

# MBARC Beacon

The Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Newsletter



AUGUST 2025 EDITION

[w6ba.net](http://w6ba.net)

[Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club](https://www.facebook.com/MorongoBasinAmateurRadioClub)



Barb **K6BRB** looks through a collection of QSL cards brought by silent key Bill Adams **W6BA**'s granddaughter Cindy Bernard to July's club meeting. – Photo by Lis **N6NDC**

## Presentation by Cindy Bernard, Granddaughter of Bill Adams **W6BA**

By Lis Schwitters **N6NDC**, submitted on July 25, 2025

Cindy Bernard, granddaughter of Bill Adams **W6BA**, provided a historic look into the background of our club call **W6BA**. The call sign **W6BA** was acquired by Glenn Miller **N6GIW** (the callsign trustee) for our club in 2001 and is used on the club's repeater and for Field Day, retiring the old club call sign **KE6TXL**.

Bill was a founding member of **MBARC** in 1971, and was first licensed in the 1920s as **W6ANN** operating in the Palos Verdes area along with his very close friend Don Wallace **W6AM**. He was an avid DXer and Charter Member of the Southern California DX Club throughout his 75 years as an amateur radio operator.

In the early 1960's Bill looked for property in the Twentynine Palms area and ended up purchasing a 40-acre parcel south of HWY 62 at Shoshone Valley Road, ... [COVER STORY, p. 4](#)

## 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

Aug 16 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

Sep 20 @ 1400 [Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

Oct 18 @ 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 [2<sup>nd</sup> to last page](#) for detailed diagram of the **MBARC** Linked Repeater System or visit [w6ba.net](http://w6ba.net).

Site	$\sim$ MHz	$\pm$	
<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	$\sim$ 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	$\sim$ MHz	$\pm$		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

<i>President</i> --- Paul Edwards	<b>AA6SM</b>
<i>Vice President</i> --- Larry Mollica	<b>AD6G</b>
<i>Secretary</i> --- Jake Jakubowski	<b>N6XIV</b>
<i>Treasurer</i> --- Glenn Miller	<b>N6GIW</b>
<i>Board Members</i> --- Aaron Chesney	<b>KM6IAU</b>
	Bryan Heveron <b>KF6YGK</b>
	Rob Cloutier <b>WO4ROB</b>
<i>Repeater Trustee</i> --- Glenn Miller	<b>N6GIW</b>

<i>Editor</i> --- Aaron Chesney	<b>KM6IAU</b>
<i>Contributors</i> --- Lis Schwitters	<b>N6NDC</b>
	Paul Edwards <b>AA6SM</b>
	Jake Jakubowski <b>N6XIV</b>
	Aaron Chesney <b>KM6IAU</b>
	Maja Chesney <b>KO6DAV</b>
	Larry Mollica <b>AD6G</b>
	Steve Harrison <b>KØXP</b>

### Table of Contents

Presentation by Cindy Bernard, Granddaughter of Bill Adams W6BA.....	1
Meeting Minutes – July 2025.....	3
MBARC Membership Metrics – Jul 30, 2025.....	3
Member Birthdays – August 2025.....	3
Yucca Valley Repeater 12-Volt System Changes.....	5
MBARC Tuesday Net Updated Preamble.....	5
Yucca Valley Repeater Noises, Revisited.....	6
MBARC Personalized Name Tags.....	6
Plan C Orion Antler Spread, KØXP – July 2025.....	7
Linked Repeater System Overview.....	8
Calendar – August 2025.....	9
KD6DIQ AllStarLink Node#28855 Schedule.....	9

### Your Newsletter, Your Voice.

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

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**

442-205-1873, extension 5

[Aaron@KM6IAU.net](mailto:Aaron@KM6IAU.net)

### President's Message

Thanks to those who took over for me, both on the nets and at the meetings, while I was gone for three weeks on vacation. It is sincerely appreciated!

Volunteers are needed for club meeting presentations for the months of August, September and November. The presentation does not necessarily need to be about amateur radio – if you have an interesting hobby or skill we would welcome learning about it.

Please support our nets – ARES Net at 1915 local every Monday, the MBARC net at 1900 local every Tuesday and the “Cawfee Tawk” Net 1000 local every day on the Morongo Basin Linked Repeater System.

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](mailto:w6ba.condition765@slmail.me) and I will always respond to any serious query. After all, this is your club!

73s,

Paul Edwards **AA6SM**

262-412-7323

[w6ba.condition765@slmail.me](mailto:w6ba.condition765@slmail.me)



# Meeting Minutes – JULY 2025

Submitted by Jake Jakubowski **N6XIV**, Club Secretary

Editor’s note: This is an edited version. For the official record, contact the club secretary.

President Paul **AA6SM**, was not able to attend the general meeting due to a fall sustained days prior.

Vice President Larry **AD6G** opened the meeting at 1400 and announced club officers.

Club Treasurer Glenn **N6GIW** reported a club balance of \$2,004.03 after accounting for repeater expenditures.

Larry **AD6G** gave a quick explanation of the failed repeater components.

Guest Cindy Bernard gave a presentation on her grandfather, Bill Adams **W6BA**, highlighting his life and accomplishments in amateur radio. Attendees had the opportunity to view various pictures and memorabilia. Additionally, there is a site located at [69711 Twentynine Palms Hwy](#) that features a structure and poles from a 1,000-foot rhombic antenna.

The 50/50 raffle was held. The secretary counted 22 attendees. The meeting adjourned at 1440. ---

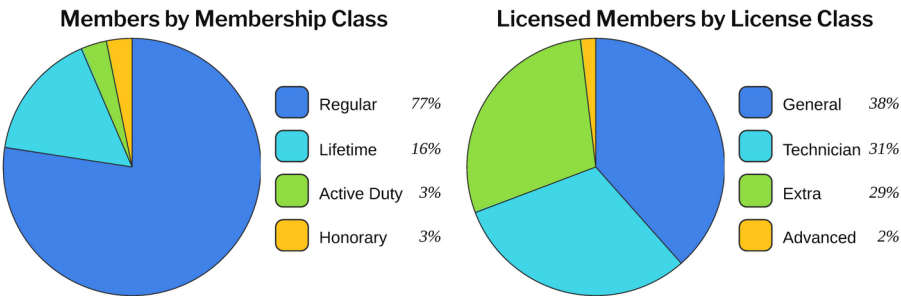
# MBARC Membership Metrics – JUL 30, 2025

Submitted by Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Membership Chair

## Statistics

62	Members Total	
48	members have <b>Regular</b> membership	(77% of <b>all</b> members)
47	<b>Regular</b> members are current	(98% of <b>Regular</b> members)
1	<b>Regular</b> member has <b>expired</b> membership	(2% of <b>Regular</b> members)
5	<b>Regular</b> members have membership <b>expiring soon</b>	(10% of <b>Regular</b> members)
2	members have <b>Active Duty</b> membership	(3% of <b>all</b> members)
10	members have <b>Lifetime</b> membership	(16% of <b>all</b> members)
2	members have <b>Honorary</b> membership	(3% of <b>all</b> members)
29	members are a part of a <b>Family</b> membership	(47% of <b>all</b> members)
33	members have <b>Individual</b> membership	(53% of <b>all</b> members)
52	members are <b>currently licensed</b>	(84% of <b>all</b> members)
16	licensed members are <b>Technician</b> class	(31% of <b>licensed</b> members)
20	licensed members are <b>General</b> class	(38% of <b>licensed</b> members)
1	licensed member is <b>Advanced</b> class	(2% of <b>licensed</b> members)
15	licensed members are <b>Extra</b> class	(29% of <b>licensed</b> members)
10	members are <b>unlicensed</b> or <b>expired license</b>	(16% of <b>all</b> members)

## Charts



## Member Birthdays – AUGUST 2025

Regular Section by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

On behalf of the club, I want to 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](#). ---

Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**  
 [442-205-1983](tel:442-205-1983), extension 6  
 [maj.chesney@gmail.com](mailto:maj.chesney@gmail.com)





## COVER STORY, continued

... building a house and antenna farm with a massive rhombic antenna. Bill was obsessed with ham radio so much so that his grandkids could not watch TV when visiting. The whole family had to live with the sounds of ham radio.

Though Bill was never in the military, he did provide MARS phone patches for those on base and used the same system to speak with Cindy and family in San Pedro from Twentynine Palms.

As an artist, Cindy sought inspiration in Bill's ham radio obsession by creating a body of work called "Deleted Entities". By using the QSL cards from countries that no longer exist, she did research whether the stations were still in operation or now an SK (silent key). She sometimes would receive correspondence from these hams reminiscing about their contact with Bill. Cindy is very aware of the power of this form of communication, stating, "If the world collapses, there's still ham radio."

Bill became a silent key in 1999.

A few of our long-time members have memories of visiting Bill's QTH; Glenn **N6GIW**, had been to the location many times, helping to build the watering system for his trees and to set up a packet station.

Cindy brought historic ephemera for members to peruse: old QSL cards, newspaper clippings, awards, photographs from the 1920s & 1930s, and some items from Bill's station – a key made from a stapler and an old microphone.

Be on the lookout around town as Cindy is not a ham, but was able to acquire her grandfather's call sign on her license plates by adding "29."

For more information, visit Cindy's website:

- \* <https://www.cindybernard.com/works/silent-key-portraits-stations/>
- \* <https://www.cindybernard.com/works/silent-key-deleted-entities/>
- \* <https://www.cindybernard.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/BCA brochure.pdf>

More information about Don Wallace:

- \* **W6AM**'s son's *Harper's Magazine*: <https://harpers.org/tag/don-wallace/> (behind a paywall)
- \* (Video) Interview "Don Wallace **W6AM** 1984" (Interviewed by Wayne Overbeck **N6NB**, my former CSUF professor) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5iVb-3MHEY> ---



A key made from a stapler was among the presented items from Bill's station. – Photo by Lis **N6NDC**

**Cindy Bernard: Silent Key**

For most of my life, I lived with a soundtrack of blips and beeps emanating from my grandfather's "radio room." A dedicated "DXer" operating first as W6AMN and later as W6BA, Bill Adams pursued contact with fellow ham radio operators located in the most distant regions of the world. Deceased in 1999, he remained active until his death in 1999, when he became a "silent key."

The series *Silent Key* maps these communications, which occurred across war-torn political divides and shifts in territorial alliances. It is derived from Adams' archive of 6000 "QSL" cards spanning 1933-1996. QSL cards are exchanged by amateur radio operators to verify a two-way contact. In ham lingo, QSL means, "I hear you" or "I acknowledge receipt." Each card contains the ham's call sign, location and the details of the communication. Because much of amateur radio is in Morse code, hams use the QSL cards to express their personality and/or something about the region in which they live.

resulting in an amazing visual array of graphics, images and vernacular typography representing virtually every country in the world.

*Deleted Entities 1933-1996* consists of scans of cards from hams operating in political entities that no longer exist, such as the USSR, Nazi Germany, Korea and China during Japanese occupation, Japan and Germany during American occupation and Colonial Africa. When sorted by continent and date, the result is a spatial and durational mapping consisting of 115 pieces in an array 6 feet high by 15 feet long. The archive is inevitably incomplete – there isn't necessarily a card for every continent from every year – and these gaps cause the grid to resemble a musical score or perhaps even the rhythm of the code used for many of the contacts.

The site of each work cites three moments in time – the world order of the past as reflected in the entity named on the card (i.e. "Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)"), the entity as it is known today ("Georgia") and the date the prior order shifted ("independent 1991"). That in some cases these terms remain unsorted is a sign of the transient nature of political boundaries.

Cindy Bernard is based in Los Angeles, CA, where she teaches at the Art Center College of Art and Design. She graduated from CalArts in 1986. Bernard's practice includes organizing events, curating and producing sound projects. Bernard is the founder and director of SAS: The Society for the Activation of Social Space through Art and Sound, an organization devoted to the creation, presentation, and recognition of experimental art and sound practices in the Greater Los Angeles area. Additionally she recently co-founded MOCA Mobilization, an advocacy group supporting the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles. Bernard is a Guggenheim Fellow and Creative Capital recipient. Her work has been exhibited in museums and galleries in the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Japan, and was included in the Whitney and Lynn Berrada. In 2005, her work was included in several group shows, including *Index: Conceptualism in California from the Permanent Collection*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; *Vision Programme*, Brandenburgischer Kunstverein, Potsdam; and *Under the Influence*, Art and Culture Center of Hollywood and the Girls Club. Bernard had a solo exhibit at Tracy Williams LTD, New York, this past fall.

A comprehensive Curriculum Vitae with detailed information about her projects can be found on Bernard's web page: [www.sundad.com](http://www.sundad.com).

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Cindy Bernard would like to thank John Baldessari; Ann Goldstein and Christopher Williams; Matthew Rutter at Custom Framing; Chip and Lara Levent at Lumière Editions; Jan Perkins (NIAW); Erika Rottenberg; Stephen Price and David Watson.

The BCA would like to thank Tracy Williams, Ltd, New York.

**CREDITS:**

1. *Silent Key Deleted Entities 1933-1996*  
L.A./N.Y. November 20, 1994  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)  
today: Russian Federation (independent 1991)  
2008  
Framed: 21 x 12 x 12 inches  
Framed: 61 x 42 x 12 inches

2. *Silent Key, America (1933-1996)*  
W6AMN, W6BA/NIAW  
Twentynine Palms, CA  
2007  
Chromogenic print  
Framed: 61 x 42 x 12 inches

3. *Silent Key Portraits*  
L.A./N.Y. 2008  
Dorothy, New Zealand, 1934  
Arthur, Silent Key, unknown  
2008  
Framed print  
24 x 18 x 12 inches

4. *Silent Key Deleted Entities 1933-1996*  
2008/09 November 10, 1994  
Publication  
today: *Deleted Entities* (independent 1996) displayed with text  
2008  
Framed print  
31 x 11 x 12 inches

**About the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA)**  
The Boston Center for the Arts presents and showcases the performing and visual arts and artists of our time. Occupying a city block in the historic South End, the BCA provides a creative home for artists, a welcoming destination for audiences, and an arts connection for youth and community in the South End and across Greater Boston. For more information, visit the BCA online at [www.bcaonline.org](http://www.bcaonline.org).

**About the Mills Gallery**  
The Boston Center for the Arts' Mills Gallery is dedicated to presenting contemporary works by emerging and established artists and curators. The Mills presents 8-10 exhibitions per season in its main space, EXH Room and Guest Room. Through its public program series, the BCA provides multiple opportunities to engage with the exhibits, the artists, and the artwork.

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

**Target**  
**Receptive**  
**parkexpress**  
**ARTS**

**Boston Center for the Arts**  
**Mills Gallery**

**Cindy Bernard: Silent Key**  
December 12, 2008 – February 15, 2009

Image of the brochure from Cindy Bernard's "Silent Key" art exhibition at the Boston Center for Arts circa December 2008. – Image used with permission.



# Yucca Valley Repeater 12-Volt System Changes

By Larry Mollica **AD6G**, submitted on July 29, 2025

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Bryan **KF6YGK** and Glenn **N6GIW** noticed the remote power readings on the 12-volt distribution system on Paxton Hill (the Yucca Valley repeater) were abnormally low, reading about 12.5 volts when the system was idle. Normally, the float voltage on these batteries for a standby application would be in the neighborhood of around 13.5V.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, Clifford **KK6QMS** and I went up the hill and confirmed that the Samlex charger's float voltage was abnormally low. When testing the charger in boost mode, it was able to bring the output to the 14-volt boost voltage, indicating while it had the current capacity needed, it's float voltage smarts was apparently on an extended break.

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, Bryan **KF6YGK** and I went to the site and replaced the defective Samlex charger with a new [Victron IP22](#) 30-amp charger that he had on hand. The new charger has considerably more smarts than the charger it replaces including Bluetooth programmable charge algorithm.

At the same time, we determined that one of the two parallel 12-volt battery strings had aged to the point it was acting less like a battery and more like a resistor. When the charger was offline, this 12V string was pulling current, about 5 amps, from the other battery string, rather than contributing current as it should have been. All the batteries were bulging slightly, the defective batteries even more so. The



Bryan **KF6YGK** connecting new Victron SLA AGM battery. – Photo by Larry **AD6G**

defective string was removed from service at that time.

The board approved the purchase of the new charger and a new battery string, both of which Bryan supplied at-cost. Chris donated a [Tycon TPDIN-Monitor-WEB3](#) remote monitor and control unit that will monitor battery voltage, current, and temperature; and do assorted other functions.

The new [Victron 240Ah deep cycle AGM battery](#) and the remote monitor were installed on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the old batteries were removed from the site.

Work remaining to be done:

- \* Install some additional fuses and/or circuit breakers in the battery enclosure.
- \* Replace missing and degraded insulation panels in the battery enclosure.
- \* Install solar charging system (donated by Bryan **KF6YGK**)
- \* Chris is going to make inquiries to his Samlex contacts to see if they will repair or replace the old charger, which might get reused in a less critical application. ---

## MBARC Tuesday Net Updated Preamble

Submitted by Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, July 30, 2025

You may have noticed a recent change to the **MBARC** Tuesday Net preamble.

Larry **AD6G** presented a modification which includes an invitation for unlicensed listeners to learn more about amateur radio and licensing via the club website. There

is also an invitation for licensed-but-never-transmitted (aka “mic-shy”) amateurs to check-in when the net control operator asks for visitor check-ins.

Net control operators agreed that the update was good and the update went into effect on July 15.

I encourage readers to tune-in to the linked repeater system Tuesday evenings at 7PM (1900). If you're licensed, we'd love to hear your weekly check-in. If you're not yet licensed, we look forward to your licensed, weekly check-in! ---

# Yucca Valley Repeater Noises, Revisited

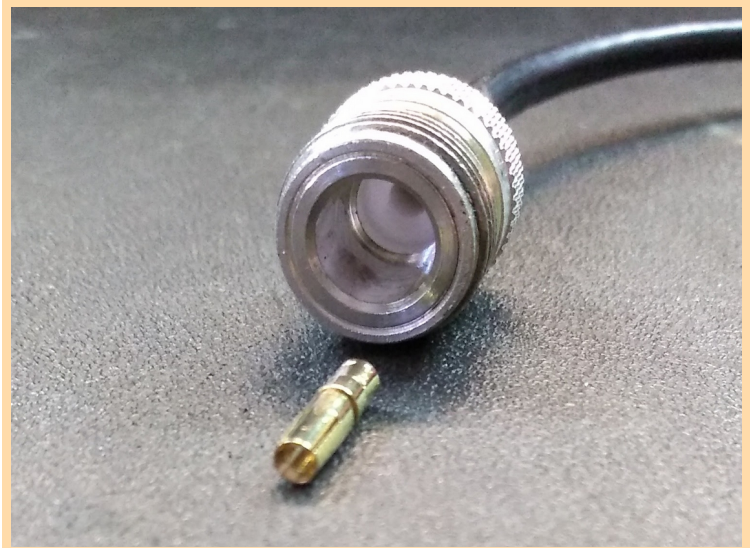
By Larry Mollica AD6G, submitted on July 29, 2025

Readers of the **MBARC Beacon** may remember an article in the [JUNE 2025](#) newsletter describing changes to the Yucca Valley repeater system at the end of April. One of the changes was to replace the Motorola CDM mobile radio that acts as the repeater transmitter. This was done in an attempt to remedy the frequent loud noises heard on the YV repeater's transmit channel. From June:

*"The noise had already been isolated to the transmit signal path on Paxton (as opposed to the receiver or coming over the link from a different site). It's important to note that [the transmitter swap out] was done **even though the transmitter was not known to be the culprit**. Noises can be introduced anywhere in the transmit path, starting from audio coming out of the repeater controller, end with RF at the antenna, and including everything in between. The transmitter was replaced because it was a likely suspect, we had a spare, and it was relatively easy to do..."*

The noises ceased after the the repeater work was performed April 28<sup>th</sup>, and have not been heard since. The transmitter swap solved the problem, *or so it seemed...*

On July 7<sup>th</sup>, while at the site to work on the battery charger problem, I took the opportunity to replace an RG-58 coax jumper cable (also referenced in the April article) with an RG-400 double-shielded, low-loss jumper. This is the coax cable that connects the repeater's transmit radio to the isolator, and from thence to the duplexer, etc. The new jumper terminates as a male N connector, connected directly to the isolator. This eliminated the need for the male-male N adapter that had to be used to connect the old jumper, which had sometime previously been connected directly to the duplexer before the isolator was added.



Faulty end of a coax jumper. Laying in front is the female center pin which had separated from the rest of the old jumper (behind). – Photo by Larry AD6G

After the jumper had been replaced and I was putting gear away, I noticed something odd about the N adapter that I'd removed. There was a metal object sticking out of it that did not belong there. The metal object was in fact the female center pin (see photo) from the coax jumper! It had separated from the N connector on the old jumper. Close inspection revealed that the pin had pulled cleanly off of the center conductor of the jumper's RG-58 coax; it had a weak crimp that had finally let go entirely.

It now seems very likely that this bad crimp was the noise culprit all along. The work done in April involved that cable and it is very likely the noises ceased due to it be jostled enough to at least temporarily make a better connection in the bad crimp. The swapped out radio probably has no issues. In all likelihood, the noises might have returned if that cable had been left in service and either got jostled again, or over time shifted a bit due to thermal changes. Who knows?

The moral of the story: intermittent troubles are the WORST! ---

## MBARC Personalized Name Tags

Looking for a spirited way to showcase your radio club membership? Order your name tag today!

- \* Size: 2.95 × 2.16 inches (7.5 × 5.5 cm)
- \* Thickness: 3mm – Durable and sturdy
- \* Backing: Magnetic – No pins, no hassle!
- \* Price: Just \$8!

✉ [craftedbymaja@gmail.com](mailto:craftedbymaja@gmail.com)

📘 [Crafted by Maja](#)



**Personalized  
Magnetic Name Tag  
FOR ONLY \$8**

MAJA  
For orders, please send an email to [craftedbymaja@gmail.com](mailto:craftedbymaja@gmail.com) or visit [Crafted by Maja](#) on Facebook.



# Plan C Orion Antler Spread, KØXP – JULY 2025

Regular Section by Steve Harrison KØXP, submitted on July 26, 2025

## Introduction

Welcome back to the Plan C Orion Antler Spread Activity Report! For those who are not familiar with this column, every month I present a report on what was worked on the HF CW bands out here in Wonder Valley. However, like the summer doldrums, there wasn't a whole lot of activity this month, either on HF or V/UHF. I am certain that I am forgetting some operating events that occurred during the month but I did not take notes, so I don't recall right now what else may have happened besides what's related below.

## Activity Report

There were a few DXpeditions out there whom I worked on several bands (J79BH on Dominica Island in the Caribbean, and T30TTT in the Northern Kiribati Islands of the South Pacific come to mind); but overall, 'ole Sol didn't precipitate much other ionospheric excitement. There was some aurora in the north and east during the first part of the month, particularly on 6 meters, but it didn't seem to stretch as far south or west as Southern California (that I'm aware of). There was very sporadic Sporadic-Es propagation early this month (that's why it's called "Sporadic-Es") but other than during the CQ WW VHF contest, it didn't really result in any wide-open 6-meter activity in the West.

Over the past month, I have seen quite a few spots from back east for QSOs being made on both aurora as well as sporadic-E, including some to Europe from the Northeast coast. Several easterners also apparently worked Japan!

The weekend following Field Day also saw the running of the CQ World Wide VHF contest. This was the first time I've ever participated in this contest with any semblance of "seriousness"; much of the reason I did is because this contest only takes place on 6 and 2 meters, analog modes only. There was no digital for this weekend's event: the digital version of the contest took place the following weekend, but I don't work digital modes. During Saturday morning of the contest, I got tired of not hearing much using my 160-meter inverted-L wire antenna tuned with an old

Murch 2000A antenna tuner. During the preceding week, I had been assembling my brand new LFA-Q 4-element 6-meter quad antenna (from InnovAntennas and G0KSC), and it was ready to pull up on Saturday morning, once I strapped a gin pole to a strong fence pole and strung a strong rope through the pulleys at the top of the gin pole and at the 15-foot level of the antenna pole. *With a great deal of huffin', puffin', and groanin'*, I was finally able to pull the 20-foot antenna pole with Yaesu G-450A rotor, and the LFA-Q quad antenna mounted above the rotor, up into the air and tie it down. Once it was connected it to my radio, right off, I noticed a BIG difference in what I could now hear on the 6-meter band: it was like night and day!

So now, with my new LFA-Q 4-element quad antenna for 6 meters (it's only up a little more than 20 feet right now), I have some directivity and gain on the band. I did not include my CQ WW VHF contest log here, but did manage to make some 35 QSOs in about 28 grid locators on 6 meters alone during the 24-hours duration of the contest, from W2s in northern New York state and a VE3 in southern Ontario province, through VE7 in British Columbia province, and down to the Houston, Texas area. I also worked a number of fellows in the Maryland-Virginia area. Since I had to drop my 2-meter Yagi to use its rotator on

the 6-meter quad, I did not have a 2-meter antenna available, so didn't work 2 meters during the contest.

So now, when I see spots from the east indicating openings to DX locations, I point my quad in the direction of the DX and listen as well as calling CQ, hoping for an extension of the opening to the west coast. Over the past month after the contest, however, other than several guys down in San Diego working several Japanese, I have not heard much in particular.

The table below describes what can be worked on HF CW, 160 meters through 6 meters, within one month or less, with very modest, low wire antennas or a 4L quad on 6 meters from the hi-desert: specifically, Wonder Valley. Right now, I mainly chase DX, especially new countries. I try to work as many new countries as possible on any band (except 60 meters) from 160 meters to 6 meters, as well as other interesting stations from time to time.

This concludes the Plan C Orion Antler Spread activity report this month. If you would like help or advice on CW operation on HF, just drop me a note at [k0xp@k0xp.com](mailto:k0xp@k0xp.com) and I'll get right back to you.

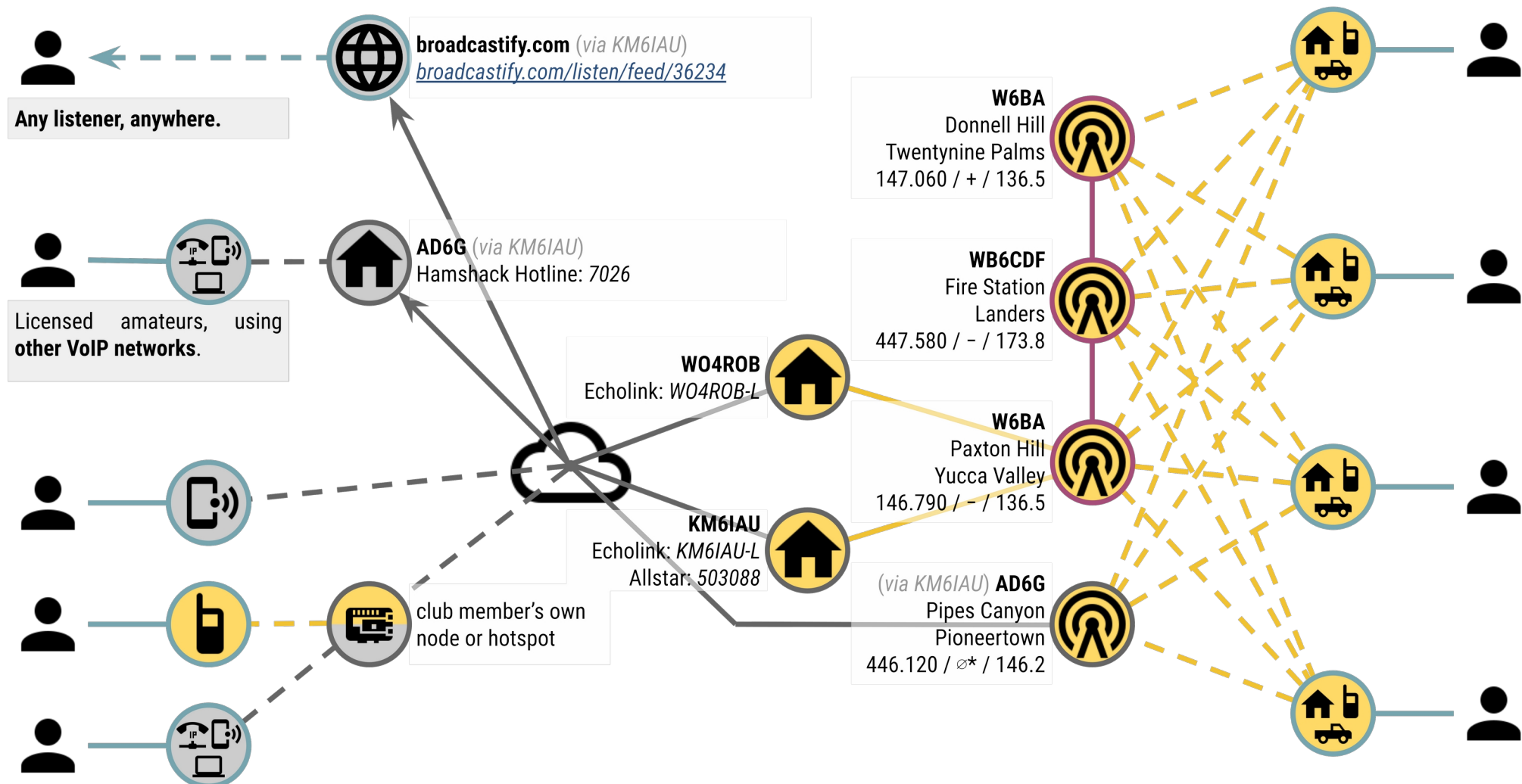
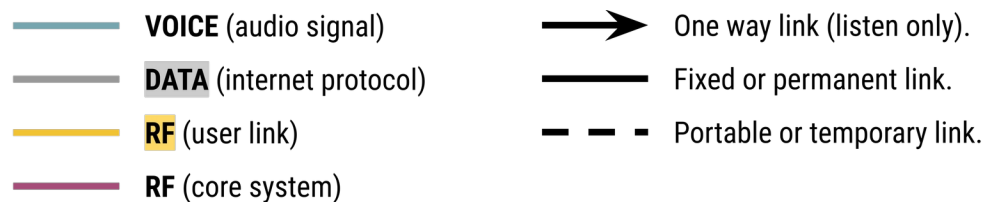
73, Steve KØXP (/6) ---

Date and Time UTC	Freq KHz	Callsign	RST		Country	Comments
			Sent	Rcvd		
2025/06/25 23:37	18 073.0	J79BH	599	599	Dominica	1st band
2025/06/26 18:18	50 098.5	N2KW	579	579	New York	FN32, double-hop Es
2025/06/26 18:47	50 098.5	KB0ZOM	599	539		EN00
2025/06/26 18:51	50 098.5	KW7Q	579	559		DN70
2025/06/26 23:25	50 098.5	W6TDX	539	559		DM24
2025/06/27 07:25	10 108.0	J79BH	599	599	Dominica	2nd band
2025/06/27 07:54	14 025.0	J79BH	599	599	Dominica	3rd band
2025/07/03 11:19	14 030.0	JD1BMH	599	599	Ogasawara Isl.	
2025/07/11 22:11	18 072.0	T30TTT	599	599	W Kiribati Isls.	
2025/07/11 23:42	14 017.0	TY5AD	599	599	Benin	QSO??
2025/07/15 15:15	50 097.0	AE2DX	559	559		EL88
2025/07/15 15:19	50 097.0	KJ4E	449	449		EL99
2025/07/16 01:32	50 098.5	K9MU	599	559		EN44
2025/07/21 16:08	50 098.5	W5NM	599	579		DM62
2025/07/21 17:24	50 098.6	VE7EXW	579	569	BC, Canada	
2025/07/21 19:17	50 098.5	K7SS	599	55/99		Danny in Wash state
2025/07/22 15:07	50 098.5	K5DC	599	599		EM12
2025/07/23 03:24	50 098.5	WA7SDI	579	599		CN84

# Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club

## Linked Repeater System Overview

As of June 2025



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

Please use restrictive access, such as PL tone and low-gain antenna for RF links, or password 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.

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.

\* This is a simplex node, not a repeater. You must wait for the carrier to drop before transmitting.

\*\* 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.



Calendar – AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	1	2
	1915 – <b>ARES</b> net	1900 – <b>Club net</b> ctrl: Paul <b>AA6SM</b>	birthday: Ellie Sherwin			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1915 – <b>ARES</b> net	1900 – <b>Club net</b> ctrl: Keith <b>N6GKB</b>	birthday: Paul <b>AA6SM</b>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1915 – <b>ARES</b> net	1900 – <b>Club net</b> ctrl: Glenn <b>N6GIW</b>	birthday: Todd <b>KD6DIQ</b>		birthday: Dick <b>N6NRA</b>	1400 – <b>Club mtg</b> , <a href="#">Yucca Mesa</a> <a href="#">Community Center</a>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	1915 – <b>ARES</b> net	1900 – <b>Club net</b> ctrl: Fred <b>WO6C</b>				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1915 – <b>ARES</b> net	1900 – <b>Club net</b> ctrl: Aaron <b>KM6IAU</b>				
31						

**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 – 1930 East Coast Refl. #45225

**THU**

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1700 – 1930 East Coast Refl. #45225

**FRI**

0400 – 0730 East Coast Refl. #45225  
1000 – 1300 Alaska Morning #29332  
1820 – 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