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MORONGO BASIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
presents

Ham Radio AUCTION



**Got extra ham gear?
Bring it to the auction!
All proceeds help support our club.**

Saturday, May 16
At the 2pm Monthly Meeting

Yucca Mesa Community Center
3133 Balsa Ave., Yucca Valley, CA

Next Club Meeting

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 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 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	$\sim$ MHz	$\pm$	
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	$\emptyset$	146.2

MBARC Linked Repeater System VoIP Links

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

Other Local Linked Systems

 Site	$\sim$ MHz	$\pm$		 System	# Node/TG
KD6DIQ YV	145.770	$\emptyset$	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
Board Members ---	Bryan Heveron	KF6YGK
	Judy Cloutier	KK6NWG
Repeater Trustee ---	Glenn Miller	N6GIW

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Next Month's Contributors --- Your name belongs here. Please consider sharing your ham radio endeavors for the club newsletter.

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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

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Personalized
Magnetic Name Tag



(SAMPLE)

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HAPPY
Birthday

KM6QQP
Loren McCorkle
May 29

 FROM YOUR MBARC FAMILY

MBARC Regular Meeting Minutes – APRIL 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Secretary

The regular meeting took place at the Yucca Mesa Community Center on APRIL 18, 2026. An attendance sheet was circulated during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Edwards **AA6SM** at 13:56.

The President welcomed attendees, new hams, and new-to-us hams.

Bill **KD4JMI**, a new-to-us ham introduced himself.

Clockwise 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 MARCH 2026 meeting minutes distributed before the meeting.

Treasurer Glenn Miller **N6GIW** orated the treasury report:

Description	Balance
End of last meeting bank balance	3259.26
Current bank balance	3296.26

Membership Chair Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU** referred to the printed membership report distributed before the meeting. Some improvements were made to the readability of the membership report. The outreach project is currently paused as he need to give time to other projects, too. More flexible payment options are available for membership dues.

Social Media Committee Member Maja Chesney **KO6DAV** orated the Social Media Committee report. She detailed follower counts and encouraged members to share old club photos in the Facebook group. She gave the account names for the Instagram and X accounts. Attendees were encouraged to follow on those platforms.

The Facebook group is open, but the first post will need admin approval. The admins are Rob Cloutier **WO4ROB**, Judy Laffoon **N6JLL**, and Maja **KO6DAV**. Posts must be ham radio related. The committee welcomes improvement suggestions. Finally, she thanked those who are liking, commenting, and sharing.

The President called for old business. The *8th Annual "Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor" Emergency Fair* was postponed due to weather, and rescheduled for May 9. Volunteers were directed to contact Paul **AA6SM**.

The President moved to new business. Paul **AA6SM** and Kathie will be gone from May 14 to on-or-about June 14 for family matters. He can be reached by phone or email if needed.

Glenn **N6GIW** will hold an auction during the next meeting. He will send an email to members with the items and starting bids. Others are invited to bring their items to auction, also.

Field Day Coordinator and Vice President Jim Stewart **KI6WTI** asked members to reach out to him to give him a hand with the planning. Discussion followed for several minutes.

Larry Mollica **AD6G** gave a presentation on early amateur radio FM repeater history and trivia. The presentation included a slideshow, show-and-tell, and "they don't make 'em like they used to" vibes framed positively.

Maja **KO6DAV** conducted the 50/50 raffle. There was \$28 in tickets sold. The winner was Kathie Edwards. Limited denominations meant the winner took \$15, while the club took \$13.

There were 22 names on the attendance sheet. The President asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Aaron **KM6IAU**, 2nd by Jim **KI6WTI**. The meeting was adjourned at 14:54. ---



MBARC Membership Report – MAY 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Membership Chair



Overview

This is the membership report for the **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** as of April 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

45 **Distinct Memberships** (Family memberships often include multiple members.)

61 **Members Total**

100% of **all** members

45 members with **Regular** membership class

74% of **all** members

44 of them have **current** membership

98% of **Regular** members

2 of them have **expiring soon** membership

4% of **Regular** members

1 of them has **expired** membership

2% of **Regular** members

2 members with **Active Duty** membership class

3% of **all** members

10 members with **Lifetime** membership class

16% of **all** members

4 members with **Honorary** membership class

7% of **all** members

29 members are part of a **Family** membership type

48% of **all** members

32 members have **Individual** membership type

52% of **all** members

52 members are currently **licensed**

85% of **all** members

14 licensed members are **Technician** class

27% of **licensed** members

23 licensed members are **General** class

44% of **licensed** members

1 licensed member is **Advanced** class

2% of **licensed** members

14 licensed members are **Extra** class

27% of **licensed** members

9 members are currently **unlicensed**

15% of **all** members

Established Membership Policies

Family Membership

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

Lifetime Memberships

Lifetime memberships are automatically Family Memberships.

Honorary Membership

Honorary memberships are automatically Family memberships.

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

Expired Membership

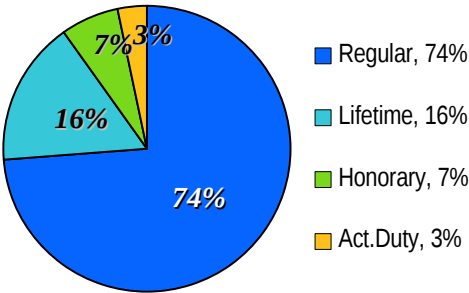
There is a two-month grace period for expired memberships. If a member renews their membership during the grace period, the membership is treated as continuous. *For the computation of the included **Statistics** and **Charts**, they are counted without exclusion.*

Contact

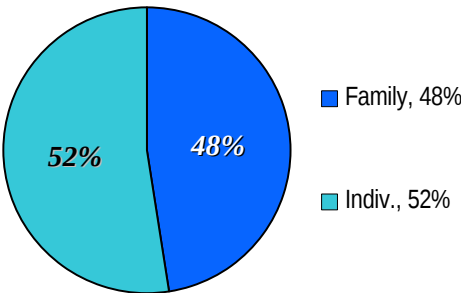
Send your membership inquires and updates to Aaron@KM6IAU.net.

Charts

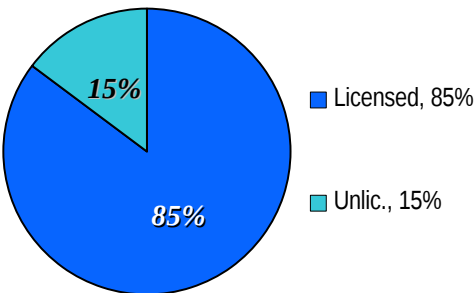
Membership By Class



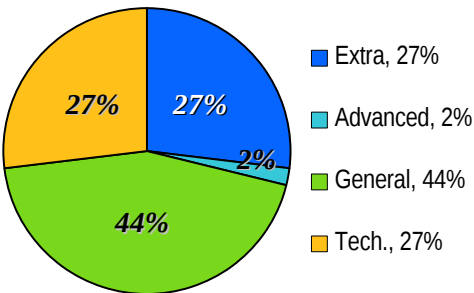
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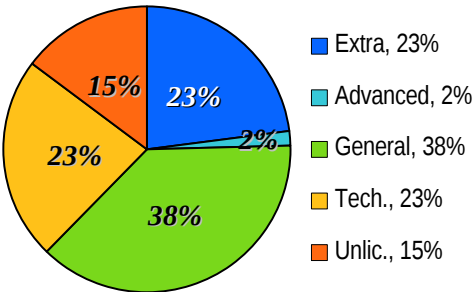
Licensed vs. Unlicensed



License Classes (Licensed Only)

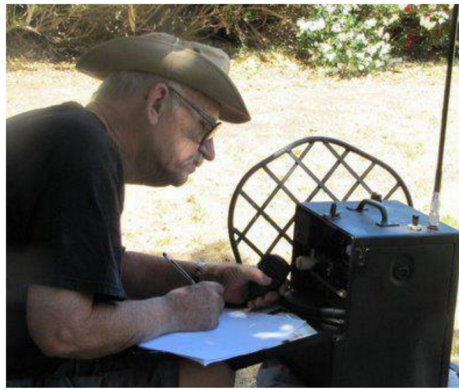


License Classes (All Members)



Historic MBARC Photos – Field Day 2008

Collage by Maja Chesney *KO6DAV*



Historic **MBARC** Photos – Field Day 2008, continued

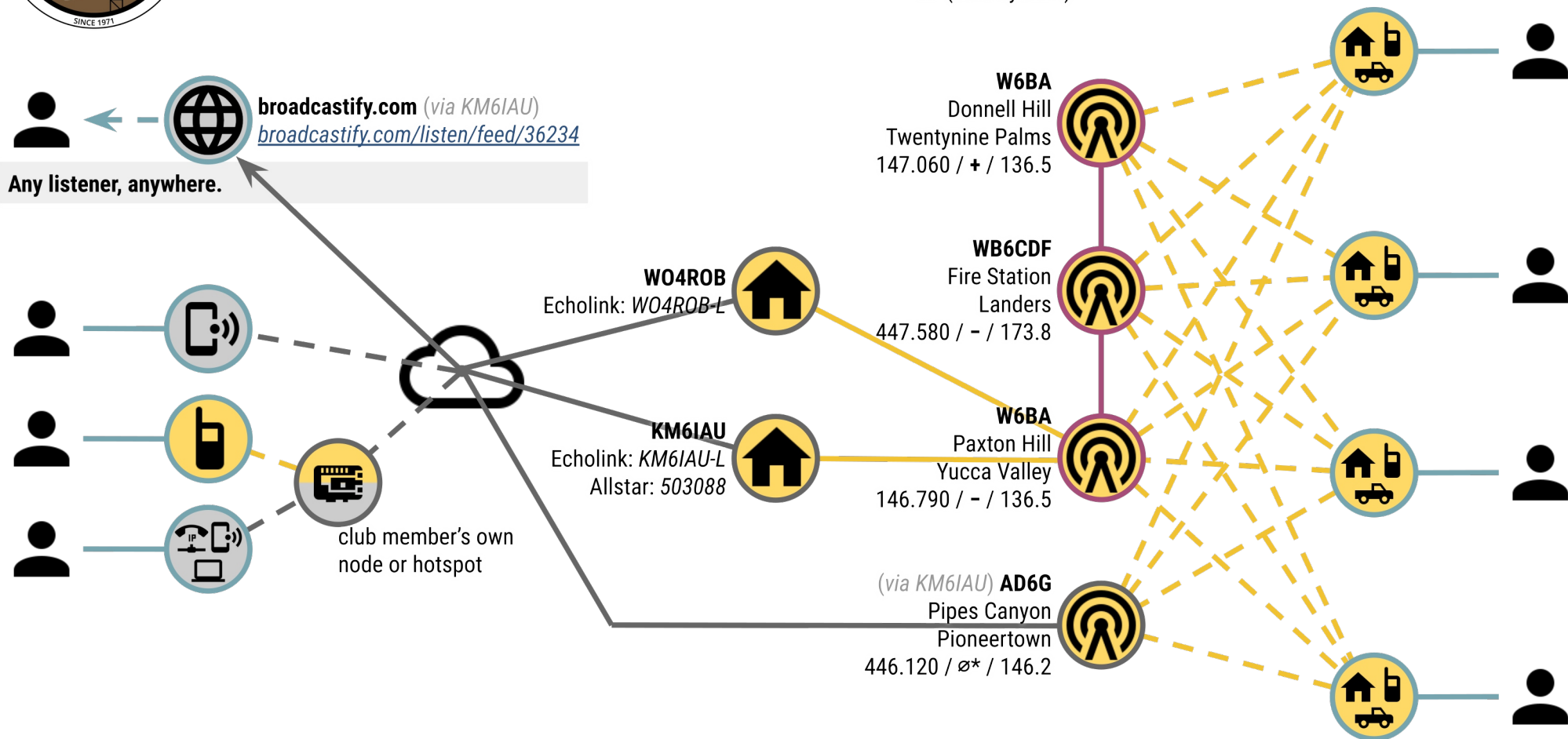
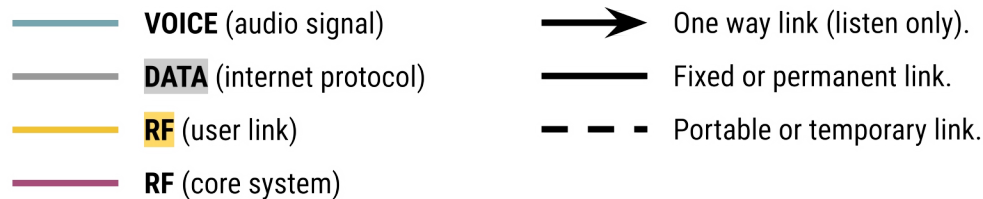
Collage by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**





Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Linked Repeater System Overview

As of April 2026



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 – MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	1	2
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Larry AD6G				
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Rob WO4ROB				0900 – 8th Annual Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor Emergency Fair Walmart parking lot
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Judy KK6NWG				1400 – Club mtg, Yucca Mesa Community Center
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Glenn N6GIW				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Aaron KM6IAU				
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**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