

MBARC Beacon

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



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A portion of Roger Sherwin **KF6BIG**'s retiring workshop. –
Photo by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

Roger Closing Shop: “Aspiring Inquire!”

By Roger Sherwin **KF6BIG**, submitted on February 26, 2025

Hi fellow hams, spouses, and/or family:

A few of you know me as Roger, a few as **KF6BIG**, and to the rest, I’m just number 54 out of 67 on the club roster. I’ve been a member for about 20-25 years.

Now I’m just a feeble old man of 90. Been going blind for about 15 years, in the past 3-4 months, however, it’s really accelerated.

When I retired from my chosen profession in 1980, I opened a building repair / handyman business covering electrical, plumbing, structural and related fields for about another 20 years.

Consequently, over the 20~25 years, I’ve accumulated a lot of tools and supplies. Some maybe considered junk, but some good “*Junque*”.

Examples: nuts, bolts, PVC, copper, galvanized fittings, electrical connectors, etc. An 18-drawer HOMAX commercial grade tool box full of mechanical (and related) tools, construction hand tools, many power hand and bench mounted tools, a radial arm saw, a 7500-watt Honeywell Generator (\$500 or best offer). The list goes on and on.

I realize not everyone would want all ...[continued on page 3](#)

Information At A Glance

Upcoming Club Meetings

Monthly club meetings are on the 3rd Saturday, every month, at 1400.

Date & Time Location

Mar 15 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)
Apr 19 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)
May 17 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

Local Nets

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

MBARC Linked Repeater System

For more info, see the [2nd to last page](#) for detailed diagram of the **MBARC** Linked Repeater System or visit w6ba.net.

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

Local VoIP-to-RF Nodes

System	# Node	RF Link
AllStarLink	503088	KM6IAU to W6BA YV
EchoLink	KM6IAU-L	KM6IAU to W6BA YV
EchoLink	WO4ROB-L	WO4ROB to W6BA YV

Local RF-to-VoIP Nodes

Site	MHz	%		System	# Node/TG
KD6DIQ YV	145.770	Ø	67.0	AllStar	28855
WB6CDF YV	447.000	–	10	DMR/BM	TS1: TG 3106 TS2: TG 2

MBARC Board of Directors

<i>President</i> --- Paul Edwards	AA6SM
<i>Vice President</i> --- Larry Mollica	AD6G
<i>Secretary</i> --- Jake Jakubowski	N6XIV
<i>Treasurer</i> --- Glenn Miller	N6GIW
<i>Board Member</i> --- Aaron Chesney	KM6IAU
<i>Board Member</i> --- Bryan Heveron	KF6YGK
<i>Repeater Trustee</i> --- 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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President's Message




It was excellent to see so many faces at the February 2025 meeting at the Yucca Mesa Community Center! Welcome to the new club members and welcome back to the old ones!

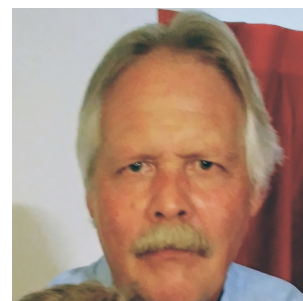
If you have a Technician license, it is definitely time to upgrade while we are still in the high part of the sunspot cycle. The upper high frequency bands are open for long-distance contacts even with a modest station but they won't stay that way. You don't want to wait eleven more years for the beginning of the next cycle to have such excellent conditions again!

The "Cawfee Tawk" net is celebrating five years on-the-air on Sunday March 30 at 1000 local time. Let's break last year's record of 24 check-ins!

Suggestions as to where we want to go and what we want to do as a club are always welcome. I can be contacted at the club's email address w6ba.condition765@slmail.me and I will always respond to any serious query. After all, this is your club!

73s,

 Paul Edwards **AA6SM**
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Cover Story, continued

... of my good and expensive *JUNQUE*, but it would make a nice 'mini hardware store' for someone.

PRICE: While I'm not necessarily asking for money, any reasonable offer would be appreciated.

I'm primarily interested in helping someone WHO REALLY NEEDS or WANTS what I have, and maybe cannot afford it right now. To see, please call for appointment at Roger or Ellie, at 760-366-2424. (BUT, if you're *only* interested in 'Scarfig' up' some 'Freebies', PLEASE DON'T CALL.)

73, Roger **KF6BIG** ---



Hand tools, toolbox, shelves, and cabinets of sorted tools and material. – Photo by Maja **KO6DAV**



Roger **KF6BIG** and Aaron **KM6IAU**.
– Photo by Maja **KO6DAV**



Workbench and shelves of organized shop material and tools. – Photo by Maja **KO6DAV**

Member Birthdays – MARCH 2025

On behalf of the club, I extend our warmest birthday wishes to all our cherished members celebrating a birthday this month.

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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February 2025 MBARC club meeting. – Photo by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

Meeting Minutes – FEBRUARY 2025

Submitted by Jake Jakubowski **N6XIV**, Club Secretary, on January 21, 2025

Editor's note: Some corrections were added. The original content is struck-through, with my corrections in italics and underlined.

The President Paul Edwards **AA6SM** opened the meeting and announced the club officers.

Each club member announced their name, call sign, and residence town.

Club Treasurer Glenn Miller **N6GIW** gave the treasury report – our current balance is \$3,491.42.

Glenn followed by report of an ~~annoyance caller~~ unlicensed operator interfering on the Club repeater. He recommended remaining courteous in our operation.

Rob Cloutier **WO4ROB** spoke about ~~Media posting unfavorable comments~~ spam on the Club Facebook page.

Rob continued with comments about our recent winter Field Day.

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Newsletter editor, spoke of welcoming timely submissions.

President Paul Edwards asked to use Maja **KO6DAV**'s photos for the Club Website and invited future presentations during Club Meeting.

Rob Cloutier **WO4ROB** announced he would like to surpass last year's 24 Coffee Talk check-ins this year.

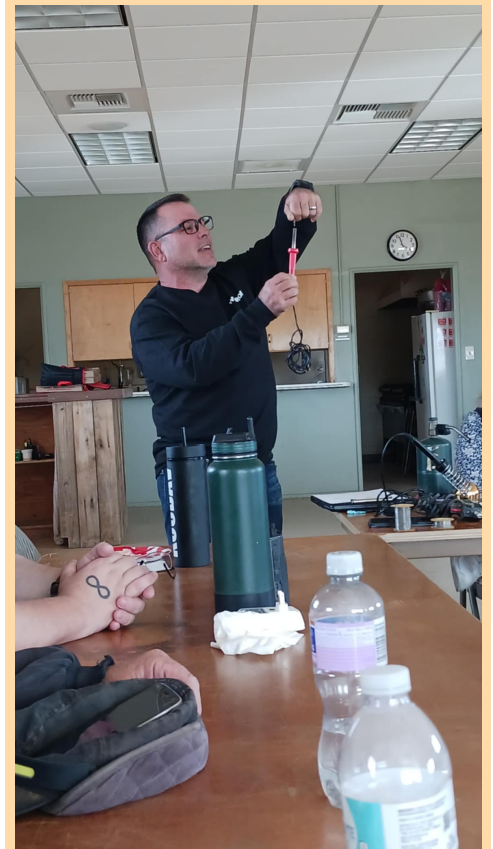
Rob went on to give a detailed presentation on soldering techniques to include best solder, temperatures, notes of what make a good joint, adjustable heat soldering irons and health hazards.

Rob showed a completed DTMF Remote Control Board the assembled at home.

A 50/50 drawing netted \$27 to Steve **KN6RWD**.

The meeting was closed at 15:20.

Two new members joined the Club at the end of the meeting. ---



Rob demonstrates replacing just the tip on an inexpensive iron. – Photo by Kathie Edwards



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Emergency Communications For Our Community

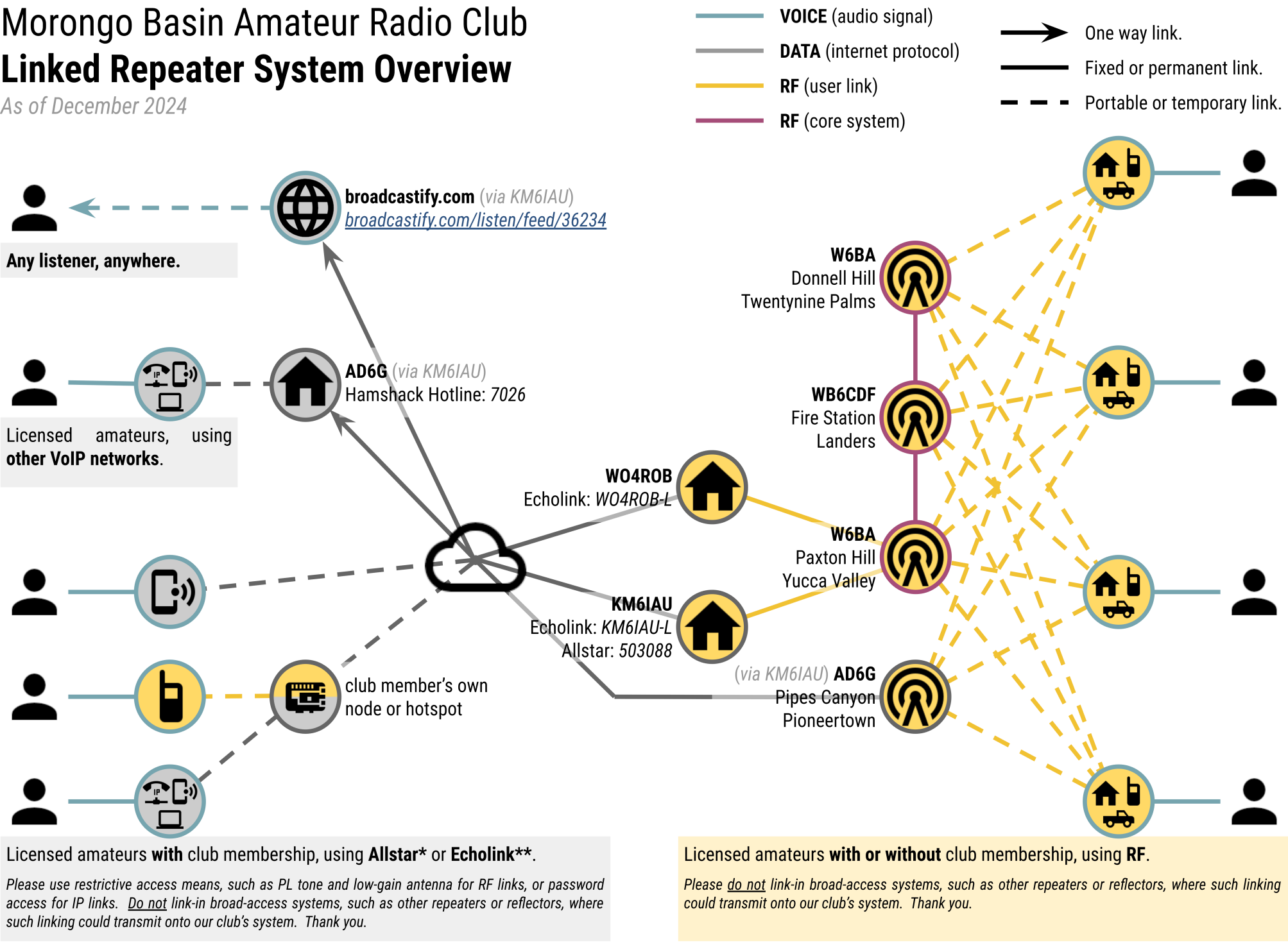
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Linked Repeater System Overview

As of December 2024



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 to submit your request.
** Echolink access may need to be manually set up. Contact linkrequest@W6BA.net to submit your request.

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

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Calendar – MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	1
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Rob WO4ROB	birthday: Judy KK6NWG			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Glenn N6GIW				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Larry AD6G			birthday: Judy N6JLL	1400 – Club mtg , Yucca Mesa Community Center
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Aaron KM6IAU				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Keith N6GKB				
30	31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Paul AA6SM				

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 Newslines
2000 – 2200 East Coast Refl. #45225