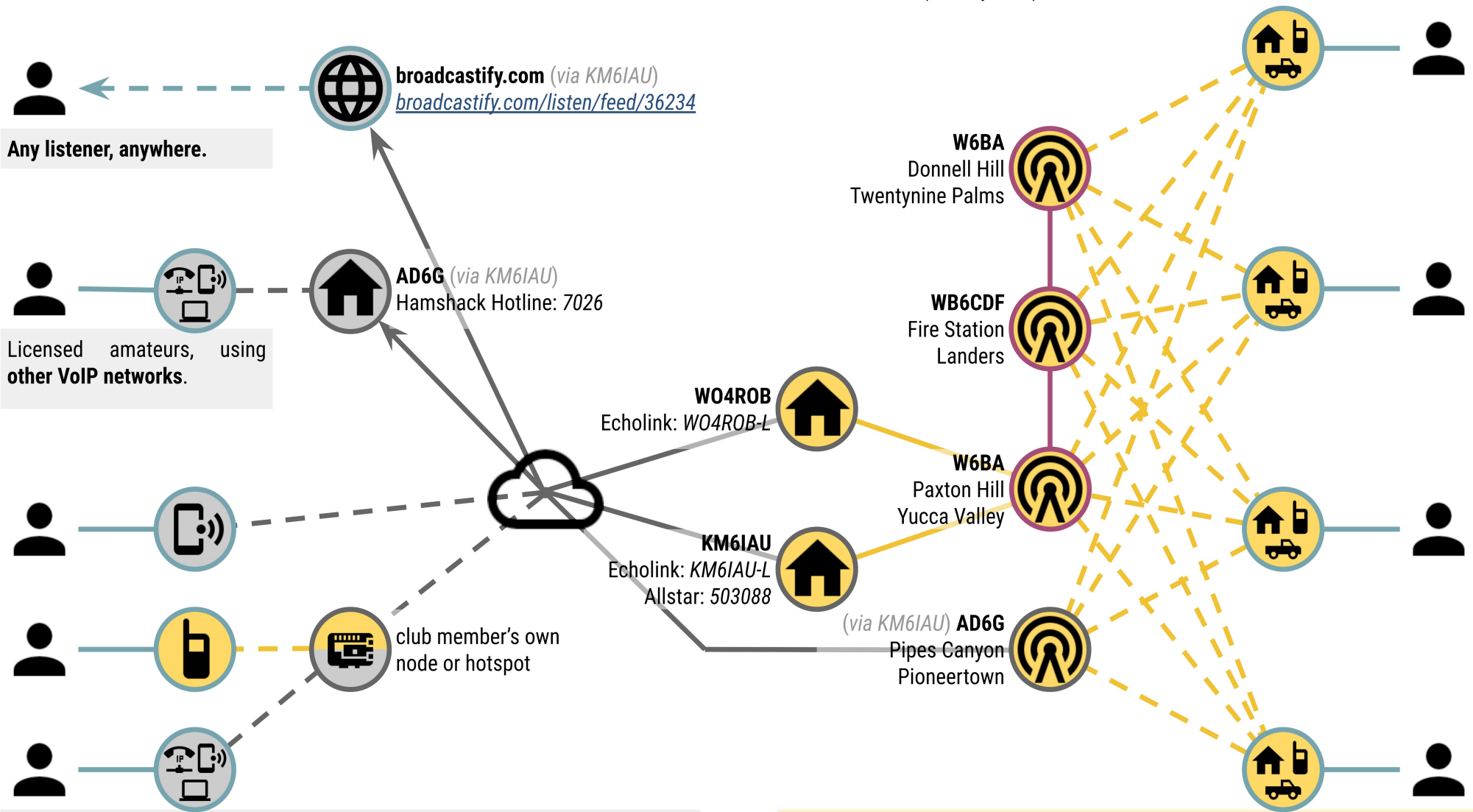
— DATA (internet protocol)

— RF (user link)

— RF (core system)
- One way link.

— Fixed or permanent link.

- - - Portable or temporary link.



Licensed amateurs **with** club membership, using **Allstar\*** or **Echolink\*\***.

Please use restrictive access means, such as PL tone and low-gain antenna for RF links, or password access for IP links. Do not link-in broad-access systems, such as other repeaters or reflectors, where such linking could transmit onto our club's system. Thank you.

\* Allstar access needs to be manually set up. Contact [linkrequest@W6BA.net](mailto:linkrequest@W6BA.net) to submit your request.  
\*\* Echolink access may need to be manually set up. Contact [linkrequest@W6BA.net](mailto:linkrequest@W6BA.net) to submit your request.

Licensed amateurs **with or without** club membership, using **RF**.

Please do not link-in broad-access systems, such as other repeaters or reflectors, where such linking could transmit onto our club's system. Thank you.



Calendar – JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dec 29, '24	Dec 30, '24	Dec 31, '24	1	2	3	4
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Fred WO6C		bday: Roger KF6BIG		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Rob WO4ROB				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Glenn N6GIW  bday: Perry KN6WTI				1400 – Club mtg, <a href="#">Yucca Mesa</a> <a href="#">Community Center</a>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	1915 – ARES net  bday: Aaron KM6IAU	1900 – Club net ctrl: Larry AD6G				
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Aaron KM6IAU				

KD6DIQ AllStarLink  
Node#28855 Schedule

YV: 145.77MHz, Øshift, ☐67.0Hz

EVERYDAY

0000 – 0100 WIN System #2560  
2200 – 2400 WIN System #2560

SUN

No additional program, system open.

MON

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332

TUE

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1700 – 1900 East Coast Refl. #45225

WED

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1700 – 1900 East Coast Refl. #45225

THU

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1700 – 1900 East Coast Refl. #45225

FRI

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1830 – 2400 WIN System #2560

SAT

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1700 – 1720 Newsline  
2000 – 2200 East Coast Refl. #45225



## Upcoming Event Fliers

Submitted by Keith Board N6GKB on December 23, 2024

HAM RADIO Operator RV'ers/Tenters...



# QUARTZFEST<sup>\*</sup> 2025

**What?** Quartzfest® is an annual HAM Radio RV and tenters Boondocking event which is held in late January every year with dates coinciding with the Quartzsite Arizona "RV Show".

**When?** January 19th thru 25th of 2025 (make sure you add these important dates to your 2025 calendar)

**Where?** 7 miles south of Quartzsite Arizona - on US 95 at La Paz Valley Road

**Who Can Attend?** ANYONE! If you don't have your Amateur Radio Operators License yet, you'll be able to take your Amateur Radio Operators License Exams at Quartzfest®

**Cost?** \$5.00 per person for the entire week

Our Annual Amateur Radio "get together" is called "Quartzfest®" and is open to ALL to attend. Quartzfest® is not a club, no officers and no dues..and only costs \$5.00 per person for the entire week of fun!! During the week of Quartzfest®, RV's are everywhere across the desert, as far as you can see..every make and model you can imagine!

There are hundreds of groups that meet in Quartzsite every year in different parts of the desert who share like interests. Our group, Quartzfest®, started out in 1997 as just a few HAM RV'ers getting together, camping in their RV's in the middle of the desert..no power, no running water. Solar Panels and Generators are in use everywhere (Porta-Potties are available for our tent campers and day visitors).

Quartzfest® is similar to a Hamfest but lasts an entire week and is packed full of scheduled Seminars and Activities (no vendors are allowed on BLM land though). Talks range in topics from Genealogy and Crafts for Non-HAM's to Solar Power and Battery Information, Technical information for the seasoned HAM, and introductory information for the new HAM. Also included in the week's activities are Amateur Radio License Testing, Antenna Walkabout (touring other HAM's RV Antenna installations), Solar Walkabout, 4x4 Off Road Trip in the Desert, Prospecting, Campfires (some with musical entertainment), Pot Luck dinner, Hootenanny and lot's more!

We Camp on BLM (Bureau of Land Management) land which is FREE, but you can only camp there for 14 days at a time.

For more information, drop a note to our  
Quartzfest\* Organizer  
Kris - KR1SS  
[kristynweed@gmail.com](mailto:kristynweed@gmail.com)  
or visit us on the web  
[quartzfest.org](http://quartzfest.org)

## 2025 Southwestern Division Convention

# Yuma Hamfest Yuma, Arizona Feb. 14 & 15, 2025



Yuma County Fairgrounds  
2520 East 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yuma, Arizona

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

Check the Website for Additional Information

Gates Open for Camping  
Thursday, 2 pm

Vendor Setup  
Friday, 7 am - Noon

Event Hours  
Friday, Noon - 5 pm  
Saturday, 8 am - 5 pm

Hamfest Dinner &  
Grand Prize Drawing  
Saturday Night  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Vendors & Exhibitors  
Full Seminar Schedule  
DXCC Card Checking  
Hourly Door Prizes  
On-site RV Camping  
Hamfest Dinner  
ARRL Speakers  
Transmitter Hunt  
\$15.00 Admission

Tailgating (Swap Meet)  
License Testing  
**\$15,000+ in Grand Prizes**  
Emergency Preparedness  
Admission Prizes  
Hospitality Area  
Near Space Balloon Launch  
Antenna Clinic & T-hunt

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