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**IS BACK
TO THE BASIN!**

*“Cawfee Tawk”, the daily informal net, is ressurected to its historic fashion, now hosted by Judy Cloutier **KK6NWG**.*

Cawfee Tawk Returns

Submitted by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

The Cawfee Tawk Net is finally back! After the net went unhosted and mostly quiet for months, Judy Cloutier **KK6NWG** took the lead and restarted the net on May 28, 2026. On the day of its return, eight amateur radio operators checked-in to say hello, share their plans, and talk about how their day was going.

The Cawfee Tawk Net originally began on March 30, 2020. It was initiated by Roger Sherwin **KF6BIG** and hosted for five years by Rob Cloutier **WO4ROB**. Others subbed, including Keith Board **N6GKB**, Todd Root **KD6DIQ**, and Paul Edwards **AA6SM**. Paul later went on to be the regular host after Rob **WO4ROB**'s tenure.

All licensed amateur radio operators are welcome to participate in the Cawfee Tawk Net. The net runs every day from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the **MBARC** Linked Repeater System. ---

Next Club Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 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	$\pm$	
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	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 Local Linked Systems

 Site	 MHz	$\pm$		 System	# Node/TG
KD6DIQ YV	145.770	Ø	67.0	AllStar	<u>28855</u>
WB6CDF YV	447.000	–	 10	DMR/BM	TS1: TG 3106 TS2: TG 2

MBARC Board of Directors

President ---	Paul Edwards	AA6SM
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Treasurer ---	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!

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Thickness:	3mm – Durable and sturdy
Backing:	Magnetic – No pins, no hassle!

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

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HAPPY
Birthday



JUNE 1	GLENN MILLER, N6GIW
JUNE 1	CHARLOTTE MILLER, K6EEF
JUNE 1	MAJA CHESNEY, KO6DAV
JUNE 2	DEAN CALDWELL, KE6VIA
JUNE 24	ROB CLOUTIER, WO4ROB
JUNE 30	KATHIE EDWARDS

 FROM YOUR MBARC FAMILY

MBARC Regular Meeting Minutes – MAY 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Secretary

The regular meeting took place at the Yucca Mesa Community Center on MAY 16, 2026. An attendance sheet was circulated during the meeting.

Vice President Jim Stewart **KI6WTI** presided as Meeting Chair and called the meeting to order at 14:00.

Attendees were welcomed.

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

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

Description	Amount
5 × Indiv. membership, 1-yr	+150.00
2 × Indiv. membership, 6-mo	+30.00
1 × Family membership, 1 yr	+40.00
50/50 drawing from last mtg	+13.00
Current bank balance	3484.26

Membership Chair Aaron **KM6IAU** referred to the printed membership report distributed before the meeting. The “Statistics” section now includes a count of distinct memberships. The printed roster is revised to be more readable.

Social Media Committee Member Maja Chesney **KO6DAV** orated a brief

Social Media Committee report. Members are encouraged to post ham radio-related or club-related content to the club’s social media pages.

Field Day Coordinator and Vice President Jim Stewart **KI6WTI** lead discussion on Field Day for several minutes.

There was no 50/50 drawing.

At 14:32, Aaron **KM6IAU** made a motion to adjourn. Loren McCorkle **KM6QQP** seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 14:33.

There was an auction after the meeting. ---

MBARC’s ARRL Field Day 2026

Submitted by Vice President Jim Stewart **KI6WTI** on May 20, 2026

Summer Field Day is quickly approaching, and it's time for us to lock down our plans and location.

Paul Edwards **AA6SM** has generously suggested that we hold our Field Day operations at his residence this year. Personally, I have no problem with this idea and think it could give us a great foundation for a successful deployment.

However, this is our club's event, and I want to make sure everyone has a voice. I would like to know what the members of the club have to say about this proposal, and I welcome any suggestions or feedback you might have.

A Return to 29 Palms?

As long as I have been a member of this club, we have never held Field Day right here in Twentynine Palms. I have heard rumors that it was done here sometime in the past, but it hasn't happened in recent memory. Operating locally would be a fantastic milestone for us and a great way to represent amateur radio in our immediate community.

Who Wants to Operate?

To get the ball rolling, we need to know who is planning to get behind the mic or the key this year.

- * Who wants to operate?
- * What modes (Phone, CW, Digital/FT8) are you interested in running?

Share Your Thoughts

[Send me an email](#) with your input on:

- * Using Paul’s residence as our official site;
- * Any equipment, power sources (like solar or battery banks), or antennas you are willing to bring;
- * Any alternative location suggestions if you have them.

Your feedback is greatly appreciated. Let's work together to make this a safe, fun, and memorable Field Day for the club! ---

 Jim Stewart **KI6WTI**
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★ 2026 ARRL FIELD DAY ★



PARTICIPATE IN YOUR LOCAL
ARRL FIELD DAY
JUNE 27-28

Be a part of the **most popular on-the-air operating event** in amateur radio. Join your local community and get in on the action!

www.arrl.org/FieldDay



Official ARRL Field Day 2026 info at <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

MBARC Membership Report – JUNE 2026

Aaron Chesney **KM6IAU**, Membership Chair



Overview

This is the membership report for the **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** as of May 31, 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
1 of them has expiring soon membership	2% 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
22 licensed members are General class	42% of licensed members
1 licensed member is Advanced class	2% of licensed members
15 licensed members are Extra class	29% 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.

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

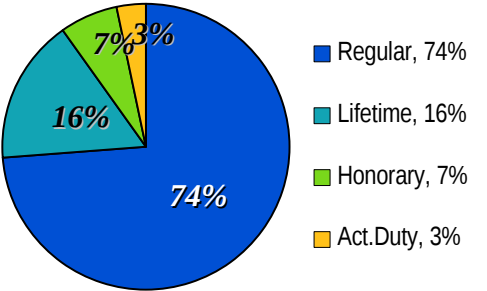
There is a two-month grace period for expired memberships. If a member renews their membership during the grace period, the membership is treated as continuous. *For the computation of the included **Statistics** and **Charts**, they are counted without exclusion.*

Contact

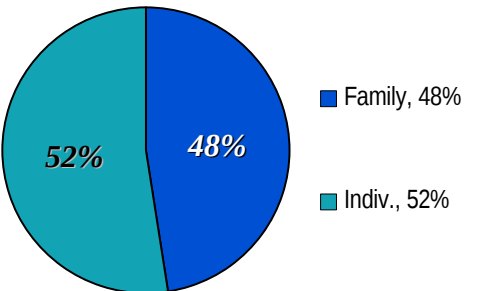
Send your membership inquires and updates to Aaron@KM6IAU.net.

Charts

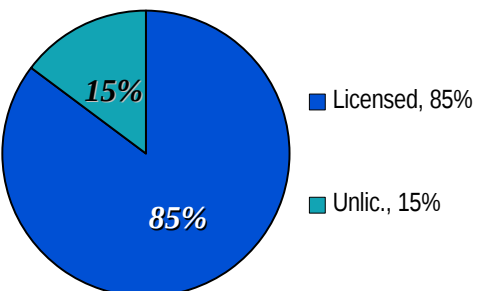
Membership By Class



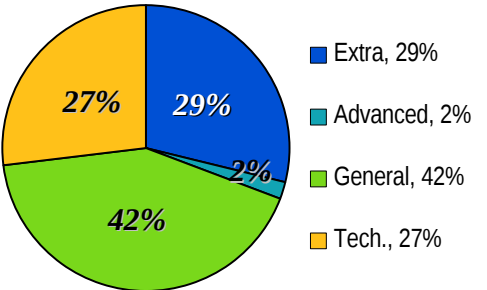
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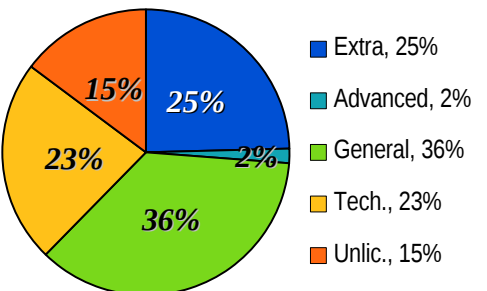
Licensed vs. Unlicensed



License Classes (Licensed Only)



License Classes (All Members)



MBARC At Community Preparedness Event

Submitted by Maja Chesney **KO6DAV**

The **Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club** participated in the 8th Annual “Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor” Community Preparedness Event on May 9, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Walmart parking lot in Yucca Valley, California.

Club members Larry Mollica **AD6G**, Jim Stewart **KI6WTI**, Rob Cloutier **WO4ROB**, Judy Cloutier **KK6NWG**, Kathie Edwards, and Miya Ferrell attended the event and engaged with residents and visitors throughout the day. Led by Club President Paul Edwards **AA6SM**, the group welcomed attendees into their booth and tent area to learn more about amateur radio communications, how radios operate, and how they can be used during emergencies and disaster situations.

Club members demonstrated the important role amateur radio can play when traditional communication systems become unavailable during emergencies. The club's goal was to support the entire local emergency services community by promoting awareness, preparedness, and reliable communication resources.

The “Help Yourself, Help Your Neighbor” event is a family-friendly community fair organized annually by the Morongo Basin Community organizations active in disaster and the High Desert Emergency Action Alliance. The free public event is designed to help residents prepare for emergency situations through education, community engagement, and hands-on activities.

Attendees had an opportunity to meet local first responders, participate in interactive emergency preparedness workshops, watch live demonstrations, and connect with community organizations dedicated to public safety and disaster readiness.



Left to right: Kathie Edwards, Judy **KK6NWG**, Paul **AA6SM**, and Rob **WO4ROB** posted at the **MBARC** booth during the event. – Photo by Larry **AD6G**

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Anniversary
YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
1991 - 2026

HELP YOURSELF HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

**MAY 9TH
9AM-1PM**

FREE & FAMILY FRIENDLY

ReadyTogetherFair.org

A perfect blend of fun, learning, and community spirit aimed at empowering you and your neighbors for any situation.

- Meet 1st & 2nd Responders
- Emergency Preparedness
- Interactive & Hands-on
- Community Fair
- Workshops
- Demos

Yucca Valley Walmart Parking Lot

**RESCHEDULED
NEW DATE: 5/9**

The flyer for the event. – Source: <https://hdeaa.org/help-yourself-help-your-neighbor>

Historic **MBARC** Photos – Field Day 2010

Collage by Maja Chesney *KO6DAV*



Historic MBARC Photos – Field Day 2010, continued

Collage by Maja Chesney KO6DAV



Historic MBARC Photos – Field Day 2011

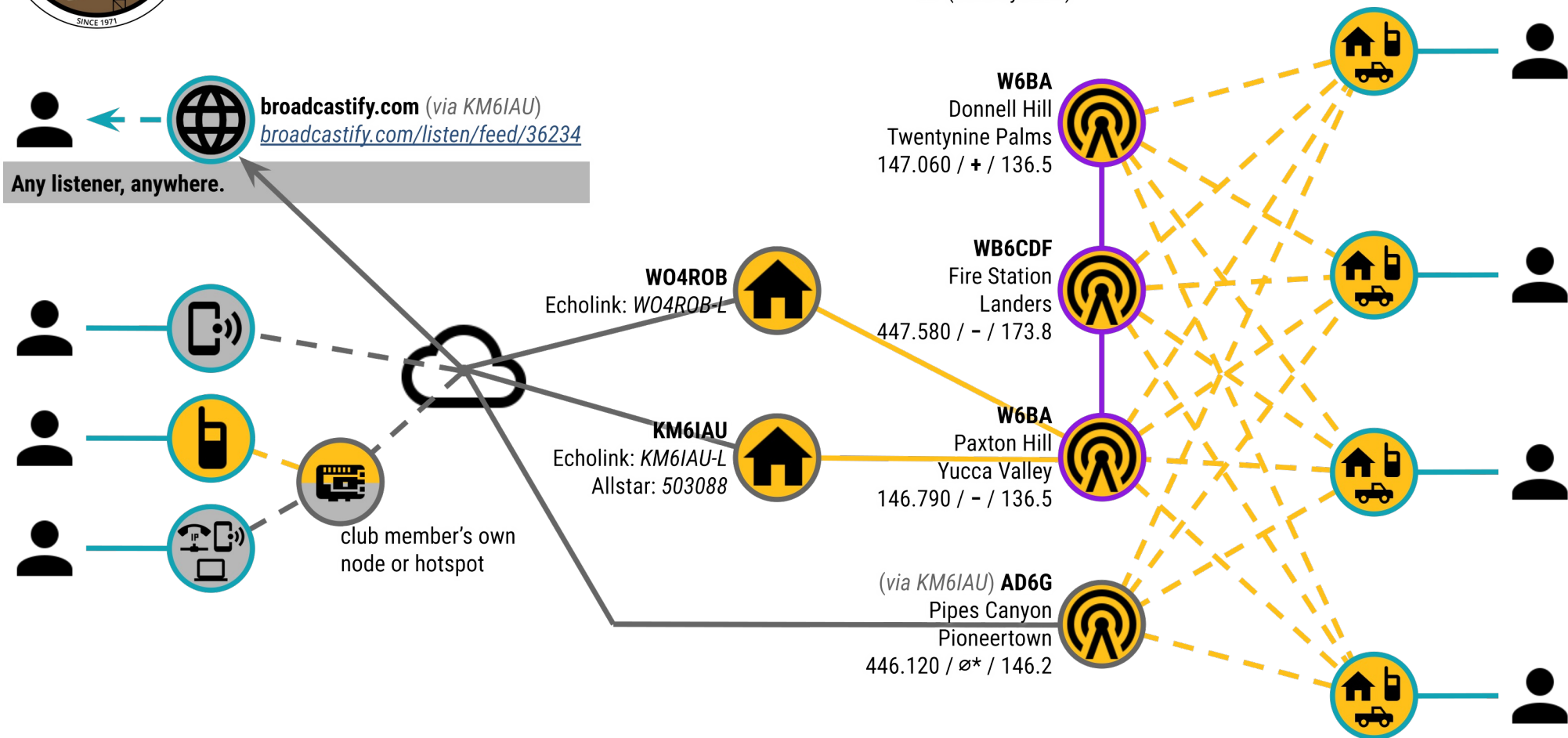
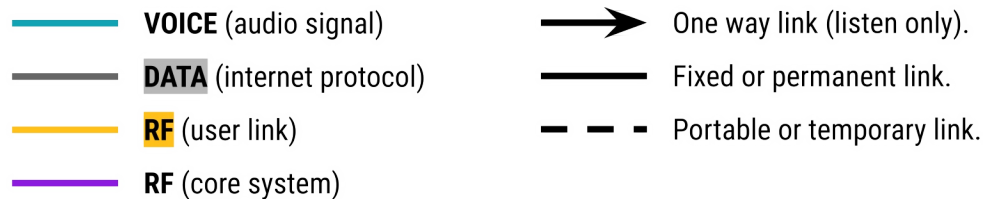
Collage by Maja Chesney KO6DAV





Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club Linked Repeater System Overview

As of June 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 – JUNE 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Fred WO6C				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Rob WO4ROB				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Judy KK6NWG				1400 – Club mtg , Yucca Mesa Community Center
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	1915 – ARES net	1900 – Club net ctrl: Glenn N6GIW				1100 – FD begins
28	29	30	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4
1059 – FD ends	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 – 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