



APRIL 2026 EDITION

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President's Message

As we leave winter for spring and summer months, there are two important events in which the Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club generally participates, including the *Eighth Annual "Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor" Emergency Fair* and the ARRL Field Day, which is the biggest event of the year sponsored by the ARRL. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC (1100 Pacific) Saturday and running through 2059 UTC (1359 Pacific) Sunday. ([source](#)) Field Day 2026 is June 27-28.

Please support our nets – ARES Net at 1915 local every Monday and the **MBARC** net at 1900 local every Tuesday 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. The Board can be contacted at the club's email address w6ba.condition765@slmail.me and any serious query will receive a response. After all, this is your club!

73s,



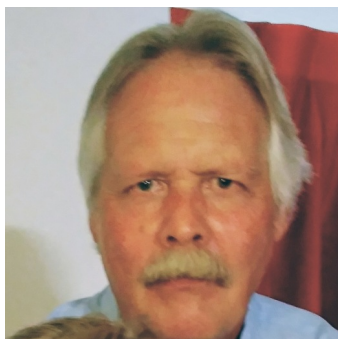
Paul Edwards **AA6SM**



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Next Club Meeting

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2:00 PM
[Yucca Mesa Community Center](#)

Local Amateur Radio Info At A Glance

Local Nets

 Net Name	 Day	@	Time 
Amateur Radio Emergency Service	MON	@	7:15 pm
MBARC Weekly Net	TUE	@	7:00 pm
MBARC "Cawfee Tawk"	DAILY	@	10:00 am

MBARC Linked Repeater System RF Links

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

MBARC Linked Repeater System VoIP Links

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

Other LocalLinkedSystems

 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

President ---	Paul Edwards	AA6SM
Vice President ---	Jim Stewart	KI6WTI
Secretary ---	Aaron Chesney	KM6IAU
Treasurer ---	Glenn Miller	N6GIW
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	Judy Cloutier	KK6NWG
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Next Month's Contributors --- <i>Your name belongs here. Please consider sharing your ham radio endeavors for the club newsletter.</i>		

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MBARC Personalized Name Tags

Most regular attendees of club meetings already have theirs – do you have yours? **MBARC** personalized name tags are a great way to showcase your radio club spirit to newcomers and long-timers alike. 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!

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Magnetic Name Tag

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Happy
Birthday

APRIL 1 CLIFFORD NOVEY **KK6QMS**
APRIL 21 MANUEL BORGES **AE6SG**

FROM YOUR **MBARC** FAMILY





MBARC Regular Meeting Minutes – MARCH 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Secretary

The regular meeting took place at the Yucca Mesa Community Center on MARCH 21, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Edwards **AA6SM** at 14:00.

The President welcomed attendees, new hams, and new-to-us hams. Counterclockwise around the table, attendees introduced themselves with some combination of name, callsign, location, and/or relationship to another.

Secretary Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU** referred attendees to the JANUARY 2026 meeting minutes distributed before the meeting.

Treasurer Glenn Miller **N6GIW** orated the treasury report. (Summarized below.)

Description	Income	Expense	Balance
Starting balance			3,328.26
Membership dues/renewals	140.00		
Proceeds from 50/50 raffle	53.00		
PO Box fee		242.00	
Meeting supplies		20.00	
Reported Ending balance			3,259.26

Membership Chair Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU** referred members to the printed report distributed before the meeting. He mentioned adjusting the printed roster to be more readable. He mentioned maybe sending postcards introducing local, licensed, non-members to our club.

The President brought up Summer Field Day. Vice President Jim Stewart **KI6WTI** mentioned that getting anything concrete this soon would be difficult. The President acknowledged and reminded the club to keep it in mind.

The President brought up the 8th Annual “Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor” Emergency Fair. Aaron **KM6IAU** mentioned that he has the club’s pop-up tent, table, and chairs available to whomever planned on attending. Jim **KI6WTI**, Larry **AD6G**, and Paul **AA6SM** mentioned they would likely attend.

The President turned the meeting over to Kathie Edwards for comment about meeting refreshments. Kathie reported that she will be bringing coffee back to the meetings, which had been paused while she attended to family matters. She asked members who might want to celebrate a birthday or event [during a club meeting] to let her know and she would work it out with them.

The President then turned the meeting over to Aaron **KM6IAU** for a presentation on buttons and switches. The multimedia presentation included a slideshow, a live demonstration, and a take-home flowchart reminding presentation attendees that no one actually cares if a switch should actually be called a button, or visa versa.

After the presentation, the President called for any other business. Jim Dunham **KO6FAY** mentioned that the Wonder Valley Community Center (WVCC) repairs are underway. Larry **AD6G** mentioned that he and Rob **WO4ROB** had been in email contact with Jim **KO6FAY** regarding the possibility of a ham radio crash course at the WVCC. Jim **KO6FAY** said he would update them when the repairs are complete.

Maja **KO6DAV** conducted the 50/50 raffle. The winner was Glenn Miller **N6GIW**, who donated it back to the club, thus making the proceeds toward the club \$53.00.

The head count was 15. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 14:32.



MBARC Membership Report – APRIL 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Membership Chair



Overview

This is the membership report for the **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** as of March 29, 2026. This report is accompanied by the current roster when distributed to members at club meetings. If you are a current member, cannot attend meetings, and require an up-to-date copy of the roster, you may send your request by [email](#).

License class and expiration data is pulled from the FCC database based on the callsign we have on record for members. An expired license is counted as 'unlicensed'.

Statistics

61 Members Total	100% of all members
45 members have Regular membership	74% of all members
43 Regular members have current membership	96% of Regular members
2 Regular members have expired membership	4% of Regular members
5 Regular members have membership expiring soon	11% of Regular members
2 members have Active Duty membership	3% of all members
10 members have Lifetime membership	16% of all members
4 members have Honorary membership	7% of all members
29 members are part of a Family membership	48% of all members
32 members have Individual membership	52% of all members
51 members are currently licensed	84% of all members
14 licensed members are Technician class	27% of licensed members
22 licensed members are General class	43% of licensed members
1 licensed member is Advanced class	2% of licensed members
14 licensed members are Extra class	27% of licensed members
10 members are currently unlicensed	16% of all members

Established Membership Policies

Family Membership

Family Membership is limited to the immediate family members of the primary member.

Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships are automatically Family memberships.

Members with 5 years of continuous membership upon turning 90 are eligible for Honorary Membership.

Lifetime Memberships

Lifetime memberships are automatically Family Memberships.

Expired Membership

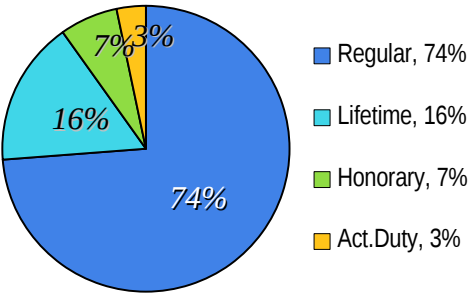
There is a two-month grace period for expired memberships. If a member renews their membership during the grace period, the membership is treated as continuous. *For the computation of the included **Statistics** and **Charts**, they are counted without exclusion.*

Contact

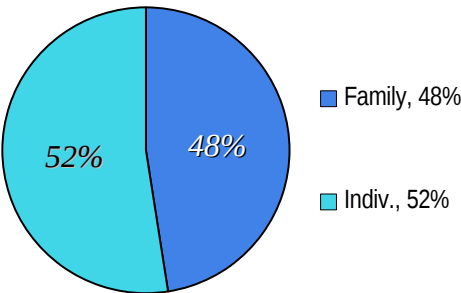
Send your membership inquires and updates to Aaron@KM6IAU.net.

Charts

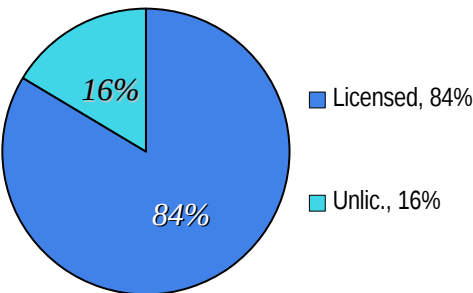
Membership By Class



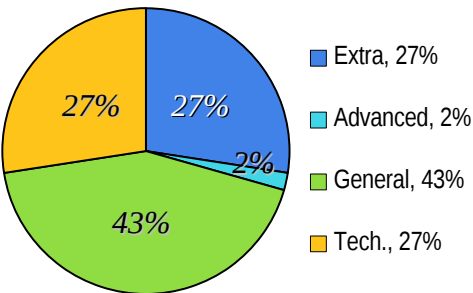
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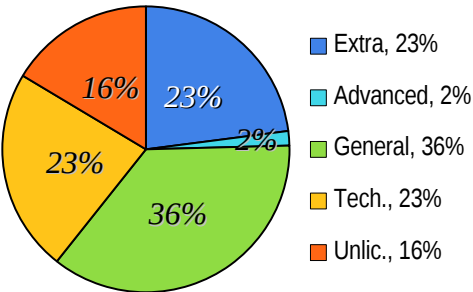
Licensed vs. Unlicensed



License Classes (Licensed Only)



License Classes (All Members)



Historic MBARC Photos – Field Day 2012

Collage by Maja Chesney KO6DAV



Historic MBARC Photos – Field Day 2012, continued

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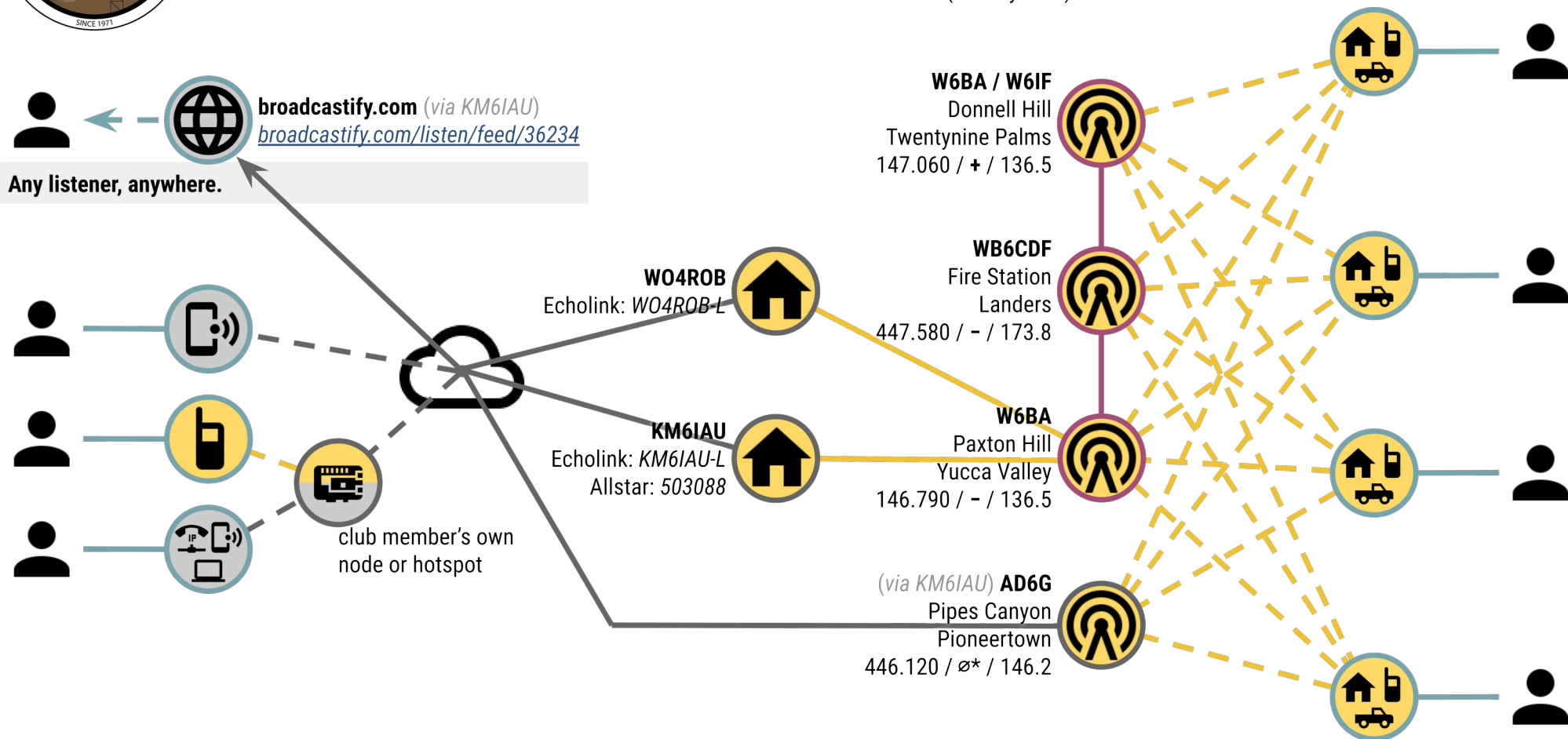
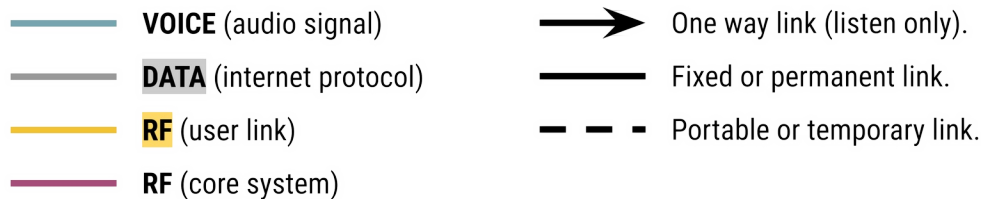


	STATION1	STATION2	STATION3	STATION4	STATION5	STATION6	STATION7	STATION8	STATION9	VHF
1100-1300	REN	10V	MANNA	PAVEL	WAGNER					WAGNER
1300-1500			15V	15V	20V					OPEN
1500-1700			WAGNER							
1700-1900										
1900-2100										
2100-2300										
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2500-2700										
2700-2900										
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3100-3300										
3300-3500										
3500-3700										
3700-3900										
3900-4100										



Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Linked Repeater System Overview

As of October 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.

Any licensed amateur 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. There is no transmit frequency offset. You must wait for the carrier to drop before transmitting.

** 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.

MBARC Calendar – APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	1	2	3	4
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Aaron KM6IAU				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Glenn N6GIW				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Fred WO6C				1400 – Club mtg , Yucca Mesa Community Center
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Chris WB6CDF				
26	27	28	29	30	May 1	May 2
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Larry AD6G				

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
 1800 – 2400 WIN System #2560

SAT

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